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LETTER *from* THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni and Friends,

The past 18 months brought change to nearly every routine we once knew: how we engage in our work, connect with friends, look out for family, manage our health, and pursue a life-changing education.

As we return to campus, and look to reclaim some sense of routine, we acknowledge that the pandemic and its impact will resonate for far longer. We do not presume any “return to normal.” Rather, we look forward with a Jesuit’s desire for discernment and right action.

I give you two data points to consider. A McKinsey Global Survey found that the world’s best companies have accelerated the digitization of their customer and supply-chain interactions and of their internal operations by three to four years. The share of digital or digitally enabled products in their portfolios has accelerated by a staggering seven years during the past year-plus of pandemic time.

In other words, we return to a different world as faculty, alumni, students, and staff. Our work — preparing students for the future — has become both more clear and more complicated. As a university, John Carroll has always invested in “inspired futures.” Going forward, we will accelerate that investment and create new academic programs, experiential challenges, and support systems to ensure that our students surprise the future with their readiness, rather than be left behind.

You will catch a glimpse of our brand position, Inspired Futures, in this issue of Onward. I will be sharing more news and details about the proofs behind the brand position in the coming weeks. My wife, Ann, and I look forward to seeing you on campus and working with each and every one of you to ensure John Carroll continues to reach its full potential.

Regards,

Alan R. Miciak, Ph.D.

President, John Carroll University



Around *the*



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JCU WELCOMES ITS 26TH PRESIDENT ✦ ALAN R. MICIAC

New leadership comes at a pivotal time for JCU, as the institution emerges from the pandemic at an inflection point with renewed focus on long-term success.

Dr. Alan R. Miciak was named President on June 1, 2021, succeeding Dr. Michael D. Johnson.

Dr. Johnson's leadership, service, and development of the University's Strategic Plan set JCU on the right path for continued institutional greatness and outstanding student success.

There are a number of complex challenges ahead that require a proven leader and veteran JCU administrator to drive change and implement key elements of the Strategic Plan.

President Miciak served as Executive Vice President and former Dean of the John M. and Mary Jo Boler College of Business. Under his leadership, the Boler College developed new programs and facilities across schools and departments, and secured three significant named gifts as part of its successful \$25 million campaign. President



Miciak brings 20 years of Catholic higher education administration experience to his new role.

The JCU Board of Directors believes Dr. Miciak is an outstanding leader with a clear vision and plan to guide the University to a prosperous, sustainable, and high quality future. He brings a renewed focus on the well-being and success of JCU students.



PARDON OUR PROGRESS

From the completion of Phase 1 of the Inspiring Futures project in Grasselli Library, to the installation of the Short Family Tennis Center, which will include six new tennis courts, to the complete overhaul of Dolan Residence Hall, John Carroll is investing in its historic and beautiful campus. These renovations will help the University attract new students and provide them with modern amenities to enhance their JCU experience.

JCU RANKS HIGH IN ANNUAL BEST COLLEGES REPORT

John Carroll University has earned the **#2 spot in the 2021 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings**, among Best Regional Universities in the Midwest. John Carroll is the highest-ranked university from the state of Ohio, and the highest-ranked Jesuit institution. John Carroll also received high rankings in the categories of **Best Colleges for Veterans (#1)**, **Best Undergraduate Teaching (#3)**, **Most Innovative Schools (#6)**, and ranked in the top 25 in the categories of Best Value Schools, and Service Learning.



NEW JCU TRANSFER ADVANTAGE ANNOUNCED

John Carroll University announces a new transfer policy, which requires a minimum of 30 credits be completed in residence at John Carroll. The JCU Transfer Advantage marks a reduction from the previous requirement of 60 credits in residence at the University. Fifty percent of a student's major must be completed while in residence at JCU.



University leadership enacted this policy change to make the transfer admission process more accessible to students.

JCU IS FIRST IN OHIO TO INTRODUCE SAXBYS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PLATFORM THIS FALL

Saxbys, a Certified B Corporation and coffee company headquartered in Philadelphia, will partner with John Carroll University to introduce an exclusively student-run cafe to campus this Fall.



Saxbys' first cafe in Ohio will be located in the Administration Building and run via The Saxbys Experiential Learning Platform.

Each semester, Saxbys will employ an undergraduate student as a Student Cafe Executive Officer (SCEO), who will run and manage all aspects of the cafe including team development, community outreach initiatives, and the cafe's profit and loss statement. Each SCEO will receive a full semester of college credit, a competitive salary, and bonuses throughout their tenure, while gaining experience of real-world, civic-minded business leadership. The cafe will be staffed entirely by JCU students.

John Carroll's cafe joins Saxbys' Experiential Learning Platform network, in operation at Penn State University, Bowie State University, and the University of Pittsburgh. It is designed to prepare the next generation of changemakers by providing undergraduates with in-depth entrepreneurial opportunities that complement traditional classroom learning.

EMPOWERING OUR YOUNG GIRLS AND BOYS TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

The Entrepreneurship Program at John Carroll University is partnering with Verizon and the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) to offer a free, project-based STEM learning program, Rural Young Women and Young Men of Color, for middle school students. The program is part of Verizon Innovative Learning, Verizon's education initiative, which addresses barriers to digital inclusion and is a key program under Citizen Verizon, the company's responsible business plan for economic, environmental, and social advancement to help move the world forward for all. To learn more, visit jcu.edu/newsroom.



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A MILESTONE OF SERVICE TO JCU

John Carroll University welcomed 11 employees into its Silver Circle, which honors 25 years of service as a member of the faculty or staff.

Carl Anthony, Ph.D.

Connie Brooks

Enrique Luengo, Ph.D.

Patrick Mooney, Ph.D.

Daniel Palmer, Ph.D.

Walter Simmons, Ph.D.

James Spitznagel '93

Earl Spurgin, Ph.D.

Steven Vitatoe '95, '01G

Charles Watts, D.B.A.

Sheri Young, Ph.D.

TEACHING AWARDS

Philip J. Metres III, Professor of English, is the recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Faculty Award. The award is the highest honor that John Carroll University can bestow on a member of its faculty. Phil earned a B.A. from the College of the Holy Cross and an M.A., M.F.A., and Ph.D. from Indiana University. He joined the JCU English Department in 2001, went on to secure tenure in 2007, and was promoted to full professor in 2012. English Department colleague Debby Rosenthal, who nominated him for the award, notes that he “has made deeply meaningful contributions to the lives of students and fellow members of the John Carroll University community. Phil excels at classroom instruction and in advising. But he is also a veritable force in publishing and service.” Phil’s effectiveness as an instructor garnered him the Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence in 2012.



Brent Brossmann, Ph.D. (Communication)

Lucrezia Culicchia Award for Teaching Excellence in the College of Arts and Sciences

Arthur (Tripp) Petzel, Ph.D. (Accountancy)

Wasmer Outstanding Teaching Award

Yuh-Cherng Chai, Ph.D. (Chemistry)

O’Hearn Award for Faculty Advising

Mark Waner, Ph.D. '91 (Chemistry)

Curtis W. Miles Faculty Award for Community Service

***Tainne Dallas '18**

Dr. Christopher M. Faiver Award for Excellence in Counseling

**The award is given annually to an outstanding graduate of the M.A. program in Counseling.*

To read more about JCU’s esteemed faculty, visit jcu.edu/faculty-notes.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS

A hearty thank you and best wishes in retirement to the following faculty members:



La Guardia

Kenneth Eslinger, Ph.D.

Sociology

Abdulrazaq Imam, Ph.D.

Psychology

David La Guardia, Ph.D. '65

English

John McBratney, Ph.D.

English

Elizabeth V. Swenson, Ph.D.

Psychology

Jerry Weinstein, Ph.D.

Accountancy



Swenson

Jie Zhang, M.A., M.S.

Associate Librarian

Thomas Zlatoper, Ph.D.

Economics and Finance



Weinstein

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JCU SPORTS REPORT

During a jam-packed spring sports season, not only did John Carroll's athletic teams adjust to adversity, they thrived. The men's soccer program claimed its third consecutive OAC Regular Season and Tournament title, taking down Marietta 1-0 in the conference championship game in April. That win was the cherry on top of a perfect, 10-0 campaign that left the Blue Streaks ranked number one in the nation in the United Soccer Coaches Division III Top 20 national poll. Following the season, head coach **Hector Marinaro** announced his retirement after 15 seasons at the helm. Marinaro's longtime assistant, **Dejan Mladenovic '06**, was named the new head coach in June.

The Blue Streaks saw more success in outdoor track and field this spring, as the men's and women's team both finished second at the OAC Championship Meet. Both squads finished the season ranked in the top 20 nationally as well. Meanwhile, men's and women's lacrosse earned a sweep of the OAC Tournament Championships, with the women also earning their first regular season conference title and NCAA Tournament berth and win. After a memorable spring of competition, our student athletes are excited to get back to a more traditional athletic schedule this fall.

John Carroll University's Senior Director of Athletics, **Michelle Morgan**, has been elected as the next chair of the NCAA Division III Management Council. Morgan will begin her tenure after the close of this January's Division III Convention business session, finishing her current role as Vice Chair.

The Management Council reports directly to the NCAA Presidents Council and is responsible for the implementation of policies adopted by the Association's Board of Governors and Division III Presidents Council. The Management Council may sponsor legislative proposals; make interpretations of Division III's bylaws; and may also handle resolution of Division III issues and recommendations from other committees and working groups throughout the Division's substructure.

LONDON TO CANTON

The Blue Streak community can support John Carroll legend and NFL great **London Fletcher '97** in his candidacy for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Follow @LondonToCanton on Twitter and Instagram to learn about Fletcher's impact on the field and in his community, as well as how fans can vote to help him join the late **Don Shula '51** as JCU's second alumnus enshrined in Canton.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS HEAD COACH RETURNS TO JOHN CARROLL

Joined by his wife, **Amy '14G**, and three children, new Los Angeles Chargers Head Coach Brandon Staley returned to campus as part of a documentary filmed and produced by the team that explores the young coach's journey.

Just five years after finishing a three-year stint as the Defensive Coordinator for John Carroll Football, Staley has become a household name in Los Angeles and one of the youngest head coaches in the National Football League. During his visit, Staley detailed the long-lasting impact that John Carroll and the Jesuit mission continues to have on his life. Staley is one of over 30 Blue Streaks who have made their mark in the NFL in recent years, including Chargers General Manager **Tom Telesco '95** and Coordinator of Football Communications **Danny Markino '18**.



REUNION 2021 DELIVERS FIREWORKS

A marvelous fireworks show capped off an unprecedented reunion for JCU alumni from the class years ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6. In total, the University welcomed back close to 1,000 guests for a fully outdoor event that was planned throughout the 2020 pandemic. For perspective, the State of Ohio mask requirement and many other health guidelines were lifted just days before the reunion program on June 12. A credit to thoughtful planning and collaboration by its community, JCU became the first and only Jesuit university in the country to host an in-person alumni gathering since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.



SAVE THE DATE! Reunion 2022 will take place on the weekend of June 11 and celebrate class years ending in 2 and 7.

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Remembering PETER BERNARDO

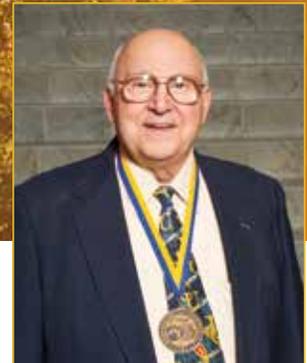
Pete Bernardo '67, '72G, '17G, a lifelong servant and ambassador for his country, community, and alma mater, died on May 14, 2021 at the age of 75. Pete is survived by his wife, JoAnne, and three sons.

Following a distinguished 20-year career in the military, Bernardo served in a variety of roles at JCU including Director of Alumni Relations (1988-1997), Director of Advancement Services (1998-2000), and Director of Planned Giving (2001-2007). Most recently, he was the Senior Director of Philanthropic Relations. Outside his job titles, Bernardo seemingly did it all for JCU during his almost 60-year relationship with the University, from serving as transportation coordinator for Freshman Move-In Day and running the chain crew at John Carroll football games for decades, to mentoring ROTC cadets and supporting community initiatives. Bernardo also served on the University Heights City Council and planned the annual Memorial Day Parade and picnic for more than 30 years. He even stood in for Santa Claus at John Carroll's annual "Breakfast with Santa" alumni event. For this, and much more, he was awarded the 2016 Alumni Medal, the highest honor bestowed on a graduate by the JCU Alumni Association.

Serving selflessly was not something Bernardo did exclusively for the John Carroll and the University Heights communities — he did so for his country as well. A decorated Vietnam War veteran, Bernardo was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross and three Purple Hearts for his heroic efforts in the line of duty for the U.S. Army.

At JCU, Bernardo's legacy will be felt for generations. He helped raise \$100 million in gifts for JCU's most recent campaign, Forever Carroll, and \$90 million in gifts for the previous campaign, The Greater Good. He created and managed JCU's planned giving program, the Magis Legacy Society, which currently has 367 donors and more than \$73 million under stewardship.

To honor Pete's legacy, the University established the **Lt. Col. Peter Bernardo '67, '72G, '17G V3 Veterans Fund**, which helps lighten the financial burdens faced by many veterans and their families. The name "V3" was one of Pete's mantras, and represents Veterans helping Veterans, helping Veterans. To learn more, contact giving@jcu.edu.





BUILDING A VILLAGE TO RAISE AUTISM UNDERSTANDING

With JCU's Tom Frazier and Tracy Masterson

By Jo Steigerwald

Dr. Tom Frazier '97, professor of Psychology, and Tracy Masterson '97, associate professor of Psychology, first met over the beakers and Bunsen burners of a freshman chemistry lab class at John Carroll University. Both were premed students, and while they followed different paths — Frazier was the director of Cleveland Clinic's Center for Autism and the Chief Scientific Officer at Autism Speaks; Masterson is a clinical psychologist and chair of the national Milestones Autism Conference — they both returned to John Carroll as globally ranked academic professionals committed to serving individuals with autism.

"John Carroll is a great place to work and develop in the world," says Frazier. "That's why people are drawn here."

Right now, John Carroll is at the center of an opportunity, attracting more students who are interested in a rapidly growing professional field serving people with some form of autism or neurological disorder. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the expected job growth for autism and behavior specialists is 19%, significantly faster than the average growth across all professions. Professional certification in Applied Behavior Analysis opens doors to jobs not only in therapeutic settings, but also in fields such as human resources and special education.

According to Frazier, autism and other related neurodevelopmental conditions appear in about 10% of children, and many of these conditions follow the child into adulthood. That means about 6 million people in the U.S. have autism. However, there are currently fewer than 40,000 certified autism and behavior specialists.

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THREE STOPS ON
THE ROAD AHEAD

"The majority of children and nearly all adults with autism have limited — often no — access to this expertise and support," says Frazier.

John Carroll is changing this devastating equation. Cleveland is one of the top 10 cities for people with autism, and the university has a rich history of connection to local school-based intervention programs, summer camp programs, and the two major autism centers for diagnosis and treatment at Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals.

Since 2008, Masterson has offered an in-demand elective class in autism for undergraduate students; it is always filled and often has a waiting list. The learning experience extends outside the classroom, with rigorous internship placements at clinical and educational locations that include Building Blocks Therapy, the Julie Billiard School, the Monarch Center for Autism, and the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism, among others.

In collaboration with these internship partners, the JCU's Psychology Department provides students the opportunity to become a Registered Behavioral Technician, a paraprofessional certification in behavior analysis. Because of the consistently high-caliber of John Carroll students, internship partners offer 40 hours of clinical training and supervision with no costs to students or to the university. Certification exam fees are also covered.

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“JCU students are a natural fit for this,” says Masterson. “They are unbelievably beautiful, service-minded, and truly want to help people. Our partners who offer robust supervised hours free through John Carroll’s program really indicate what our students bring to the table. The program is mutually beneficial for the sites and the students.”

Dr. Frazier’s arrival at John Carroll in January 2020 has expanded this program’s opportunities exponentially. An internationally renowned autism researcher and scholar, Dr. Frazier has published numerous peer-reviewed articles, received more than 4.4 million dollars for twelve nationally funded research projects, and regularly appears on national media outlets that include NBC, CNN, ABC, Reuters, and Scientific American.

Dr. Frazier also elevates John Carroll’s research status to a higher level, giving the university a stronger competitive advantage for larger, national grants.



His current research, started in February 2021, uses ordinary webcams to measure the effectiveness of autism treatments from a patient’s home. Phase I builds the measurement tool itself; Frazier and his team are pilot testing their approach with several families.

“When you have a child with significant developmental disabilities, it’s not attractive to travel or go to a clinic. These children are smart; they know that they will get poked and prodded, and that produces anxiety,” says Frazier.

Testing in the comfort of a child’s home is not only less stressful for the child and parents, but also gives more accurate data to the clinician. The webcam is a non-invasive way to measure thinking skills like vocabulary and processing speed, as well as tracking facial expressions. It collects data directly from the person with autism and

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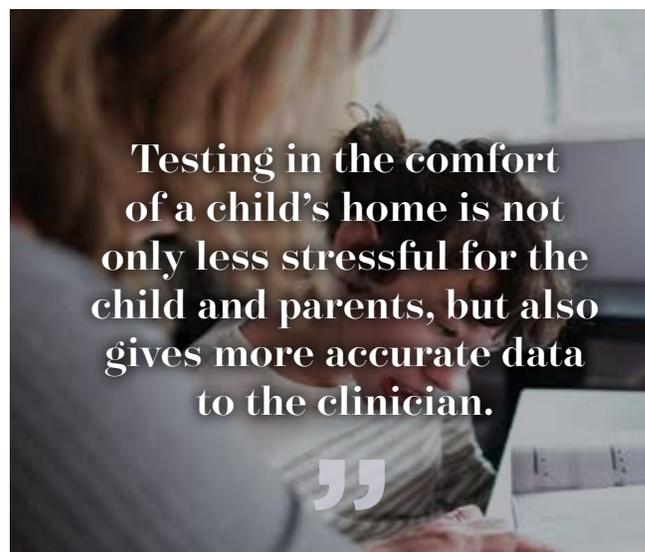
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only requires attention to the screen; no physical or verbal responses are needed. Using this data, a clinician can see if someone is benefiting from their current treatment.

Frazier’s leadership and research skills, Masterson’s teaching and service components, and both of their regional, national, and international connections in the autism field position John Carroll to advance to the next level. The natural next step is to offer a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification program, a master’s program that leads to professional licensure.

Currently, the State of Ohio has several scholarships reimbursing BCBA providers directly, and 47 states now mandate insurance coverage for Applied Behavior Analysis. A recent report by the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts shows that 31% of BCBAs earned annual salaries of \$75,000 - \$145,000.

“We see the need for Applied Behavior Analyst services growing. We see the need for autism research growing,” notes Frazier. “At John Carroll, we are now positioned to build a strong supply to meet this increasing demand.”



WHY INTERNSHIPS MATTER

*Maram Omer and Jonathan Greaves
Take Their Next Steps*

By Jo Steigerwald

Moving to Ohio in the middle of the pandemic in 2020 — and in the middle of her senior year of high school — wasn't easy for Maram Omer '24. But it wasn't the first transition she has had to make in her life. When she was 12, Maram and her family fled rising violence in Yemen. After a year of waiting for their visas in Egypt, the Omer family — Maram, her mother and father, and three younger brothers and one sister — settled in New York City.

Maram didn't know English when she began her freshman year in high school. But she graduated as class valedictorian just four years later. By that time, her father had moved the family to Solon, Ohio, for better job and educational opportunities.

"My parents have always supported me and my desire for an education," says Maram. "Attitudes in Yemen are different. There, women aren't expected to finish school. 'Why should she finish,' they say. 'She'll just end up in the kitchen.' But my parents told me not to listen to that talk;

my parents and I, we have the same dream: for me to be a doctor."

Always interested in sciences and one of the top students in her classes, Maram intends to work in health care and is majoring in chemistry. While in Egypt, Maram grew close to one of her aunts, who helped her study and excel in school. At only 21 years old, Maram's aunt passed away suddenly from preeclampsia, a complication of pregnancy.

"My aunt got me where I am today," states Maram. "I feel that pursuing a healthcare career is a way to repay what she did for me."

Maram chose John Carroll because of its small class sizes and excellent student-to-faculty ratio, which allows her to interact and connect on a more personal level. Because of her Muslim religion and culture, she needed a school she could commute to while living at home.

Maram was one of 108 John Huntington Foundation Scholars at John Carroll last year; the Foundation

provides financial assistance to academically talented students from Northeast Ohio, preparing them for the world of work and service to the community.

To continue her success in school and the workplace, Maram applied for an internship with John Carroll's Center for Student Diversity & Inclusion (CSDI) this past summer. "Because of the pandemic, my freshman year was remote," notes Maram. "This internship opened up my world. I am more confident in myself and my abilities, and have learned so much about the resources at John Carroll."

Confidence, a soft skill that can change over time, is a critical part of personal and professional success. When a person feels confident, they perform better, share their skills with others, and show an increased work ethic.

This fall, Maram will help with new student orientation, work on benchmarking statistics and data analysis for CSDI, and become a mentor for an incoming student.

"My internship has been wonderful for me, giving me confidence and knowledge. Now I am able to share this with others."

Maram is not the only JCU student to preserve and thrive during their time at John Carroll during a global pandemic.

Jonathan Greaves '22 is another Huntington Scholar, majoring in computer science. He speaks quickly, his words tumbling out with enthusiasm.



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“Computers, technology, CGI, video games,” he says. “All tell intricate, wonderful stories that engage the audience. In computer science, you’re always learning. There’s always a completely new system of data transportation to discover.”

His love of learning is matched only by his desire to make a difference. Jonathan sees the field of computer science as meeting both, and two of his internships acquired through John Carroll have cemented this belief.

On the recommendation of his computer science professor, Dr. Daniel Palmer, Jonathan applied for and received one of two spring semester internships offered annually to John Carroll juniors by the Cleveland Clinic’s IT Department. Project topics change yearly based on the real time needs at the Clinic; this past spring, Jonathan worked in data analytics.

“It was a wonderfully exquisite opportunity for data science majors,” says Jonathan. “It cemented my love of computer science and showed me how versatile it is. It opened my eyes to the number of possibilities that a computer science degree offers.”

While Jonathan had experience in computer programming — he calls solving programming programs “my dopamine hit” — the Clinic internship expanded his knowledge of data analysis and the impact that systems can have in the medical field. While his internship ended this past June, the Clinic invited Jonathan to return in

the spring of his senior year, to mentor and teach the next two John Carroll junior year interns. He accepted, with excitement.

Never one to stop moving, Jonathan kept his internship momentum going



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- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

this summer with an internship at RPM International, a multinational company that produces specialty coatings, sealants, and building materials. He used the Handshake platform available through John Carroll’s Center for Career Services to find this opportunity, searching specifically for more experience in data analytics.



According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, data analyst jobs will grow by a faster-than-average 20% by 2028. There is an increasing need for better data research across a range of industries, and one of the highest demands is in the healthcare space.

While Jonathan credits his parents for instilling a strong work ethic and academic discipline in him, he says John Carroll helped him lay the foundation for success. “Education at John Carroll is more than the classroom. It’s learning skills, setting up connections, and networking for opportunities.”

For both Maram and Jonathan, scholarships provided by the University through a grant from the John Huntington Fund for Education, combined with John Carroll’s internships, have opened possibilities within the university community and beyond.

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*How Students like Ayse
Musaogullari Make JCU Home*

By Jo Steigerwald

When Ayse Musaogullari came to John Carroll two years ago from Turkey, she felt lost and frightened, unsure of her place in this new environment ... until she met the one person who would become one of her greatest sources of support: her peer mentor from the MELT program.

“Being able to connect with someone from the first day I was on campus gave me the confidence that I wasn’t going through college alone,” says Musaogullari. “I had someone to turn to if I needed help with anything.” She graduated in 2021, now works as a Post-Baccalaureate Student Researcher at the Ohio State Ear and Eye Institute, and is applying to medical schools for Fall 2022.

MELT, which stands for Match, Empower, Learn and Teach, is a peer-mentoring program of the Center for Student Diversity & Inclusion (CSDI). Current John Carroll students mentor first-year students for academic, emotional, social, and personal growth and development. Mentees are students who are first in their immediate families to go to college, students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and other historically underrepresented students.

According to Selen Zarrelli, Assistant Director of CSDI, students who belong to one or more of these groups may feel as if they do not belong at John Carroll. “John Carroll does not have a large population of historically underrepresented students,” notes Zarrelli. “Within the sense of not belonging, students may face various challenges such as alienation, mistrust, pressure to fit in, racism, sexism, heterosexism, and other forms of oppression.”

Zarrelli notes that peer mentoring is effective because current students have often had those experiences that new students have yet to experience. The student mentor shares their knowledge and experience with the new mentee, thereby creating a strong connection that increases student retention and generates a stronger sense of belonging.

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MELT’s support is consistently offered year-round. Weekly meetings between mentors and mentees build the confidence that helps first-year students navigate classes, schedules, and extracurricular activities. It also turns mentors into leaders. Seventy percent of mentees return as mentors: an undeniable impact.

“As a mentee, I was advised about how to efficiently maximize my time at John Carroll along with having someone to look up to as a role model,” says Harim Ochaeta ’20. “I wanted to be that inspiring force to a first-year student. I understand what it is like to not fit in, or not feel like you belong somewhere. If it wasn’t for my peer mentor, I would not have considered John Carroll my home, rather than just a four-year institution.” Ochaeta interned with the Cleveland Clinic’s Investment Office this past summer, and is entering his final year of the Master’s of Finance program at the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University.

According to Dr. Tiffany Galvin-Green, Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, “CSDI’s signature program helps John Carroll to grow and achieve our university goals that are focused both on advancing learning opportunities along with increasing diversity.”

She notes that John Carroll’s Jesuit Catholic grounding in a “faith that does justice” establishes a firm foundation for setting diversity, equity, and inclusion goals to make sure every member of the JCU community is able and equipped to excel.

“Both MELT students and mentors go on to be campus leaders and impact the living and learning experience of all of their peers across campus,” says Galvin-Green. “In addition, participants go on to be successful alumni who can share the positive experiences they had at JCU through CSDI in ways that foster our impact beyond campus.”

FACES OF

RESILIENCE

By Jo Steigerwald

Resilience is the ability to adapt well in the face of adversity. Over the past 18 months, the resilience of the entire John Carroll community, as well as the world, has been tested.

We asked a selection of student leaders to reflect on their life during the pandemic, and what they look forward to as we return to campus this fall. Here's what they had to say:



KIERA REILLY '22

- Psychology Major
- Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Major
- Arrupe Scholars Program
- CSSA Liaison
- Seeds of Hope, President

I think the past year has made me appreciate the little things more. When days grew monotonous and the world was scary, I learned to be grateful for small moments or little things that brought me joy. Now, I think I notice these smaller things more and try to find them in every day.

I also think my support system got me through the school year. This was a combination of family, friends, roommates, professors, advisors, and other JCU staff, particularly in Campus Ministry. Being able to go to Murphy Mass every week was one of the biggest supports of this past year.



ADAM LENZ '22

- Exercise Science & Leadership Major
- Varsity Swimming
- Sports Information

What got me through this past year the most was the memories I made before the pandemic. Things like memorable classes and professors, time spent grinding out papers and projects in the library, and moments shared with teammates in the cafeteria or while training. Having good memories to reflect on helped me stay hopeful for the day that all of this would be over. Reflecting on them also motivated me to continue onward, so that when that day comes, I am ready to make more.

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ALANA OKULEY '22

- Summer Orientation Leader
- CSSA Student Leadership Team
- Resident Assistant
- Recreation Facilities Supervisor

I am most looking forward to being back as a part of the JCU community with my fellow Blue Streaks!! I cannot wait to see campus back to its regular hustle and bustle with the quad full of students in Adirondack chairs!!



JORDAN SPRADLIN '22

- Exercise Science and Psychology Major
- Labre Project, Vice President
- Best Buddies, Vice President & Financial Officer
- CSSA Student Leadership Team Member
- Carroll Faith Community Leader
- Psi Chi Honors Society Member

Being away from the typical JCU atmosphere this past year has made me realize how much I value the strong sense of community that is present throughout our campus and student body. A strong and loving community has been missing for over a year and as we return to campus this coming semester, I am most looking forward to seeing this energy and community rebuild.

Though community may have looked different (and at times difficult to find) during the past year, Carroll has given me the best friends and faculty that made the bad times seem not so bad and the good times even better.



CAITLIN DRAKE '22

- Early Childhood Education Major
- Spanish and PJHR Minors
- Arrupe Scholars Program
- Recruitment Chair Chi Omega Fraternity
- Ignatian Solidarity Network Intern

I think like many, this past year has changed me to be more adaptable and has showed me that if you really care about something, you can make it happen. When I was first sent home from campus, I was devastated because so many of my favorite things were cancelled: immersion trip, working in CSSA, Greek Week, and sorority events. But quickly, after adapting to a new lifestyle, I was doing my favorite things, but on Zoom. I never considered myself to be easily adaptable to changes until this past year was over. I was able to look back and see all of the things I continued to do despite being amid a global pandemic.

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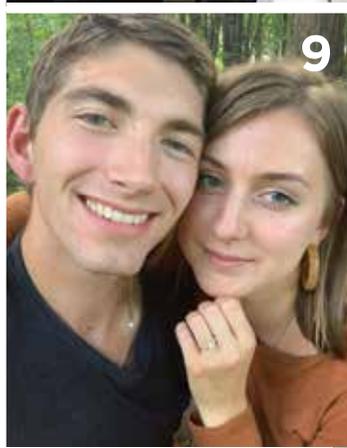
EMMA KOSICEK '23

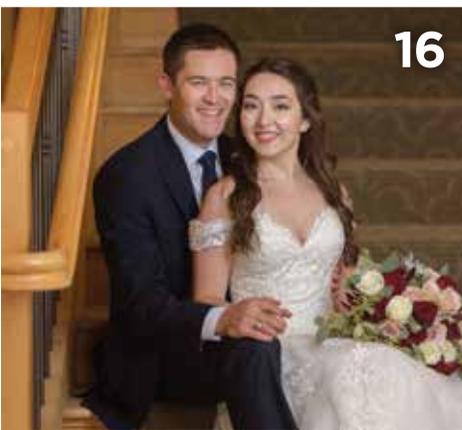
- Communication Advocacy Major
- Leadership Scholars Program
- Student Government Vice President for Programming
- Student Union Programming Board President
- CSSA Liaison
- Chi Omega Campus Activities Director

I'm so looking forward to the simple pleasures as we return to campus this fall. I can't wait to bump into a friend on campus and give them a long-awaited hug, hold the door without feeling like I'm invading someone's space, and take full advantage of the fun events that John Carroll has to offer this semester. Also, as the President of the Student Union Programming Board, I can't wait to be able to provide students with fully in-person, robust events that they, and myself, have been missing out on for too long.

Weddings

AND ENGAGEMENTS



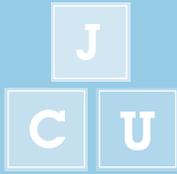


- 1 **Desiree Tercek '14** & fiancé Josh were engaged in March 2021 and are planning a July 2022 wedding.
- 2 **Christina Phillis '07** & **Chris Hooton '08** were married on October 24, 2020 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 3 **Caroline Bland '19** & **Drew Turner '19** are engaged and will be married at Gesu by Father Bernie on April 30, 2022.
- 4 **Alexandra Higl-Timms '15** & Michael Timms were married in May 2021.
- 5 **Lauren Opalenik '19** & **Zach Brady '19** became engaged this year.
- 6 **Meghan Sluzynsky '12** & **Teddy Dellas '12** were married on May 29, 2021 at the Church of Gesu.
- 7 **Alejandro Charatte '19** became engaged to fiancée Allison Walden.

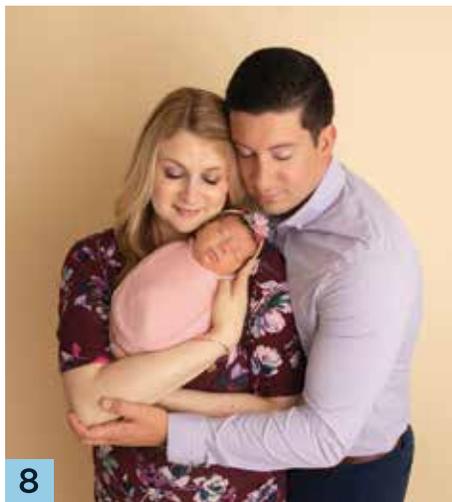
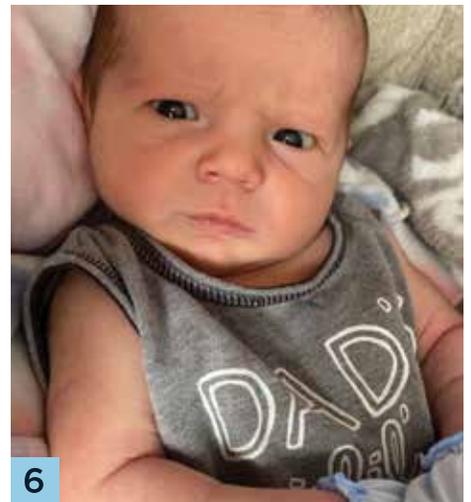
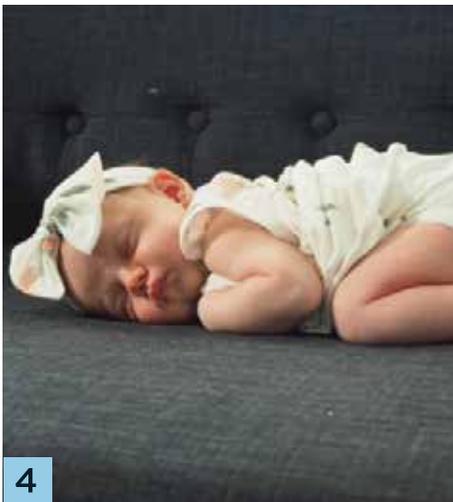
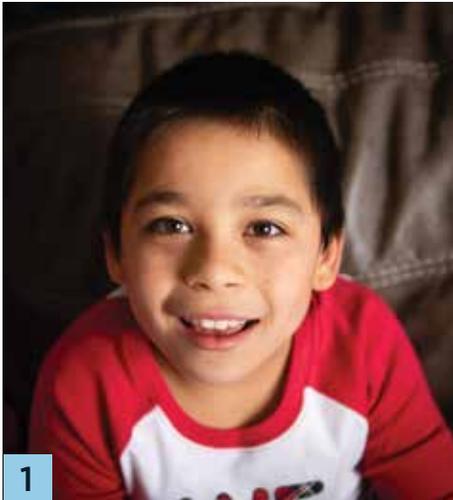
- 8 **Alex Sword '12** and Frank Danko were married on May 29, 2021 in Lorain, Ohio.
- 9 **Ryan McGowan '19** & fiancée Hannah are engaged and have planned a July 2021 wedding.
- 10 **Chris Sloe '19** became engaged to fiancée Hannah.
- 11 **Eddie Marotta '19** & fiancée Erica were engaged.
- 12 **Alyssa (Giannirakis) Raybuck '14** married William Raybuck on September 26, 2020 at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
- 13 **Alex Allio '14** proposed to **Christina Minjares '14** in September 2020 at Gervasi Vineyard. They are planning a September 2022 wedding at The

Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Cleveland, Ohio.

- 14 **Samantha Sloat '17** & **Stephen Attewell '18** were engaged on May 9, 2021.
- 15 **Brian Holler '17** proposed to **Morgan Osheka '17** at JCU on November 29, 2020.
- 16 **Stephen Lee '18** & **Lizzie (Bove) Lee '17** were married on November 21, 2020.
- 17 **Sarah Oskowski '17** and **Mike Cherveney '16** were married on July 24, 2021 at Holy Rosary Church in Cleveland's Little Italy.
- 18 **Marissa Pipino Bell '19** & Mike Bell were married in 2020.
- 19 **Colin Curtis '16** & **Allison (Monahan) Curtis '16** were married on July 4, 2021.



Future BLUE STREAKS





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- 1 **Lisa (Knall) Buck '98 & Michael Buck '98** welcomed home their newest son, Juan-David Michael, age 9, from Colombia.
- 2 **Brittani Natale '13** & fiancé, Daniel Tufariello, welcomed their first child, Giuliana Marie Tufariello, on April 7, 2021.
- 3 **Megan (Teter) Pastron '09** & Bryan Pastron welcomed their son, Camden Blake Pastron.
- 4 **Eileen Walsh '08** & Rodney Gallaway '08 welcomed daughter Hayes Marie Gallaway on May 24, 2021.
- 5 **Tom Schaberl '11** & wife, Marissa, welcomed daughter Elena Goldie on July 1, 2021.
- 6 **Kayley (Jones) Baron '15** welcomed baby Robert into the world on June 17, 2021.
- 7 **Kaylie (Carnes) Elias '13** & husband, **Luke '12**, welcomed their second baby, Luke Matthew Elias, on February 25, 2021.

- 8 **Karl Roshong '11** & wife, Brooke, welcomed daughter Rian to the world on June 23, 2021.
- 9 **Larissa (Rodriguez) Oster '13** & husband, Mitchell, welcomed their first child, a son, Maclin Lee Oster, on March 17, 2021.
- 10 **Rebecca (Taylor) Frank '09** & husband, Devin, welcomed a son, Theodore Taylor Frank, in January, 2021.
- 11 **Maggie Thomas '10** & husband, Donald, welcomed their son, Logan Thomas.
- 12 **Abby (Curtain) Teare '12** & husband, Ethan, welcomed daughter, Margorie Theresa, on May 21, 2021.
- 13 **Emily (Day) Grace '12, '13G** & husband, **Joe Grace '12, '13G**, welcomed daughter Anne Rose on June 16, 2021.
- 14 **Megan (Lutz) Petraska '12** & husband, **Andy Petraska '12, '13G**, welcomed daughter Adeline Anne Petraska on April 7, 2021.

- 15 **Amanda (Rembold) O'Neil '07** & husband, **Rory O'Neil '06**, welcomed their daughter, Rowan Louise O'Neil, on March 12, 2021.
- 16 **Steve Sluzynsky '11** & wife, Alyssa, welcomed their son, Ulysses Gabriel Sluzynsky, on Mother's Day, May 9, 2021.

A NEW JCU TRADITION



Larry Oskowski '93, president of the John Carroll University Alumni Association, shares the background and vision for Blue Streaks Supper Club, a celebration of fellowship, food, and philanthropy, which launches on September 25.

What is Blue Streaks Supper Club?

The concept is simple: one alum (or couple) hosts a dinner party and invites two or more alums to attend. Each attendee then donates the cost of their dinner back to our alma mater. It could be pizza and wings or surf and turf! This will all take place simultaneously on one, festive night and be shared across social media.

How did the idea for Blue Streaks Supper Club come about?

The idea actually originated at our 2019 Alumni Volunteer Summit, which brought together over 100 alumni volunteers across a variety of platforms. We had brainstorming sessions, did a S.W.O.T. analysis, had other types of dialogue, and one of our alums brought forth this concept. We had actually hoped to roll it out that fall but figured we'd take our time and do it in the fall of 2020. Who would have known what the next year had in store for us!

What about this idea made sense for the JCU alumni community?

We know of so many alumni getting together on their own throughout the year anyway — family members, former roommates or teammates — it's naturally happening all the time. So, why not formalize it, coordinate it, and celebrate it, all on one night? It made so much sense for a community that loves to gather together and be with one another.

What are your goals for Blue Streaks Supper Club?

Our big picture goal is to have this event develop into an annual tradition that our alumni look forward to supporting. Dave Vitatoe, our alumni director, is big on the need for universities to have strong traditions and celebrate those traditions. So, we'd love for this to be part of the annual slate of celebrations that our Alumni Association sponsors.

In terms of specific, measurable goals? This is the first time we've ever done this, so I guess you could say we're taking a measured approach. I would love to see us host 100 dinners across the country but even if it's half of that, we plan for interest to grow each year. My wife (Bonnie '93) and I will be hosting, and our daughter

(Sarah '17) just married a JCU grad, so we are already off and running with two dinners just in our family! Really though, every member of the Alumni Board is planning to step forward and host or attend a dinner and we are seeing a lot of support throughout the alumni community. I personally have a dollar goal I'd like to see us reach because the University needs our support, but the ultimate purpose of this whole thing is to come together as a community and celebrate the common bond we all share - our alma mater.

Why should fellow alumni get involved with this initiative?

Our alumni have a chance to be a part of something new, creative, and exciting. It's also an initiative that came directly from our alumni. But, ultimately, it has the potential to be an outward symbol of the very best of JCU. We pride ourselves on being a passionate alumni base and the notion that we are one big family. This is our chance to show it!

If you wish to host your own Blue Streaks Supper Club dinner on September 25, or learn more about how the program works, visit jcu.edu/alumni.

Dinners must be registered by September 18.

ALUMNI *events*



September 21

BUFFALO ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

September 22

ROCHESTER ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

September 23

WASHINGTON D.C. ALUMNI & FRIENDS SOCIAL

September 25

BLUE STREAKS SUPPER CLUB

September 30

GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE HOMECOMING SOCIAL

October 1-3

HOMECOMING & PARENTS WEEKEND

- ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME DINNER
- ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER
- U CLUB REUNION
- PERSHING RIFLES REUNION
- DEWEY MCCARTHY '81
ALUMNI SOCCER WEEKEND

October 2

CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER HOMECOMING WATCH PARTY

October 6

THINKING BIG SERIES

Private Screening of **"THE EDGE OF PURPOSE"**

In partnership with the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

October 7

ALUMNI AUTHOR SERIES

CREEPY CAT'S MACABRE TRAVELS

Featuring Katherine Kerestman '89

October 9

COLUMBUS ALUMNI CHAPTER TAILGATE JCU @ CAPITAL U.

October 11

ALUMNI AUTHOR SERIES

WANDERING CLOSE TO HOME

Featuring Christopher Drajem '90

In partnership with the Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

October 13

ALUMNI CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIES

FINANCE

Featuring Sean Zhang, Ph.D. and Andy Welki, Ph.D.

October 14

THINKING BIG SERIES

LEADERSHIP: IT'S NOT A PERSON, IT'S A SYSTEM!

Featuring Dr. Barbara Kellerman

October 27/28

PITTSBURGH ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

November 2/3

COLUMBUS ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

November 4

THINKING BIG SERIES

THE FUTURE OF FAMILY BANKING

Featuring Taylor Burton '09

November 8-11

CHICAGO ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECEPTION

November 17

THINKING BIG SERIES

LEADERSHIP, STRATEGY, AND INNOVATION

Featuring Ramona Hood

December 1

CLEVELAND CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

December 4

NEW YORK CITY MASS AND BRUNCH

December 5

CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 8

THINKING BIG SERIES

THE CONVERSATION: SEEKING AND SPEAKING THE TRUTH ABOUT RACISM?

Featuring Dr. Robert Livingston

December 11

BUFFALO ALUMNI CHAPTER CHRISTMAS MASS AND SOCIAL

December 12

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT JOHN CARROLL

December 12-20

HOLIDAY MARKETS CRUISE

THE FESTIVE RHINE RIVER

In partnership with Alumni Holiday International

December 27

CLEVELAND ALUMNI CHAPTER WICKED AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE

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

Stay connected to JCU throughout the year! Visit jcu.edu/alumni and update your email, ensuring that you continue to receive notifications of JCU events near you, campus news, the *Onward* online newsletter, and other class updates.

1942 | Robert Trivison roberttrivison@cox.net

The name Trivison was Trivisonno, which in Italian means “we are three.” About 900 years ago, three knights settled in Ripalimosani, outside of Campobasso, in what was then Abruzzi, Italy, and took the name. My birth certificate was spelled Trivisoni, so I went by that name in the U.S. Army air force. My father changed the name to Trivison. Monsignor Trivisonno, at Holy Rosary Parish in Cleveland (not blood-related) was my godfather. He gave us copies of the family crest obtained from the Heraldrys Institute of Rome. In Florence, Italy, we met two daughters of a famous artist of church ceilings, another non-blood related Trivisonno. A male professor at JCU was also a Trivison. A newborn male Trivison was born June 1 to Adam & Amanda Trivison, my grandson; his name is Theodore. On 12/12/21, I will be 102, God willing. Are there any JCU graduates older than I? I love JCU. What a beautiful campus. God bless U!
-Robert

1947 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

We heard from **Herbert Legan**, who shared the following story and update and amazing cartoon images which he created. “In 1942, I was an 18-year-old freshman on a football scholarship. Shortly after, the university became a U.S. Navy officer training site, preparing recruits for further midshipmen training at other universities like Notre Dame and the like. The Navy took over the entire university, including most students as recruits for the program. Classes were the usual college courses with



the same Jesuit priests and some military training, of course. I was the school paper cartoonist. Here is a cartoon that appeared in one of the journals.

The confluence of the Jesuit education/culture and wartime in Okinawa for me and for others elsewhere was indelible for us young men and who we would become. I returned for my BS in 1947, law degree in 1949 from Western Reserve and the Ohio Bar. After a 43-year career with Travelers and Citigroup in Washington, DC, I retired. I continue to draw, paint, and cartoon and still play golf. My wife, Dorothy, and I have been married for 68 years and have 4 grown children, 5 grandchildren, and live in a retirement community in Gainesville, Virginia. I would truly enjoy hearing from alumni from the World War II era.” Herbert Legan, 13305 Fieldstone Way, Gainesville, VA 20155. (703) 743-1071 or email me at dottieherb1003@comcast.net.

1952 | Dorothy Poland polandmomdot@aol.com

Hello '52 classmates! Please send news and updates to polandmomdot@aol.com or to the alumni office at journal@jcu.edu.

1953 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

Jim Myers, longtime class columnist, proud JCU alumnus, and friend to all passed away on August 1, 2021. The Alumni Association thanks Jim for his many years of service to his class and fellow alumni. The Myers family remains in our minds, hearts, and prayers.



1954 | Peter Mahoney peter007@wowway.com

Greetings class of '54! Please send news and updates to peter007@wowway.com or journal@jcu.edu. We hope you are staying well and enjoying your summer!



1955 | Seeking Class Columnist

journal@jcu.edu

Hello, Class of '55! We recently heard from **Ed TePas** who has lived in Willits, CA since 2005, only ten minutes away from a beautiful par-28 golf course in the Redwoods. In 15 years and thousands of rounds of golf, he has 19 holes-in-one! His health is good and, with his wife, Helen, celebrated and officiated at their daughter Meena's wedding on Thanksgiving in 2019. He has held multiple offices in the Mendocino County division of the California Retired Teachers Association. As Membership Chair, he holds records for best membership growth in the state. He also edits a quarterly newsletter (div55.calrta.org) which has renewed his desire to live to 100. The coronavirus has given him lots of time to do projects like building a glass greenhouse (see photo with son-in-law, Dean, and wife). He keeps in touch with **Leo Cachat** regularly.

Please continue to send your updates to the alumni office or if you are interested in being the class columnist, we'd love to hear from you!

1956 | Albert Knute Oberst, JD

knuteoicp@webtv.net

"May the souls of our faithful departed class members, the wives and families through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen," is my way of introducing the **John Leskovec**

article. John wrote to the JCU Alumni Department that his wife, Carol Ann, died and that he was a great grandfather. We can all pray for our departed. He returned my email and he gave me more personal information which includes his five children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His career was that of Director of Taxes for the government and for the Stouffer and Hershey Company in Solon, Ohio, which, over the years, has built a major complex. Among his extra advocations were Director of Slovenian Genealogy Society, Breckenridge Village Leader, active at Divine Word Church, etc. He was married for 60 years. He acknowledges how important his JCU classics, ethics, and metaphysics from the Jesuits have helped him through his life. Now we can finish **Albert J. Degulis's** article that I started in the spring *Onward* magazine. Al, to this day, has been very involved in helping out such organizations as Sisters of Charity Hospital and John Carroll University. He used his investment management experience he gained from Alliance Capital Company to improve their investments. While helping JCU, he discovered that there was no Alumni Association, so Al helped get one started. His great service at Carroll earned Albert the Alumni Medal Award. His daughter, he states, is proud of her outstanding Jesuit education. Al keeps busy for his own

mental and physical health. Please let me know what is happening in your life at KnuteOICP@webtv.net or phone me at (216)371-3946. Thanks to all of you that participated in the 100 years of Sports at JCU. My dad, Gene, started at JCU in 1936 as a Football Coach.

AMDG! Albert K. Oberst, JD

1957 | Bart Merella

bmerella@verizon.net

As most of you know by now, I resumed authoring our class notes after the recent death of our longtime class columnist, **Sal Felice**. It is always disconcerting to report news of class deaths. I find it especially difficult and sad to recall the death of our longtime class columnist and indefatigable sponsor: Salvatore (Sal) Felice. Eons ago, Sal took over the "class notes" from me and has, for these many years, reported on our class doings with great gusto. He was also instrumental in getting our unique Class Scholarship off the ground and was always a major force in making our class reunions so successful. On behalf of the class, our deepest sympathy to Rosalie and the family.

As you read this, many of you may have received a posting from me about this "turn-of-events" and my "role reprieve." I hope that you will continue to keep me as current on your "comings and goings" as you did for Sal, and that my columns will be as interesting as his.

A brief note about myself. I am completing my 35th year as a deacon for the Archdiocese of Washington and have ministered in three parishes, the most recent being the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, where I have been for the last 15 years. My wife and I still live in a Maryland suburb of DC. We are actively involved with the families of our three children, one of whom is a JCU alumna who also married her JCU classmate.

Presumably, most, if not all, of you have been poked with the needle. Depending on your view of things, it is one of the benefits of being

“way” over 65!!! Let’s hope that all of you will have been “needled” so you can make it to our 65th reunion in 2022, assuming the virus has been conquered by then.

On a happier note, **John Gormley** has been sunning himself in the warm confines of sunny Florida, like many other of our classmates; he saw **Pat Keenan’s** widow, who is expert on Florida places to dine. He does this after two knee operations and a hip replacement; so much for the golf game!! Like many of our classmates, **Dean Gassman** and wife have recently moved into a retirement home and have been in touch with **Joe Luby**. **Marty Hoffman** is now in North Carolina, joining his “offshoots.” And from the scorching land of California comes word that **Ken Hoffman**, the retired legal-beagle and happy golfer, is doing well. To foster class communication, I have taken advantage of technology and created a controlled, group Facebook page for our class and encourage you to use it to keep in contact with classmates. Even so, I have already contacted many of you personally asking for your news. I hope to do that with all of the approximately 180 of our classmates still on the alumni rolls.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that our Class Scholarship Fund for financially stressed Seniors was very helpful and much appreciated by recipients, especially in light of the pandemic financial stress. Please remember the Fund in your charitable contributions.

Finally, a special note of congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Alan Miciak, the 26th president of our alma mater. He has a significant challenge in these stressful times and needs our prayers, support and dollars!!

Please email me with your current activities (bmerella@verizon.net).

1958 | Seeking Class Columnist
journal@jcu.edu

Please send your updates and news to the alumni office at journal@jcu.edu

1959 | Jerry Burke
1959column@gmail.com

On the weekend of June 11th, a small group from the class of ’59 gathered at JCU to help the class of ’60 celebrate their 60th reunion. Our group consisted of Jo Ann and **Jack Ryan**, **Ed Paglione**, **Tom McGann** and Gracie, **Tom Brunn**, Helen and **Joe Miller**, Donna and **John Breznai**, Edie and **Roger Risher**, **Marty Dempsey**, Carolyn and **Joe Ruble**, **Paul Brust** and Mickey, **Bill Colson** and Deanie, and Bonnie and **Jerry Burke**. We were to be joined by Ellen and **Tom Tully**, and Wendy and **Bob McFaul**, but both Tom and Bob ended up in sickbay. Luckily, Bonnie and I were able to spend some time with the McFauls a few weeks later when they traveled to Chicago for a family reunion. **F.X. Walton** reports that he and Kathy were able to visit with their children in Texas, Georgia, and New York for the first time in almost two years. They also joined the Breznai seafood extravaganza and were able to visit with Joe and Carolyn Ruble, Tom McGann and Gracie, Ed Paglione, and Paul Brust and Mickey. A big thank you goes out to **Rick Dodson** for handling the class notes for so many years. In an effort to increase the ’59 notes, we are reaching out by email, when possible, to ask for information about class members and their families. Please send whatever you have to 1959column@g-mail.com.

Regards,
Jb

1960 | Gerald Schweickert
bjschweick@sbcglobal.net

Classmates, after waiting a full year, our 60th year class reunion was successfully held on June 12, 2021. For those of us who attended, the day offered ample opportunity to reconnect after being “locked down” for over a year. For those who could make it, we held a dinner and social gathering on Friday evening at Geraci’s in Pepper Pike (they have expanded since their days on Warrensville Rd). **Jerry Rachfal** provided the entertainment after dinner and **John Slosar** table-hopped throughout the evening, entertaining all of us.

The members of The Class of 1960 who attended the events were **Bob Barkett**, **Fred Beegle**, **Joe Bellian**, **Bill Bifano**, **Frank Dempsey**, **Greg Fisher**, **Pete Conboy**, **Joe Klemens**, **Don Koehler**, **Don Kuchera**, **Tom Lewis**, **Jerry Malizia**, **Jim Mason**, **Dave Nichting**, **Jim Patterson**, **Jerry Rachfal**, **Joe Rini**, **Bob Schayer**, **Jerry Schweickert**, **Jim Shannon**, **John Slosar**, **Dan Vanbelleghem**, **Sam Vitale**, and **Tom Wasserbauer**.

The most important aspect of the reunion, the class gift, resulted in 36% of our class membership contributing a total of \$276,320. Our class has always been among the leaders in percentage of donors (averaging 32%). This year we set a new standard for ourselves for participation in the class gift, so be proud and, as always, BE WELL, Schweick.

1961 | Jack Hearn
jhearn@sbcglobal.net

Reunion 2021 was a huge success — in attendance were **John Blake**-Middletown, OH; **John Cleary**-Whitesboro, NY; **Jim DeClerck**-Huntington Beach, CA; **Mike Frank**-Troy, MI; **Chuck Fye**-Avon Lake, OH; **Paul Gilleran**-Grosse Pointe Woods, MI; **Jack Hearn**-University Heights, OH; **Gene Kramer**-Lakewood, OH; **Gerry O’Connell**-New Canaan, CT; **Ed Parks**-Birmingham, MI; **Dan Shaughnessy**-Cleveland, OH; and **Ray Smith**-Willoughby, OH. In related news, **Dick Murray** and **Gerry O’Connell**, co-chairmen of The Class of 1961 Scholarship fund, report it is now over \$317,000 as a result of donations individuals made during the reunion.

Bob Dittrich, from Seven Hills, OH, received an MBA from Case Western Reserve University and was a computer consultant during his work career. He and his wife, **Marilyn**, have three children, five grandchildren, and a great grandchild. **Shawn** and **Judy Doolin** from Crown Point, IN celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently - they have six children, 15 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. **Mike Frank** retired from Troy High School in Michigan after 44 years of teaching

Latin, English, and film and literature. Presently, he is writing the history of the Troy school district that became one of the top public school districts in the nation. For the last 10 years, he has been a docent at the famous Christ Church Cranbrook, the beautiful English Gothic church in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Uta and **Jim DeClerck** travelled the furthest to attend our 60th reunion. Upon their return to California, they received the good news that their grandson, Mason James Miller, was drafted by the Oakland Athletics. The 6'5", 220 lb. pitcher recently received his MBA in Finance from Gardner-Webb University.

The big news out of Akron, OH is that classmate **Ed George** has sold the Tangier Restaurant to the LeBron James Foundation. The Tangier has been providing the community with food and entertainment for three generations and is Akron's leading creative event center, offering new menus with an artistic flair and a multi-faceted, off-site caterings and special event service. The world-famous cabaret has been a local showplace for top-name entertainers such as The Temptations, The Platters, Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis, James Brown, and Natalie Cole. The James Foundation will turn the restaurant into a facility called "House Three Thirty," a multi-use space for I PROMISE families as well as other members of the Akron community.

George Arthur from Stillwater, MN entered the Naval OCS in Newport, RI several months after graduation and served in the U.S. Navy for 7 years in the Pacific and at the Naval European Command Center in London prior to working at 3M for 33 years. For over 40 years, he has collected vintage sports cars — his present pride and joy is a 1965 Jensen CV8 - Mark 3 auto that has a fiberglass body and is capable of 136 mph. George's wife of 44 years, Pam, passed away; he has a daughter and granddaughter that reside in Illinois.

Bill and Janet Newman from Avon, CT have three children, 14 grandchildren, and a great grandchild. Two sons, two

granddaughters, and a son-in-law have all graduated from JCU. Bill, who has been elected Citizen of the Year in Avon, has served his VFW Post 3272 as commander, historian, newsletter editor, poppy drive chairman, and membership chairman. Perhaps his most significant contribution has been interviewing 200 members of his post and then writing a complete military history of each individual which is then shared with family members and the public library. Keep me informed - JH

1962 | Terry Leiden
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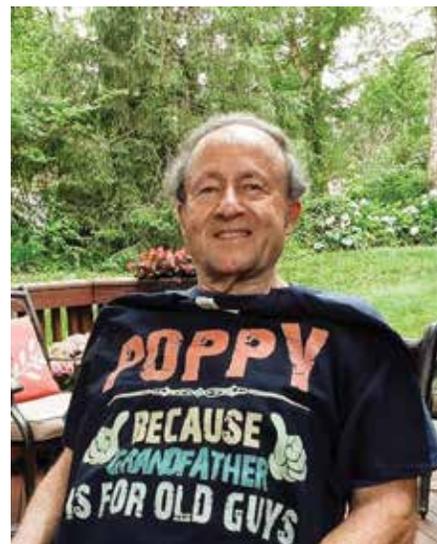
Remember, the 60th reunion of our class is June 2022. Check your calendars for a chance to see everyone again. The 55th class reunion in 2017 was a lot of fun. I look forward to hearing even more stories, especially with my new hearing aid. Good news! **Ray Maria** is out of the hospital and in a very nice new nursing home. His old nursing home, which he called the GeezerVille, did not fit his lifestyle. You can reach him at raymaria10@gmail.com.

Bill Chinnoek, who lives in Boulder Colorado, visited Cleveland in July of this year to see his family. **Jim Boland** hosted a dinner for Bill, joined by **John Lewis** and **Marty Burke**. Jake Boland and Gordon Preimer '64 also participated in the long, noisy discussions. Bill was elected a City Councilman in Lakewood, Ohio, then served as a Juvenile Judge in Cuyahoga County for many years. He enjoys the Colorado mountains, and was happy to reunite with his Carroll buddies.

Robert "Bob" Dodd passed away January 12, 2021, just after the spring issue of Onward went to press. I promised an update on his career. He was born May 12, 1940, graduated from Carroll in 1962, and the Ohio State Law School in 1965. He worked as an Assistant Attorney General for William Saxbe and then, in 1970, he moved to New Lexington, Ohio. He practiced law for over 50 years, handling workers' compensation and Social Security cases. He was nominated by his peers as one of the Super Lawyers of Ohio. He was

a grade school basketball coach for many years at St. Rose church in New Lexington. He was a determined, committed golfer. Our condolences to his wife, Mary, daughters, Maureen and Monica, and sons Robert and Daniel.

As promised, I have included a picture of **Charles "Chuck" McKeon**, who graduated in 1962. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army, and almost immediately after graduation, went into the Transportation Corps. He had two tours of duty in Vietnam, and the Army sent him to graduate school. He had one tour with the British Army which he thoroughly enjoyed. He is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and retired as a full Colonel in 1990. After retirement, he held civilian positions utilizing his military skills in research and development, until he retired for good in 2004. Chuck and his wife have a son and four grandchildren, two at Georgetown, one at Georgetown Prep. Their daughter and hubby live in the Norfolk area, with two more grandchildren. He and his college sweetheart, Gail, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this spring. Anybody in our class been married longer?



Jim Boland called to thank me for sending the short story about the Faragher's incident of December 1960. Faragher's was a bar in University Heights, Ohio. The story was too long for the class column so it could not be included. As you know, Jim had a great career at Ernst



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& Young and then was the CEO of the Cleveland Cavaliers. All that pales into insignificance, compared to having 20 grandchildren! I only have two nemeses.

“Grandpa,” said the nemesis, “wipe the breakfast sausage off your mouth.”

I looked in the rearview mirror. He was right, it was all over my lips. Maybe the nemesis did have some social redeeming value. “Thanks,” I said, “appreciate your telling me.”

“No problem,” said the nemesis. “I appreciate it when you tell me to zip up my fly.”

Is this a mutual admiration society, I thought as I stepped out of the pickup truck.

“Grandpa, why do you pull up your white socks when you’re wearing shorts?” said the nemesis.

“You want me to roll my socks down to my ankles?” as I folded them down.

“What are all those gouges, bruises, and the veins on your calf and ankles? Yuck! You are right to hide that, Grandpa,” said the nemesis.

1963 | Pete Mykytyn
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I hope everyone is doing well as we approach the end of summer by the time this column appears. As I put pen to paper (so to speak), it’s late June, and with a due date to the Alumni Office in July, a lot can happen. **John Zvolensky** continues to travel, now that things have begun to open up. He indicated he would be sailing the Aegean in August and onto Umbria in Italy in October, if Italy opens up. He’s still playing a lot of golf and said he has shot his age or under (he is 79) 12 times. By now, it’s probably more than 12. He and his wife have one grandson in the Corps of Engineers and another who will begin at Miami of Ohio in fall 2021. Kathy and I took our three adult children and one daughter-in-law back to Sandals Royal Caribbean in March for a great family gathering.

Kathy and I also went back in mid-June, the first time we had visited Sandals Royal Caribbean in June. We always stay at Royal Caribbean – 20 years in a row. Our European trip was cancelled again this year due to COVID-19. I also received word from the Alumni Office that **Jon Shively** has passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

My column is very short this time. Please keep me posted as to how things are progressing with you as we hopefully are nearing the end of this pandemic. Please stay safe. And again, please let me hear from you.

1964 | Frank Kelley
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Reflecting the mood and comeback attitude of the entire country after an entire year of isolation, tribulations, fear-inducing uncertainties, and downright loneliness and misery, the Class of ’64 fought back this past spring with regional gatherings to rebound with classmates and loved ones. The west coast Florida snowbirds led the parade in April with their annual Bonita Bay area lunch. Pictured are attendees included **Tad “Hairtree” Walters, Tom Leahy** (the annual event organizer), **John Letherman, Jim “Improv” Corsica, Ross “Skipper” Tisci, Tom “Wapatoola” Moore, Al “Moe” Rutledge, and Lou “Roundball” Mastrian.** A fine group of gentlemen, but possibly disingenuous. Why? Every year they forward a group

event picture suspiciously devoid of adult beverages. C’mon! Next year may be the culmination of my continuing threat to show up unannounced with a camera to debunk this continuing charade. (First round on me.)

In case you missed the class-wide email last Christmas, it’s worth repeating that **John Letherman** was awarded the highest State of Indiana civilian award by the Governor, the Sagamore of the Wabash. For context, some previous fellow awardees include Muhammed Ali and Harry Truman. I have extolled John’s community development leadership in the greater Elkhart area and the Michiana bistate region in previous communications. Just one more example of our class following through on the Jesuit ideal of giving back.

In May, a second group of eager Streaks gathered in Myrtle Beach for, in reverse importance, spring golf, camaraderie, and increasingly unbelievable tall tales. **Al Rutledge,** annual organizer, aptly describes his task as akin to (the much over-used phrase) herding cats. A review of participants supports his point: **Ron Timpanaro, Mike Herald, Dick Koenig, Dave McClenahan, Frank Kelley, Gordon Priemer, Tony Compisi, and Bill Smith.** Ron Tipp’s two evenings of culinary creativity anchor the event every year. He has also emerged as the golfing gold standard, accomplishing the enviable feat of shooting his age in a round this spring at his home course in Kingwood, Texas.



A big pat on the back to the 1964 Scholarship Committee and chair **Bill Kerner**, who recently released an update on the impressively enhanced condition of our scholarship fund, where the awards have grown to a hefty \$5,600 per year thanks to the magnificent class response to our 55th reunion appeal. This, in turn, greatly enhances JCU's ability to attract the most highly qualified students. Hey! There's that Jesuit "giving back" theme again.

Wishing you all continued well-being as we head toward autumn and the winter season hoping for an increasingly healthy world. God bless all Streaks!
Frank

1965 | Richard Conoboy rtiton@comcast.net

David Pfalzgraf writes that in the 1964-1965 academic year, he and four others lived together in a home off campus called "Ma Sloan's" after their dear landlady. Sadly, his roommates **Tim Treter** and **Charlie Warner** have passed away. At reunion weekend on June 12, 2021, **Frank Wright**, **Jerry McEvoy**, and David reunited after 56 years to celebrate past memories. They also caught up with classmates **Ron Niedzweickie** and **John Rioux**. **John Murray** moved from his home on the Chester River of the Delmarva peninsula to a continuing care retirement community called Heron Point. **Ed Doherty** and I are still trying to get together since Ed moved to Mt. Vernon, WA, about 20 miles away from my place. COVID-19 delayed any earlier thoughts of doing so. **Duane Kexel** continues to work on the economic viability of both wind and solar projects at 16 locations in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota based on MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator) hourly prices for 2019-2021. Duane would welcome JCU expressions of interest and questions regarding these efforts. [Note: I would do so but the only MISO I know is the soup!] **Kip Zegers** has a new book out, "A Room in the House of Time" (Dos Madres Press, 2020). He is also leading writing groups for NY Hospital Outreach and SAGE (Service and Advocacy

for Gay Elders). **Marilyn Sophie Hormann** remains grateful for her JCU MA degree on Guidance and Counseling that led to 38 years of service as Middle School Counselor in the Cleveland Public Schools. She is retired (24 years) in Fort Wayne, IN. Got a long note from **Jack Kenesey** last year during lockdown. He and his family were "all okay, staying well." Jack has been Zooming, mostly with a church study group, and doing pro bono work as a mediator in a county circuit court north of Chicago. He had to cancel several trips last year. **Mark Hanket** reported last year that he and his wife, Carole, attended a September wedding in Columbus, OH where the ceremony was outside but reception was inside. He had other travel plans for the remainder of 2020, however, no word since from Mark about their success. After several cancelled trips last year to France and one to Shanghai, my wife (Cecile) and I did a tour of the national parks in southern Utah during this June's heat wave (100F+). Our plans this summer are to go to Paris and Marseille in August depending on the COVID-19 restrictions of the French government. I am headed to Washington, DC in November for the Arlington Cemetery interment (there is a 4-5 month wait list) of a longtime friend from Infantry and Airborne schools at Ft. Benning in 1965.

1966 | Tom Gibbons tgibbons@prosum.cc

One of **Dan Kush's** most important goals was achieved. Dan was adopted. His adoptive parents were very loving and kind, but he always wanted to find his biological family. After two years of research, he succeeded. His notion that he was Irish was wrong. Dan is mostly Swedish (which explains a lot). He has met his Swedish family who warmly welcomed him to their ranks. Grattis, Dan!

Jake Boland (pictured above) writes that he and Isabelle have been married 56 years, are blessed with six children, nine grandchildren, and he is playing lots of golf. Retired after 53 years of sales and marketing, he's traveled to 49 states and 30 countries. He's still singing



Irish songs, telling stories, and entertaining (mostly) on St. Patrick's Day. Jake generously gave us his latest CD in June - another reason people should attend reunions.

After 50+ years married to Pam, **Bob Spicer** boasts four children and 16 grandchildren. He was fortunate to watch two of them graduate from JCU last spring and reports that another has a full-tuition academic scholarship to Miami (FL), while still another has a football ride to Wake Forest. Bob's career succeeded twice - coaching and investment advisory/sales; he reports life is good. We're waiting for news on the 12 other grandchildren.

Gerry Staritis is in SCORE, an SBA volunteer organization that recruits retired executives as mentors to small businesses. He is eminently qualified for the task because he retired twice - first from Sears in 1995, finally from IBM in 2008. Gerry and his wife, Nadine, don't travel as much from Naperville as before, due to her health. But they're happy in Illinois where Gerry has been restoring an MG Midget for the past 30 years. He's overhauled the engine and transmission but has a "billion parts" left over.

Jim Fineran's grandson, James V. Fineran IV, is currently a freshman long snapper on the University of Pittsburgh's football team. Young Finn, a 2021 Calvert Hall (Baltimore) graduate, was the top long snapper in the Baltimore-Washington region last season. Finn's Pitt teammate, long snapper Byron Floyd's grandfather, the late Dr. Edward J. Floyd JCU '73, like Jim Fineran, was inducted into the JCU Athletic Hall of Fame. DNA counts.

Tim Dorsey writes from Northeast Ohio that, after his Army commission in 1966, he served in posts in SE Asia. Then he became a Navy Analyst and DoD Financial Systems Specialist who retired in 2000. He has four children and seven grandchildren, who include an ER physician, two nurses, some teachers, an FBI HRT agent, a marketing director, a librarian and the owner of a legal team. Tim escapes them, as he has for the past 40 years, on an annual trip to Cape Hatteras.



John Bodnar, (also MA '68) Emeritus Professor and retired head of the History Department at Indiana University (where he's been since 1981), published his ninth book, *Divided by Terror: American Patriotism since 9/11*. John says "The book probes the emergence of a hostile strain of patriotism coming out of the response to 9/11 and the Global War on Terror. This version of loyalty was fixated more ... on finding enemies than upholding ... justice for all."

Immediate Past Class Columnist, Chicagoan **Larry Henry**, comments: "Recently had lunch with Joe Heery '67, who has lost his wonderful wife, Pat. Nonetheless he is inherently a positive guy and is doing well now. This got me thinking about the magnificent friendships I was fortunate enough to make at JCU. Like Tom Madden in Atlanta. Post Carroll, Tom has been my closest friend, like a brother. In August, a group of 1966-ers enjoyed our 5th annual golf outing in Cleveland. We had a terrific time - mediocre golf for most - except Bob Jacobs and Jake Boland - but remarkable camaraderie and joy in one another's company. To all my classmates, here's a huge THANK YOU. You have enriched my life in so many ways since we met in August 1962."

Enjoying the Alumni Reunion festivities this past June 2021, (pictured L to R - top right) are **Bob Searson, Frank Lazzaro, Mark O'Connor, Tom Gibbons, Joe Corcoran, Jack Wyar, Bill Buckley, Jim Fineran, Lou Vitullo, Larry Henry.**

-TJG

1967 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

Hello class of '67! We look forward to welcoming you back to campus for the alumni reunion next June, 2022! Please watch for upcoming communications and additional details.

We were delighted to hear from **Wally Martens** who was married to Victoria Shea on March 20, 2021, following a recent bout of COVID-19. Wally, a widower for over 20 years, met his new bride 10 years ago when she started working for him at his family funeral home. The couple celebrated their wedding with a small, family gathering due to COVID. Congratulations to Wally and Victoria!

We would like to thank former class columnist **Terry Stevens** for his time and dedication to Onward over the years. Terry has decided to step down from this position. We are currently seeking a new class scribe. If you are interested, please contact the alumni office at 216-397-4336 or via email at journal@jcu.edu.

Please continue to send us your updates and stay well!

1968 | Jeff Hawk jjhawk68@comcast.net

Dear Friends,
I hope you are all healthy and safe. These have been difficult times for the world. John Carroll University is Our Family and WE are John Carroll University's Family. I dated my Princess Jenny for all four years. We married August 31, 1968 after

graduating. Jenny came to summer session in 1968 and finished her degree, a BS in Education with Highest Honors, taking 18 credit hours each term and being a nanny for a family of nine in University Heights. She is a strong supporter of JCU. In summer of '72, the President of the University, Rev. Fr. Birkenhauer spent the weekend at our home. We had a Mass in the house. He requested we start an Indiana JCU Alumni Chapter, which we did. It was great we had 50 JCU members from June 1972 to June 1982. If you have a chance, please give to the Carroll Fund, everything helps. We owe the President and First Lady great appreciation. They kept JCU going in these very difficult times.

We received an update from the alumni office and Mike Bobinski '71 who are planning a Pershing Rifles reunion during Homecoming weekend, October 1-3, 2021. For those of you who were part of this group, please watch for communications and details regarding the scheduled events on and off campus, that weekend! I heard from longtime friend **Larry Kennard**, a very dedicated JCU Alumni. Larry told me that longtime JCU Alumni **Tim DeHaven** passed away. Please pray for Tim and his Family. I also lost longtime friend and fraternity brother, LTC Peter Bernardo, please pray for Pete and his wife, Joanne, and sons Peter, Michael, Matthew.

Please send me your NEWS.

For YOU And John Carroll University
Jeff '68

1969 | Edward Christy

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Greetings! I think I missed the last deadline for our Notes since I was hospitalized due to a bad reaction to a keto diet. But I am back and happy and fat as ever. Having reached our mid 70s, shockingly few of us are working, so there's no news of promotions. Also no news of new children except the grand-variety! So why not take a break from the latest Delta Variant news and drop me some Senior Superlatives?

* *Who was our YOUNGEST RETIREE (age)?*

* *Who has the Most Children? Grandchildren?*

* *Since I was class president, what were you ever president of, post-Carroll? (e.g. Rotary, HOA etc.)*

* *Best Vacation? Most countries visited? Please name them.*

* *Last classmate you were in touch with?*

* *People would be surprised to know I...*

* *Who has celebrated their 50th Anniversary?*

That ought to give you some ideas, so feel free to send me anything that you think would be of interest to me: via.driheet07@cox.net.

1970 | Ted Heutsche

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Hello class of '70! Many of our classmates attended the alumni reunion this past June on our beautiful JCU campus! Attendees from our class included **Ray Biase, Frank Brady, Don Brown, Jim Collins, Sue Eagan, Bob Faught, Rich Harkey, Gary Kelley, CJ Smith, Dennis McCarty, Jim McCrystal, Dennis McGeehan, Jimmy McIntyre, Marty Mohler, Steven Nypaver, Elaine Gorski Perample, Ed Sandrick, Greg Siek, John Surry and George Vourlojianis**. For those of you who weren't able to attend, please check the JCU website for some great photos from the day and evening.

Please continue to send your news and updates and stay well!

1971 | Rosemary Costello

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Our 50th reunion at John Carroll turned out to be a great time for those of us who attended. The alumni staff planned a fun, appropriate day, and the weather even cooperated. It was quite an outstanding feat to accomplish without knowing the COVID status during the planning phase. Sharing with the 1970 class reunion added to the fun. Thank you for a job well done to all who worked on it. A special thanks to **Ron and Kathy Hesper Forster** and **Mimi Fitzpatrick Cavera** who helped to contact classmates, encouraging them to attend. Ron Forster especially appreciated sharing the reunion with the 1970 class, as he actually started with them. The usual women attended — **Gretchen Knoetzel Walsh, Kathy Hesper Forster, Sue Riley Gielincki**, and me. We missed Mimi, as she was unable to attend at the last minute. Several classmates attended the Mass and posed for the photos: **George Burke, Roger Sowinski, Bill Lavezzi, and Ted Shalek**. Check out the photos from the reunion on the JCU website. **Dominick Iacuzio** came in from eastern Pennsylvania. He is retired but works during the ski season as a security guard on the slopes helping to maintain safety procedures. **Cormac Delaney** is still working as a lawyer in Toledo. **Jim Grendell**, our class president, hasn't retired either. He is an GI physician in New York. The **Louis Dizenzo** group had a great time as usual — **Shans Shanahan, Bo Kennedy, Marty Crimmins, Tom Madden, and Mike Mannion**. Thanks to Lou for being able to bring his group together for the past several reunions. **Rick Welchans** traveled from Tennessee now that he has retired from being a park ranger near Danville, Illinois. **John Vela** came from central Ohio. Both guys love the theater and reminisced about the many plays and musicals they either acted in or watched. Good friends **Charlie Algier** and **John Urban** still live in the Cleveland area — Charlie in Mentor and John in Rocky River. Both are retired. Charlie has been

in the trucking business for many years, and John retired as a lawyer. After all these years, I learned that **Dave Price** grew up in the same area as I did in Cleveland. It was fun to chat about all the places we had in common. Dave and his wife traveled to the reunion from Michigan. **John Palermo** has some suggestions for a class gift to the university. He will be sending me some information to pass on in a future column. It was such a short time together that I was unable to spend as much time as I would have liked with each of the returning alums. Others who attended include **Mike Frederick, Jim McPolin** (and his wife Nikki Bondi '72), **Mike Schall, Rick Morycz, Marty Powers, and Ray Tchou**. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. I wish we had more time together, but, again, I am grateful for all that we were able to do considering the pandemic. Stay safe and keep in touch!

1972 | John Marcus

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What do you remember about that day in August '68 when you stepped on campus for freshman orientation (which is easier for me than remembering where I put my glasses this morning)? Remember your dreams, your hopes, your fears? Fast forward to May 1972. Four years later. Your dreams and hopes *still* front and center. And new fears facing you. But how 'bout those memories you made after that four-year stint in the Heights! From duffers to mortar boards. From that strange pit in your stomach after seeing all the new people, to lifelong friends. To thinking you knew a lot, to realizing how much more there was to learn. 50 years! Our Golden Anniversary. Our big reunion! It's coming next June ... "and it's showtime, baby." So, get your copy of "Younger Next Year," trim those lbs., shop for smaller belts, and polish off those old stories that ... like a fine bourbon ... only get better with age! (Cue non-JCU-spouse eye-rolls.) ... Class-President-for-Life **Bobby Longo** has been cracking the whip to get things rolling and VP **Mark** (I never understood why we need punctuation and capitalization) **Pacelli** has been given the task to organize. As you know, the "brain trust" has sent out

some comms, first to lock down the email list, then to ask for volunteers. So far (as of mid-summer — we use Gutenberg presses here) we have 20 volunteering to help. By the time you read this we will have many more, including volunteers from each of the sororities, fraternities, athletic teams, clubs and professional societies. Their *job*: to troll their members and shame you into returning. Their *goal*: let's break records and get back as many as we can. We're the Class of '72, we don't finish second to anyone! There are two special things about our 50th. First, the entire weekend is "on" Mother Carroll! And second, because the reunion run-up is special, the column expands from a 600-word limit to 750 words ... which means gerunds and adverbs can be included. So, before we use up our words: "to the news" ... **Doug Webber** is a big "yes" for the reunion and promises to drag back his old roomie **Ron Smith**. Daughter Stacey Webber's art career is flourishing — Google her site — unique (and look closely, then it will all make cents!) ... **Steve Wainwright** has volunteered to be the liaison to the Southeast Ohio Club (Steve: there is none, nor has there ever been, such a club) ... And **Tom Narducci** — the flying lineman — has volunteered to help corral the footballers ... Talked to basketball Hall of Famer **Jimmy Peters**. He'll be there, and recalled a reunion a few years back: "I remember that day like it was yesterday. **Timmy Russert** was on campus until 10:30 pm that Saturday night. An NBC man came to our table, and said, "time to leave, Mr. Russert." TJ finished his beverage and was whisked away to the airport. He was on air for *Meet the Press* on Sunday morning at 9:30 with his A-game." (By the way, Tim never missed a reunion!). Jimmy volunteered to organize the other basketballers from our class. He said he'd call **David O'Brien** after we hung up ... Adventurer Judge **Anne Conway** has volunteered to help with the reunion, as long as it doesn't interfere with her competing in the Iditarod ... Meanwhile, **Sammy Morocco** called and said, "if I'm alive, I'll be there!" ... **John McKenna** wrote to let me know that the old accounting major, once commissioned as an officer in the Army Transportation Corps at Fort Hood, settled down in Florida and is still a practicing CPA. He said

the "retirement light" is getting very bright at the end of the tunnel. He'll be there. Also coming, **Bob Ulas**. He's been employed part-time as a Cleveland Browns guest services representative for in-suites and press-suites plus special events. Bob and his Margaret are enjoying the success of their four sons: triplets Dan, Steve, and Mark, plus first born, Eric ... So, 50 years. We aren't getting any younger, folks. So, with sadness I have to report the passing of two of our classmates, **Tom "Roto" Murray** and **Katherine Trace Brueck**. Tom was the biggest, most huggable teddy bear of a guy who had that big smile at the ready for everyone. He is survived by wife of 48 years, Linda, three daughters and five grandchildren ... Katherine, daughter of English professor Dr. Arthur Trace, lived in El Segundo, CA with her husband, Don. They had two grown daughters and Katherine followed in "daddy's footsteps," as chair of the English department at Mount Saint Mary's University. Rest in Peace, old friends ... So with that, let me know if you need a good reason to come back and see the people who may have helped shape your life ... or at least have given you a few good yuks! Stay well. JM

1973 | Bob Larocca
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Greetings to all ... the healthy and those recovering alums in our class from ailments, replacement parts and upgrades! I'm ecstatic to have been deluged with new class info. **Dr. Jim Burrington** had 43 years of working in the chemical industry in Cleveland, invented 61 US patents, earned a Ph.D. from MIT and retired March 31st to concentrate on making maple syrup, hanging out with his six grandchildren and singing in his wife's choir at Divine Word Catholic Church. I also have been in touch with **Bob Suazo**, who, like a lot of us, painted houses during school and after graduation. He later enlisted in the Marine Corps, and was immersed in learning Spanish and cryptography while on the West coast. He enjoyed touring the Caribbean while at GITMO. He retired from the Marines in 1981 and worked for

IBM (LOTUS). He has two sons, Ben and Chris, Ignatius grads. He flipped houses during the 80s and moved on to home mortgages with Wells Fargo when he retired in '14, but still manages some properties as a hobby. **Dr. Steven P. Marshall** and his bride, Melanie Cadden '75 (pictured below) will have been married 46 years in October. After 20 years, North Carolina continues to be home. Their daughter, Katie, completed her M.A. in Training and Development during the pandemic, and has worked with me in my leadership development practice for the past four years. Their daughter Stephanie (pictured bottom right) has just accepted a direct admit commission as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. She is a research scientist working in wound care at Fort Sam Houston.



Proud parents **Tom and Mary Kay "Hutch" Malone's** ('75) daughter, Kate, got married last fall. Kate is on the staff at JCU. Tom still dogs it at the Cleveland Animal Protective League walking the canines. He's still using all his hot air playing bagpipes with the Cleveland Kiltie Band, especially on St Patrick's Day. I would like to plant the seed of everyone attending our class's 50th reunion in '23 (still free as of now!). Thanks for the submissions! Be safe ... be well ... connect with fellow alums whenever you can ... in any class!

Rock On!
Bob "Rock" Larocca

1974 | Dave Robinson
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Greetings, Class of '74. **Frank Palermo** and his wife Amy live part-time in Upper St. Clair, south of Pittsburgh, and in The Landings, Savannah, Georgia. They have been married for 41 years and have three daughters and two sons. All are married and have blessed Frank and Amy with 16 grandchildren. Frank plays a lot of golf and enjoys traveling to Europe and Russia but likes Ireland best, where the people, the pubs, and of course, the golf courses make it a wonderful experience. He stays in touch with **Larry Meathe, Joe Virostek, Mike McShane** and **Mike Nienstedt** with their annual golf trip to Hilton Head Island, SC. Frank plans to turn over the reins of the CPA firm he started in 1982 to his two sons. For the last nine years, he has served as

Chair of the Audit Committee as a member of the S&T Bancorp Board of Directors. **Larry Meathe** and his wife Marie reside near Cleveland and enjoy being grandparents. Daughter Libby has three children: Maeve (4) Freya (2) and Callum (born July 3rd). Daughter Jackie is single, but has their "grand dog", Oto. They spend winters in Sarasota. Larry wrote that he continues to work at improving his golf game but claims it is a lost cause.

Bob Boehlert and his wife Nancy arrived back home in Albany from Florida on March 10, 2020, and New York went into lockdown two days later. He hates to think they were the cause! They weathered the pandemic without incident, as did their daughter, son-in-law and their six (two sets of identical boy twins) children. They have a camp in the Adirondacks where they spent a great deal of time throughout 2020. Bob claims it was easier to maintain social distance when the closest neighbors are squirrels! Bob retired from working with the state of New York in 2011 and proceeded to become Director of Quality Assurance for Catholic Charities Disabilities Services. He retired from CCDS in 2015 and is now doing part-time consulting for Catholic Charities, another non-profit agency, and serving as a board member for a local disability advocacy agency. He proudly proclaims his REAL job is ferrying grandchildren to doctors and dentists, sports events, and other activities. He is looking forward to seeing many classmates at our 50th in 2024!

Sally Coyne Pap is active with St. Vincent de Paul and Birthcare of Medina County. **Steven Pap** practices medicine as a part-time gynecologist at the Cleveland Clinic. They have five children. Michael, DDS '98, Chris '01, Dan, MD, Kevin '06, and Molly. They enjoy their "spare" time babysitting their nine grandchildren. In September, they are looking forward to another group reunion at Nancy and Bob Boehlert's lake house in upstate New York. They will be joined by **Tony Nappo, Lou Jannazo, Jean Rakowsky Antonelli** and **Tony Antonelli**. Sally and Steve will be celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary this December. **Rick Shina** is rehabbing from total replacement surgery of his left knee done in May. In June, **Bob Madden** began coaching (American style football) for the Hildesheim Invaders in Germany. Bobby's first game as the Invaders Head Coach was scheduled for August 28th against the Braunschweig Lions. The Invaders can be followed on Facebook or at www.goinvaders.de.

Mary (Richards) Madden will visit Bob in August. She prefers the fun spent with their 14 grandchildren in Ohio to football players in Germany. **Rosemary Marcella Amato** sends her regards from Europe, splitting her time between London, Amsterdam, and Malta. She just started a project management role with a large medical device company claiming she is not ready to retire yet. Like many of us, she's looking forward to returning to JCU for a post-pandemic reunion without masks. I joined **Terry Dwyer**,



Frank Sossi and 40 other I Chi's for dinner at the conclusion of the July 20-21 Chicagoland Golf outing at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton, IL. (pictured) The event was organized by Mike Mulkeen ('72) and brothers Ray ('73) and Tom ('75) Zammit. Molly and I are planning to attend the Alumni Medal Awards Dinner Homecoming weekend, October 1-3. Looking forward to seeing many fellow alumni.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to **Tom Bodle's** wife Margie and his family. Tom died this March from COVID-19 complications. "Coach Bodle" was a longtime math teacher at both VASJ and St. Edward High School. He was a dedicated basketball coach, educator, and dear friend to many student-athletes throughout the years.

Family, personal, and professional updates are always welcomed. Here's to a safe and healthy autumn and the upcoming holidays. Onward On! Go Blue Streaks!

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If you weren't able to attend our 45th Reunion, you missed a lovely time. Dave Vitatoe, his staff, and University employees did an amazing job in putting together a great day. Our new President, Dr. Alan Miciak, was introduced. There was a beer garden strategically placed on the Quad, at the new fountain, where you could watch everyone coming and going. Fr. Bernie presided at Mass in Kulas. Dinner was followed by music and fireworks. Among those enjoying the festivities were:

Joe (JoJo) Bertolone and his wife Susie McDonald Bertolone came in from Florida. **Kevin Kane** came in from Illinois and was handing out bags of coffee beans. He said he worked for 25 years on the Board of Trade and eight years in the mortgage business and decided in 2013 it was time to do something fun. He opened a coffee shop called Hansa Coffee Roasters with locations

in Libertyville and Lake Bluff, Illinois. You can order some delicious coffee at [Hansa Coffee.com](http://HansaCoffee.com). **Sue Lauer** enjoys the benefits of her membership at Holden Arboretum partaking in many special events there. **Barb Varone** lives in Solon. **Joan Ursic** and her husband are starting up their world travels again. **Bob Zotti** is a Civil Litigation Lawyer in Wheaton, Illinois.

John Randall sent the following: my wife Karen and I relocated to Arvada, CO in December 2020. We love all that Colorado offers in the way of outdoor exercise and entertainment. You can have snow at the beginning of the week and be playing tennis at the end of the week. Just a great place to live and enjoy retirement. Heard from **Michael Messina**, PhD who is a professor of Marketing at Gannon University and was recognized as the Distinguished Faculty Award recipient for 2020. Michael is in his 38th year at Gannon as a faculty member in business and has also performed a variety of administrative duties over the years, including his contributions as the MBA director for the past seven years to 2020. Michael was recognized in 2017 as a Distinguished Fellow at the Marketing Management Association Annual Conference, where he serves the organization as a board member and track chair.

Kevin Kane golfed with a number of IXY's in July, including Ron Gajewski. **Ron** and his wife **Joanne (Walters)** are living in Raleigh North Carolina. While the guys golfed, Joanne met up with her JCU roommate, **Kathy Sullivan**. Kathy has retired after many years as a Speech Therapist.

Tom Lyons has retired from teaching at Cleveland State University and lives in Twinsburg, Ohio

Tom '73 and I met up with several JCU alums at Bruno's Ristorante. From class of '73 were Bob Larocca and wife Deb, '81G, Linda Meglin '73, Tom Burgess '73 and his wife Mary, Jack Mannen '73 and Ann Mannen '77.

If you have not already done so, please consider making a contribution to our Alma Mater and

plan on coming to our 50th in only four years.

Continue to send me updates on what you are up to. Update your info with the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.ecdu. There are lots of activities (lectures, social events, etc.) and events for alumni throughout the year.

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Hi everyone, I am honored to serve as your new class columnist. The class notes section of the Alumni Magazine is one of the first things I seek out in each edition. I can only hope to be your conduit of news just like **Diane (Coolican) Gaggin** did for so — well, for many years, and **Bill Bismeyer** started last year. Both of them left us too soon.

It was a pleasure to see some of our classmates at our 45th class reunion back in June. The world was still reeling from the pandemic, gatherings were just starting to happen, and facemasks were just coming off.

Pat (Behmer) Lonergan filled us in about her job, her family, and a trip to Oklahoma she was about to take. In fact, she almost didn't go to the reunion, but we were very happy she did. **Pat Cataldo**, **Mike McConnell**, **Mary Cay (Powers) McConnell**, and **Elaine Yeip** were all there. **John Cunningham** was there and he entered the world of retirement as of February 1st (2021) after working the past 15 years at Interpublic Group in New York. He is looking forward to upcoming alumni trips to Germany and surrounding countries. **Gwen (Dickerhoof) Broestl** and her husband Greg came to the reunion, too. Gwen has been retired for the past 10 years, and they have travelled extensively to Mexico, snorkeled in the Pacific near coral reefs, and visited much of the USA with many more places on her bucket list. Gwen was most interested in how everyone looked, now 45 years later, from our JCU graduation. The short answer to that question is: very differently! **Timothy Wallenhorst** sent

in his regards, and is already looking forward to our 50th reunion. He retired from the Plain Dealer in June, 2017 with 37 years of service. He's married to Mary Lou, and they like to travel and stay active hiking in many of the wonderful parks we have in the area. He's also an avid golfer, and used to run marathons until hip replacement ended the running.

I retired in 2013 after 35+ years as a procurement manager, and most of that time was with KeyCorp. I will be more than happy to share more, but what I would really like is for more of our classmates to drop me a note and stay in touch. Our class list approaches nearly 600 classmates! I'm pretty sure nearly all of us have something to share after experiencing the worst pandemic of our lives, and just as we approach our retirement years. So please drop a line, and thank you in advance!

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Hello, Class of '77! Many thanks to so many alumni who sent us their news and updates. **Ted Pappas:** My wife Theky and I are enjoying our first grandchild (Sam, 9 months old). The joy of our life. **Kathleen Berry: Nancy Cunningham Benacci** became a grandmother this past February. Her son Kevin and his wife Jess welcomed a beautiful baby girl named Charlotte! **Bill Gagliano: Brian Henke's** wife of 38 years, Dianne Stark Henke, passed away after a five-year battle with ALS. In addition to Brian, she leaves three children and three grandchildren. My wife Lorrie and I, **Dave Cullen, Urban Picard, Stan Mambort, John Rutherford, and Mike Downing** attended the funeral. **John Fickes:** My three daughters have grown into well-adjusted adults. The eldest soon will deliver their second child; the middle girl has married and returned to school to study in a field she loves; and my baby has bought a house in Nashville, where she and her friends welcomed the old man on his first post-lockdown trip. **Virginia Beyer Ivec:** Jon and I were camping at Punderson and met **Dan Greene,** his wife, Carolyn, **Sharon Straka Voyton,** her husband, Larry, **Lynne**

Bogatay Wilson and her husband, Bruce at the Manor House for dinner. **Alan Baldarelli:** Our youngest daughter Rita, a 2019 JCU grad, was married July 24th. Many JCU grads were there: me, my son Alan 2005, my daughter Jenna 2007 grad, Cathy '78 and **Doug Hogan,** Rose Dolan 2019, Julie Morris 2019 and many more. (pictured right)

Val Sgro: In February I was interviewed for the on-demand version of the JCU Alumni Author Series. We discussed my novels based around the life of a professional organizer, as well as tips from my years of working in the field. **Sheila Haney Drain: Mary Anne Garvey** and I have also been classmates for a decade in a local Pilates studio. One time we were both executing a move when we broke into songs from our theatre days! **Kathleen Baldoni:** I'm enjoying retirement which gives me time to work on political campaigns, volunteering and gardening, but most importantly I get to spend more time with my grandchildren.

Rabbi Harry Rosenfeld: I retired July 1 after 40 years as a Rabbi. I was appointed Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Albert in Albuquerque, NM. Michele and I are planning more travel, including a February cruise to Antarctica. **Linda Cuculic, MD:** After 33 years of being a Board Certified Family Physician I retired on June 30, 2021. I now plan to spend more time with family: one son, two grandchildren, siblings and their families, and friends. Happy to now have more time for my hobbies, enjoying our family cottage, traveling in the U.S. and hopefully back to Croatia soon, COVID permitting.

Sadly, I regret to inform you of the recent death of our classmate, **Terrence C. Bugos,** who passed away this spring 2021.

Please continue to send your news and updates!

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Here's the latest ... Barbara and **Vin Karl** celebrated the spring arrival of



granddaughter Marion to join cousins Eli (5) and Talia (3). Vin is blessed to have all three live nearby and vice versa. Vin mentioned getting his vaccine shots, as did **Ed Gillen.** Ed and wife Sue live in Newport, RI where Ed serves as Director of Institutional Effectiveness for the U.S. Naval War College. He also serves on a visiting team of experts to review curricula and programs as part of the military's educational accreditation process. The pandemic closed several boat yards, but Ed hopes to have a great summer sailing season. Ed fondly remembers the great JCU faculty and staff including Peter Fennessy, S.J., and TP O'Malley, SJ. Ed reconnected with **Bob (Brooklyn) Ranzman,** who retired to Florida. Bob calls Florida "God's waiting room." Ed says Bob lives near a pinball museum; nice clue, but Google lists three Florida cities with pinball museums (Delray Beach, Fernandina Beach, and Tarpon Springs). Ed remembers stories from Brooklyn and Gregg Pill '77 about renting out a summer home in the Hamptons in the mid-80s ... **Colleen Farrell Melena** passed away July 4th. A marketing major and Blue Streak basketball player, Colleen's life included a career in sales (Ohio Bell) and as Communications Coordinator at University School. Colleen and husband Mark raised four children in Chagrin Falls, where she coached basketball and softball. A beautiful tribute to Colleen's wonderful life is posted at stjohnfh.com ... **Bob Marczynski** is now teaching at The Learning Lab and Gateway Academy of Nashville, tutoring students, teaching study skills classes (summer programs), and social studies this fall in one-on-one and small groups settings ... Maryland Governor Larry

Hogan promoted **John Martin** to a new position as Director of the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency. The Agency is growing beyond the \$2.5 billion annual revenue — wow! ... **Tim Bailey** visited his hometown, Chicago, from Estero, Florida where he and Anne '79 are in the real estate business. Tim's career began in Chicago as a sales rep for developing brochures, annual reports, and financial documents for large corporate clients. He recently completed twenty years in marketing/technology/web development for the real estate market in the Southeast United States. Tim's Chicago visit included golf at a variety of events with classmates **Jim Gentile, Jack Blackburn, Chris Parrilli, Mark Fasano, Bob Rees, Brian Farrell** and **Larry Wyrobek** ... After hearing the news that football great London Fletcher '97 joined John Carroll's Board of Directors, I noticed the Board list continues to have more '78 classmates than any other class! Thank you, classmates, for your important and inspiring leadership for our alma mater: **Mike Merriman, Ara Bagdasarian, Teresa Lewandowski, Carol Simon, Greg Skoda,** and **Anthony Tricarichi!** ... Thanks for writing!

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Hi, All — The pandemic continues on and much uncertainty continues ... sadly, JCU lost Tom Bodle '74 on March 5, 2021 to COVID. Tom left behind his wife Margie, daughter Lydia, and son John. Tom was a beloved longtime coach and math teacher at Villa Angela-St. Joseph's (VASJ) and St Edward's High Schools. Tom (TBo) was a member of Delta Alpha Theta (DAT) fraternity and was a great guy who was loved by many and will be sorely missed. Recently, members of the DAT camping group helped TBo's widow with landscaping/yard work at the Bodle home on May 15. Bruce Swartz '78, **Mike DiCarro, John Molchan, Scott Smiley,** Jeff Mog '81, **Tom (Brooks) Robinson** and Mike Mahan '82 attended, worked hard and did several yard and house jobs to help Margie out. Several guys were unable

to make it - Mike MCarthy '77, Albert Giammaria '78, **Tony Ianiro '79,** and non-JCU grads Don Bremmer and Joe Filippo — but they collected money to pay for yard care through the end of 2021. Such a lovely, kind gesture that I'm sure greatly touched Margie Bodle. The camping group held a special tribute to TBo during their May 23-25 camping trip. Condolences to TBo's family and brotherhood ... Another loss for JCU was the passing of Terry O'Brien '77. Terry did an amazing job for many years connecting hundreds of JCU alum, and updating us on the latest JCU news and gatherings. I personally already miss Terry's sense of humor and way of connecting people. Such a loss to so many communities. Condolences to his wife Juli, children Kevin, Therese, and Patrick, and classmates. Terry was the retired President and Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Another loss: **Dave Chervenak,** recently passed away July 17th. He is survived by his wife Marsha and daughter Catherine. Dave was a member of Iota Phi Theta (IPT) fraternity. I would often see Dave at JCU events, especially at the Christmas gatherings. Dave loved his JCU memories, friends, and brothers and will be sorely missed by many. Condolences to his wife, family, and brothers. Heard from **George Yazbek** — he retired in 2014, then started part-time consulting for executive level coaching. He is a Senior Business Broker for Sunbelt Business Brokers of Charlotte. In 2017, he went back to college (who would have ever thought) and graduated from Appalachian State University with an MBA and an MA in Adult Education. **Stephen Carlino** and he remain good friends and share their love of Siberian Huskies. George and his wife Sandi have been married for 37 years and they live in Mocksville, NC with Eli, their fifth husky. Heard from **Mary O'Malley Shuki.** Mary is a retired social worker with five children. **Michael Allison** is now the Executive Vice President and Chief Human Officer for Burlington Stores in Burlington, NJ, splitting his time between FL and NJ.

Life is too short ... spend time with those you love when you can ... don't

let the little things get in the way!
Send your news when you have time.
Every five,
Nancy

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Reunion weekend began on Friday with the Alumni Golf Classic at the beautiful Sleepy Hollow Golf Course. I had the opportunity to golf with **Tom Finucane, Rick Chelko** and **Gary Szelagowski.** Our foursome was always in the thick of it and just a few strokes away from the leaderboard. Tom is president of Compass Payroll Services. Rick is president and founder of Chelko Consulting Group, which works with employers helping them navigate the ever-changing health/benefits landscape. Rick provided steady smooth drives in the fairway. Gary carted me around for 18-holes and was my spotter in looking for my ball. When not golfing, Gary keeps busy with his HR consulting business, Q3 Talent Solutions. The outing also offered golfers a chance to meet and greet John Carroll's 26th President, Al Miciak Ph.D., who was offering guidance on a par 3 hole.

This year's reunion, unlike all the others in the past, was just a one-day shot. Not all could attend this, being an off-year from last year's cancellation, but **Don McGuire** dropped a note wishing all the best for the class, as he had family commitments. The day offered ample time to catch up and reminisce or check out one of mini-lectures like Role of Media in Society, which **John Ettore** attended to represent our class. World traveler **Uwe Botzki** filled me in on his 40 years of travel and mentioned **Bob Smriga** is down in Longhorn country, working at University of Texas in their Development office.

There was a good mix in the conversation at the dinner table with commuters and folks who lived on campus during their four years. **Jim Nemeth** and spouse **Rosemary** along with **Gary Szelagowski** and spouse **Joanne** commuted, whereas myself and spouse Mary '89 plus **Mark Hutchison** and spouse **Lucy**

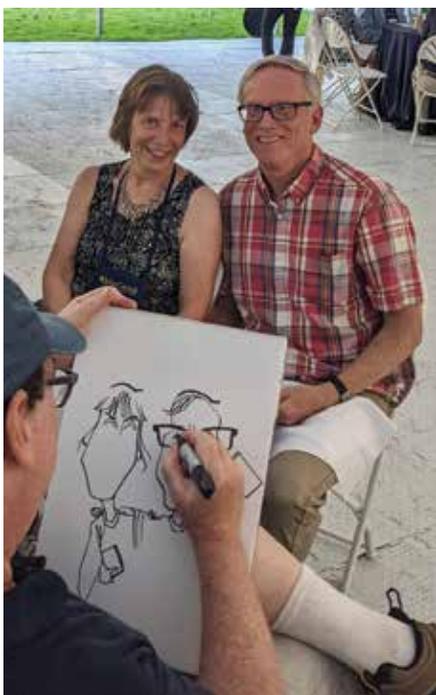
lived on campus. We all had different perspectives from 40 years ago but it was fun and entertaining to share our John Carroll experience.

Jeanne Cannon made the trip back to campus from Indiana and was hosted locally by **Meg Rabol**. Both Meg and Jeanne were able to catch up and enjoy festivities which included a wine tasting, Mass in Kulas, and fireworks on the Quad.

Our reunion attendees were not limited to locals like myself: **Steve Batanian**, who ventured in from Nokomis, Florida; **Jamie Myers**, who recently retired as CEO of Petco, came in from California. **Kevin O'Neill** drove in from Munster, Indiana. **John Gulus**, who lives in the John Carroll vicinity, also took part in the reunion evening.

Former roommate **Bob Kasper**, who is a doctor in the US Army, shared his numerous overseas tours of duty that he has done over the years. Bob and his spouse Beth call Clarksville, Tennessee home.

Our 40th reunion with a one-year delay presented an opportunity for **Jim and Joyce O'Hare** to attend their first reunion. They live close enough to ride their bikes, which was unique. They enjoyed the festivities and took in a session with caricature artist



Ron Hill who created a masterpiece picture on campus that eluded the John Carroll couple since their May 1980 graduation. (Pictured)

As usual, feel free to send additional details, news or corrections as you see fit.
MFH.

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Greetings, class of '81! This past June, some of our classmates attended the alumni reunion which was held on the JCU campus. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day to welcome back everyone. Representing the class of '81 at this reunion were **Margaret Boros, Michael Drozeck, Tom Ginley, Beth Koenig Kasper, Linda Satyshur Pintabona, Nancy Loyan Shuemann and Pat Sweeney**. Please check the JCU website for many great photos from the event.

Please continue to send your updates!

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I spent some time with **Tom Basista** at Mary Joseph's ('84) annual summer bash earlier this month. Tom and Cathy became empty nesters this summer. Their son Patrick was married in June and moved to Westlake. Their daughter Maureen lives in Shaker Heights with friends from work. This now leaves more time for his gardening activities. Tom has worked at Western Reserve Properties for 33 years. This past COVID year was the most challenging helping his merchants survive the pandemic. Tom continues to serve on the Chester Township Planning Committee.

Marty's party was well attended by JCU alums from many classes including **Tim O'Callahan, Don MacMillan, Kevin Dougherty, Jerry Czuchraj, Drue Carney, Dave Pratt, Larry Blum, Chuck Garofalo, Paul Rossman, Jeff Gangadine, Al Gabrenya and Brian Flannery**. It was also great to see Coach **Tim Baab**

who stopped in for a few hours.

Mark Basso sent a brief update from the Chicago area: "My first thought is to make sure our class knows that **George Antoon** passed away last year. I had many great adventures with George, multiple spring breaks and we played football together for eight years, high school and at JCU. He had an infectious laugh and a great personality; his stories always were bigger than life. We will miss him dearly. My roommates, the **Parrilli** brothers, **Bob and Tony** are local, so I continue to see them. I now have four grandsons! Business is doing well; Autobahn is now in our 17th year of operation and the business continues to grow. JCU alumni are welcome to stop by for a hot lap ride!!"

Ann M. Healy (Geiger) also sent an email with the following update: "My relationship with JCU comes and goes and comes back again. After working in the corporate sector and then a stay-at-home-mom, I returned to JCU for an M.Ed. in 2002-03. I taught Kindergarten in several Catholic schools but took a break when my 20-year-old son Kevin died of cancer in 2009. Private tutoring high school and college (JCU) students became my new career path. When my daughter Mary Kate graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2017, it wasn't long before she began her career as JCU's graphic designer. My husband Tom got his M.A. from JCU in 1984. It's become a part of our family, and I appreciate it so much more as the years go by."

I hope everyone plans to participate in the first Blue Streaks Supper Club on September 25th. Please continue to email your updates and don't forget to start planning your return to campus for our 40th reunion in June 2022!

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Classmates made up for missed time by gathering with each other again. Travel, fun experiences, and reuniting with family and friends were the rage this summer. In June, the annual 75-mile bike ride (pictured above) from Buckingham Fountain in Chicago



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As we all may recall, **John May '84** was an all-around great guy back at JCU, and he was also my RA in Dolan Hall one year! I always thought he was perfect at that job! It appears he kept up his strong work ethic as he proceeded in life! John says he retired about a dozen years ago after his 24 years of service in the Marine Corps from 1984-2008! He moved back to Ohio and he has been teaching school off and on since. John says: "I just returned to the classroom this past year after a few years as the director of a local nonprofit that runs a great Maritime Museum here in Sandusky; that was just another kind of teaching, and I absolutely enjoyed it! (If you haven't, you ought to visit!)" While he has mostly been anchored at home, he did return to his Jesuit roots with a three-year-gig at St. John's in Toledo. He thought the experience there was so awesome that he didn't even mind the commute! His two daughters will graduate from high school in the next two years, so they are in the hunt for universities right now. John says of course he's hoping at least one might consider JCU! John's wife of 20 years is a financial advisor for Edward Jones. John says: "Keri was also a Marine; she came to my squadron as the first woman to fly fighters, and she was so good at doing that, I decided she'd make a wonderful wife and mother!" John also was kind enough to offer up his own fun version in his own words of his class notes which reads in part: "...John's been working in Catholic education since leaving the Corps — mostly in the parish he grew up in Sandusky — teaching English, history, and a little Chinese. His daughters are shopping around for colleges right now ... so if you (or your kids!) are working in an admission office somewhere, he'd love to hear from you! John claims to live a well-hit tee shot away from Cedar Point's parking lot and invites all of us to visit whenever we're stuck in traffic headed for

to Michigan City, Indiana resumed for a cycling group of classmates: **Deb Solyan, Sheila Nelson, Sheila (Bigane) Bauschelt, Sandra Ryan, Jane (Broeran) Lambesis** and husband Pete, **Tim Shea**, Paul Hugeluet, Kevin Murphy, **Jack Carey, Danny Reynolds** and wife Kristine. When finished, they celebrated by consuming a flavorful shrimp boil at Danny's sister- and brother-in-law's home. **Therese (O'Neill) Schmidt**, you were missed.

Sadly, **BethAnn (McCombs) Coughlin's** mother passed away in June. **L.J. O'Connor's** mother passed away in May. **Lidia (Saluan) Richani's** mother passed away in February and **Megan Raleigh's** mother passed away in July. Dolefully, Megan's father passed ten months earlier in September 2020. A bit of our timestamp at JCU left us in March, when Cleveland's icon musician Michael Stanley passed away. I was fortunate to work with Michael at WJW-TV in Cleveland for seventeen years. Keep all of these wonderful people in your prayers. Who is the best of the best? It's **Lisa (Gasbarre) Black**. Lisa was featured in Vanguard Law Magazine honoring her legal counsel for 21 years with Catholic Charities and for her generous time assisting homeless individuals in Cleveland over those decades. Outstanding job, Lisa!

The Olympics in Japan was missing **Ed Devney**. (pictured right) Ed is a regular to work the Olympics broadcast production for the network. However, after production managing golf for CBS Sports with two Masters and two PGA Championships within nine months, Ed stayed stateside and worked on the production of Wild 'N Out for MTV. The Sanctuary Resort

hosted the PGA Championship on Kiawah Island, GA, and Ed's contact was Heidi Nowak '93, the Director of Sales and Marketing, but most unexpectedly, a JCU grad of '93. Twin sister **Beth (Devney) Peters** had an interesting year remotely teaching second grade in the Cleveland area, but Beth's students will soon benefit from her new title of Doctor. Beth is closing-in on her doctorate. Congratulations are in order for sons and daughters who graduated this past spring. They are: **Arlene Fedorchak's** daughter Lauren from University of Virginia, majoring in Chinese and economics; **Jeanne (Mann) Gallo's** son Matt from Georgetown; **Lisa (Gasbarre) Black's** son Davey from Gilmour Academy; **Mary (Power) Patton's** daughter Jackie from Beaumont HS and was recognized by USA Lacrosse as a high school girls All-American. Congratulations to all of your sons and daughters who graduated in 2021. In May, **Jeanne (Mann) Gallo**, husband John, and their family celebrated the birth of granddaughter, Willa Jeanne. Email me with family news, business updates and like "JCU Class of '83" on Facebook.



the coaster capital of the known universe! John confessed that he and Keri never lock their door, so you can show up anytime!" ... I think I like his version better than mine LOL! Maybe John might want to take over my class columnist job?! ... So what is your version of how your life is going now? This column space belongs to you too! Let us know! ~ Don

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The magnificent ELEVEN trekked back to our rescheduled 36-year reunion in June and although we were the only ELEVEN classmates that made an appearance, we still enjoyed food trucks and games by the tower ending with a night of stunning fireworks. ELEVEN from Class of 1985 included **Mary Beth Dawes Culbertson, Maureen McDonough Curley, Peggy Bertsch Currier, Teri Johnson Long, Carol Brennan Joseph, Dolores Beiswenger Kimberly, Jill Hanlon Mancini, Greg Fichtner, Maureen Flaherty Menton, Aggie Nagy,** and myself, **Diane Nerem Wendel.** It was indeed a great time to join classmates from 1986 including *Anne Walker, Lisa Cortes Dawes, Jim Dowdle, H. Richard Collins, Dan Drieling* and honorary JCU alumni *Maura Rowley and Debbie Frain.* We missed many of you — see you at our 40th in 2025!

Congratulations to **Mary Pat Bluemle Maretz** on her daughter Maggie's engagement. Speaking of engagements, did you know our classmate **Gracie O'Rourke Joniak** is an expert on diamonds? Gracie was approached during the pandemic by many people who still wanted to get engaged but didn't know where to start. Realizing that people craved trustworthy, transparent advice on how to buy an engagement ring, she created Brilliant Insider Chicago. Much like someone would hire an attorney or a real estate agent, they are hiring engagement ring consultants to protect their interests. They work exclusively for the client and receive NO compensation from jewelers. Having been in the industry for over two decades, working with Tiffany and Co., Fey and Co., and Curated.com, Gracie knows the nuances of the diamond industry. As a result, she can help you find the perfect ring at the best value. They work virtually as well as in person. The jewelers with whom she works with have been personally selected and vetted to guarantee that their craftsmanship and values align with those of Brilliant Insider Chicago. Check out her website: www.brilliantinsiderchicago.com. Congratulations Gracie! My best to all, Diane

(Pictured below) L-R **Lisa Cortes Dawes, Anne Walker, Mary Beth Dawes Culbertson, Diane Nerem Wendel, and Dolores Beiswenger Kimberly.**

1986 | Jenny Labuda & Karen Judy
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Jenny and I are taking over this column from **Dan Dreiling** who needs more time to complete the novel he is writing. Rumor has it that it is the long awaited IXY secrets?! So sit back and grab a Molson or Little King and let's catch up with the class of 1986.

The 35th Reunion was a smash success. Our class had the largest attendance at the event. We were in the Big Top Tent (safety ramps included) with the largest bar and most blue hair.

We missed the live music of **John Solomon** and the DJ artistry of **PJ Kissane/ Mike Anderson.** So great to see so many familiar, happy faces. The strong bonds remain; for example **Sue Daley, Tonia Guglielmi, Gabby Orlando, Sue Matz, Peggy Rydzal, & Dee Dee DeGidio** take annual girl trips to Baltimore, Lexington, KY, and this year, Cleveland. The Murphy Girls, including **Annie Sutphin, Cathy Coyne, Eileen Gerity, Mary Hoenig, Luann Mayle, Jenny,** and **Karen** enjoyed 36 hours of nonstop laughter, drinking and catching up. Some things don't change. People travelled from long distances to attend — including **Cathy Maher** from Rochester, NY, **John Tomczak** from Buffalo, NY, and **Luann Mayle** from Marblehead, MA.

The class of 1986 has sent about 40 children to JCU. And several alumni have sent three children each to John Carroll including **John Grazia, Kathy Pero, Chuck Riley, and Carol & Paul Volpe.** **John Reilly's** daughter Kiera even worked at this reunion.

Cythnia Valena reported purchasing a church near Lake Erie that she plans to convert to a home/ retreat with stained glass windows included. Other University Heights attendees included **Jane Martin, Carol & Paul Volpe.** Other local attendees included **Caroline Hoffman, Paula Zerbi and Mary Kay Kennedy. Shannon Madigan & Jenny Labuda** were ready to perform a pom pom routine, "It's Raining Men," for the group but headed to the bar instead.



Jim Dowdle (aka “Large”) is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his first grandchild. Of course the baby will call him “Large” and his wife Joan will be referred to as “Mini”. **Rich “Howie” Collins, Large, Mike Lang, and John Tomczak** as well as **Dave Wechter, John Schumacher, and Rich Winger** represented Burnet Hall. The Miller girls, **Chris O’Brien Kramer, and Beth Bonanno**, were greatly missed.

Where were the basement Pacelli boys? No doubt drinking and dancing to Duran Duran or the Clash. Also in absentia were local Clevelanders including **Andy Logan, Billy Kahl, George Blaha, John Grazia, Bob Conrad and Paul Sanko**. **Mike Anderson’s** absence was conspicuous. Rumor has it that he was dining with Anthony Fauci. Smiling **Greg Morse** was remembered fondly.

Young John Carroll love continues to blossom as evidenced by these happy couples in attendance: **Dan & Janet Gaugler, Carol & Paul Volpe** (closest to JCU but last to arrive), **Cathy & Greg Fichtner, and Peggy & Mike Salamon**.

Looking forward to our next reunion in 2025!

Please send updates to include in this column to: Gflabuda@aol.com and karenjfoley@gmail.com. Otherwise we will be forced to embellish the facts as we know them.

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Another great update for our class, '87! I hope everyone has or will have a dinner set for September 25 for our first Blue Streaks Supper Club! This event will have two obvious benefits — dinner in or out with fellow Streaks and financial support for JCU. If you don't already have your group, register anytime before September 25 at www.jcu.edu.

Ed Sebold has been named General Counsel for Kyndryl, IBM's Managed Infrastructure Services business. Ed had most recently led IBM's

global litigation team. **Mary Kesicki McDermott's** daughter Elizabeth is engaged to her fiancé Alex. Elizabeth is in her final year at Georgetown. **Maura (Tighe) and Ted Horansky's** daughter Claire will play soccer for the College of Wooster this season. **Tom Paulson** is now Managing Director at RBC's Wealth Management group. Our talented classmate **John deHaas** received his M.A. in Professional Dramatic Writing from the University of Denver. His final capstone project is one many can relate to, with his original musical screenplay titled *After Prom* and set in Ohio in 1983. Also adding an advanced degree is **Dave Clifford** who received his PhD from Creighton. **Anita Felice** and **Jim Kazmierczak's** son Tommy graduated from St. Louis University and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army. Jim, retired Army Colonel, administered his oath of office. The long line of Haas family Army officers from JCU's ROTC program continues with **Carolyn (Peters) and Peter '89 Haas'** son Anthony's commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Military Intelligence Corps. **Vince Granito's** son Anthony was sworn in to the Euclid, Ohio Fire Department.

Eric Sosinski was featured in multiple media outlets' coverage of the passing of rock legend Michael Stanley. One of Eric's many musical roles was as part of Michael Stanley's bands, The Resonators, and the Midlife Chryslers. **Mario Becerra** was interviewed by Cleveland's Channel 19 on the effects of the COVID vaccination. **Erika Bodnar** thankfully made it through a rough COVID experience which required hospitalization. Erika is in the Columbus, Ohio area and shared that during her recovery, she relied on our teachings to search for meaning by our Jesuit and lay faculty. We are glad you are well, Erika!

Sadly, **Anita Felice Kazmierczak's** father, Sal from the class of '57, passed away in February; **Dave Clifford's** father David passed away in March, and **Chris Valenti's** father-in-law, Michael Kuba, passed away in July. Our sympathies to Anita, Dave, Chris and their families.

Finally, mark your calendars for this coming June for our 35th reunion! No

one does reunions like JCU, so stay tuned for more details coming soon! As always, please send me your updates and follow the class at our own Facebook group – [jcuclassof87](https://www.facebook.com/jcuclassof87). Onward, on, Class of '87!

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Hi everyone!
I hope this finds you all doing well. As I write this, July is coming to a close and we're all trying to grab the last bit of summer before fall arrives. Not many updates to share. I'm connected with many of you on social media so I've seen posts about taking awesome vacations, children graduating, getting married and having kids – which makes some of you grandparents!, people moving, getting new puppies and pets and sharing fun times out and about seeing family and friends. People are definitely getting back out which is great!

A few weeks ago, I took a fantastic two-week vacation to Maine and loved it. We spent a lot of time hiking and hanging out in Acadia National Park, which I highly recommend. The scenery and Maine coast were gorgeous, the fresh seafood was the best, and if you like blueberries, Maine is your place. Blueberries are in everything and it never got old ... blueberries in prosecco was a favorite!

I caught up with **Dave and Karyn (Sikaitis) Brickner** who are both doing well and splitting their time between Bratenahl, OH and Key West. In late July, they saw a great group of JCU'ers at the Celebration of Life for Pat Rahill, who passed away March, 2020. Pat is the brother of Seamus Rahill who's married to **Beth (Michalak) Rahill** of our class. Other JCU people who attended included Pat's wife, Katie Krebs Rahill, Dawn DiCillo, Dennis and Carrie Heppner, Tom Dale, Tim Chelikowsky, Brian Winovich, Joe Bokovitz, and Tim and Jolene Manning. It sounds

like it was a wonderful gathering to honor and remember Pat. Well ... that's all the news I have for now. Send me your updates and I look forward to hearing from you!

All the best,
Sharon

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Greetings 89'ers ... I hope you are all enjoying the summer of 2021 and are able to get out and finally enjoy some activities that are no longer restricted. Some exciting new updates this month, so let's get started ... Received a nice update from **Katherine Kerestman** about the publishing of her first nonfiction book entitled "Creepy Cat's Macabre Travels: Prowling Around Haunted Towers, Crumbling Castles, and Ghoulish Graveyards." Katherine was set to be interviewed by Eric Eickhoff for the Alumni Authors series but then Covid hit, so hopefully that has been rescheduled and completed. Katherine is available at creepykitty@protonmail.com for interviews or book signings. Congrats on the first book and best of luck going forward. Caught up via LinkedIn with **Patrick Longo** and he just celebrated 25 years with HCDC, Inc., a not-for-profit Economic Development Agency offering SBA loans and capital to start ups in Hamilton County. Pat has been married to wife Emmy for 24 years now and has two children at THE Ohio State University, Annie studying occupational therapy and Brian in the computer science program. The Longos enjoy working out, playing soccer, skiing and family time. Keep up the good work, Pat, and best of luck to the kids completing college. Jennifer and **John Fox** are excited to send off their youngest daughter and last child to college in the fall; Bridget will attend Michigan State University following in both her mother, Jennifer, and her sister Colleen's footsteps, GO GREEN. John and Jennifer are enjoying their condo in Bonita Bay and we recently enjoyed a weekend at their Michigan home with **Dr. Dan Soucie** at the Wyndgate member guest invitational tournament; good times. **Mary Kay O'Malley** is running

for Cleveland City Council in Ward 17. West Park area residents, show her the JCU love and cast your ballot her way! Check out her website at www.omalleyforward17.com. She has some wonderful ideas for the area and is already out there making a difference, Go Mary Kay and best of luck! And finally I noticed **Sue Zachary** and **Lauree Ann Pop** got together recently for a little R&R and some cocktailing, I believe in Hilton Head; looked like some fun was had and all good there. Sue has son Remi heading off to play soccer at Colorado College in the fall. That is all for now, Streaks, best of luck to all for the rest of 2021 and be safe.

Peace, David

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Greetings class of '90! We hope you are enjoying your summer. The JCU alumni reunion was well attended this past June. The weather cooperated and it was a great event. Attendees from our class included **Patrick Brennan, Tom DiSalvatore, Christopher Drajem, Sean Fausto, Sharon Hart, Chris Jurcisek Johnson, Susan Walter Kelly, Tom Kundmueller, Gary Naim, Jane Wagner, Jane Wagner Nicolette, Mark Perretta, Sue Lock Ruane, Sheila Sexton, Sue Zurkovski Swain, Melissa Rettew Wenzler.** Check out the JCU website for many amazing photos from the event!



Reunion fun!

Please send you news and updates, we'd love to hear from you! Stay well!

1991 | Betsy Trabren

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Betsy Benander Trabren here as the new class columnist! It was great seeing many of you at our 30th reunion in June. This is a little bit of what is happening in my busy life right now. I've been married for 29 years to my husband, Ken. We have seven children; five boys and two girls, ages 11 thru 25, along with four dogs, a cat, and many other pets including 15 axolotls. We are living in South Euclid. I've been working as the Clerk of Council in Richmond Heights for 22 years taking minutes at all the City Council meetings. I am also taking classes and working on another degree in Health Information Management Technology at Tri-C, and really looking forward to a new career.

Molly Coughlin Fanta was a joy to hang out with at the reunion! She is enjoying her job working at the Ohio Lottery Marketing Department in Cleveland. She is living on the near west side with her kids, Katie, Martin, and Coletta, and two lovely Havanese dogs, Teddy & Moccasin. Her oldest son, John Fanta, is a graduate of St. Ignatius ('13) and Seton Hall University. He is currently a broadcaster and host for Fox Sports and the Big East Digital Network. He was named to the Sportscasters' Talent Agency of America's "30 under 30" list for broadcast talents and lives in Hoboken, NJ.

It was also great seeing **Carole Kovach** at the reunion, who has been teaching in Shaker Heights for a number of years. **Debbie Cammarata-Syroney** is also a teacher at North Royalton high school, teaching Spanish. **Michael Geraghty** has been living in Detroit, MI since August 1994 when he moved there for law school. He is married with an 11-year-old son and lives in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. He is a principal at Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook specializing in medical malpractice/birth trauma defense. **Heidi Lanesky-**

Snyder says she is just happy to be alive in northeast Ohio. She is married with a 13-yr-old who she's been homeschooling for the past couple years and a dog as well. She has been working as a paralegal for 28 years in Beachwood.

Rose Fini was recently elected President of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. What an accomplishment! **Onofrio Palazzolo** is currently the President of US Polymers Accurez in St. Louis. He moved to St. Louis back in 2018 with his wife, son, and their dog.

Tina SeChrist Bunn is living with her husband, Scott, in Austin, TX. They have two kids; Logan is 25, and Serena is 23. Logan is a graduate of Texas Tech and Serena is a Sooner!! They are living in Austin, TX where she is an art teacher at a middle school. Tina would love to hear from her friends in the education department and can be reached at tbunn271@gmail.com. **Lucia Wasserbauer Srail** had a bit of legacy news as well with her son Pierce Srail, who just graduated JCU with his MBA! He is a 2019 graduate of the Boler school of Business and now a 2021 JCU MBA graduate. He has worked for Mettler-Toledo for the past two years and will now be their Global Supply Chain Security Specialist. **Mike Case** lives in the Akron area. After doing the news and sports in Akron, Cleveland, and Youngstown (about 20 years there) on the local news stations he has transitioned to sales and marketing at Avalon Golf and Country Club and The Grand Resort in Warren, Ohio. Check out their website at www.thegrandresort.com. Mike is still doing the TV thing as well, and has a show that airs on Sundays in the Youngstown Market called Valley Spotlight. It's a fun show that has stories of cool things going on in the community. If interested, check it out at www.valleyspotlight.com

Chris Amino Saltzman is married to Steve Saltzman, owner of Dave's Market, Sweetberry, and Peppers Market. They live in Pepper Pike. She has two stepdaughters, ages 25 and 27. She worked at Pepsi for 25 years and left six years ago. They also have the love of their lives, Lucy, a six-pound Yorkishon who keeps them joyful and busy.

I would love to get more updates from many more of you so PLEASE send me your news and stories about your lives, as I would love to hear from all of you! I hope everyone is doing well, being productive, and staying healthy and happy. Please email me at: betsytrabren87@gmail.com.

-Betsy Benander Trabren

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Hello, Fellow 1992 Classmates! I hope all is well with you. I am your new class columnist. As I write my first column for the alumni magazine while watching the Tokyo 2020 (in 2021) Olympics, I just realized that the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona occurred right after we graduated. It's hard to believe that was almost 30 years ago! That means next year is our reunion year! The alumni office is already discussing plans for next year. They may return to the entire weekend format. If any decisions are made, I'll let you know in the next issue. During these last three decades, which have flown by in the blink of an eye, my family has moved all over the country. I have enjoyed teaching in four different states, some of those states multiple times. Our most recent move, which was to Houston, Texas, was quite different from the rest of our moves, as my OSU-grad husband and I are now empty nesters. Our daughter is a 2020 Marquette graduate (keeping the Jesuit tradition going) and our son is starting his senior year at The Ohio State University. Living here in Houston has given me a wonderful opportunity to teach English as a Second Language to adults from all over the world. I absolutely love conversing with my students, and I truly believe I learn more from them than they do from me. Thank you **Dan Georges** and **Matt Slife** for reaching out to say hello. It was great to hear from you. If any of you have any updates for the next issue, or just want to say hi, please send me an email. I would love to hear from you and share your news with the class. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer, and please stay safe.

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Hello class of '93! We hope you're having a great summer! Please send us your news and updates, we'd love to hear from you! Stay well!

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Hope that everyone is doing well, as life is returning to normal. It's nice that people can travel and get together with friends from JCU, like **Melissa Lohman Manner, Kathryn Settembre Kowcheck, Meghan Davis Roig, Lara Vidmar Slatniske, and Sarah Kocian Alzamora** who had a girls weekend in Georgia. (pictured)

It was great to hear from **Leighanne Kramer Hustak**, who has been working for Cleveland Clinic for 14 years and was recently promoted to Regional Operations Advance Practice Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Manager. She worked previously in Internal Medicine and Online Care through the pandemic for CCF, but is excited about the opportunity to further serve patients and providers in practice locations surrounding Cleveland. Leighanne and her husband Eric will be married for 25 years in 2022 and have three kids, Greg, 21; Liam, 17; and Margaret Anne, 15. **Maria De Michele** is also working for the Cleveland Clinic Foundation at Hillcrest Hospital in Orthopedics and Rheumatology. Maria started there in October 2020 as a patient service specialist. She started working at the



clinic when she was at John Carroll as an intern, but left to raise a family, and now she is back. Cleveland Clinic is lucky to have both of you.

I'm excited for my son to start forming wonderful friendships like all of us did at JCU. At orientation, he already made friends from PA and NJ. I still remember my orientation roommate, **Christine Navarro**, and meeting a group of guys from Cleveland: **Mark Kozel, Sal Mileti, JC Calzada, Randy Pruchnicki**. Freshmen now live in Campion (Gnu) and Hamlin (East). Murphy is totally updated and Dolan is closed this year for renovations. The last renovation was probably when they had to renovate from the fire our Sophomore year. You can follow @jcuceslife on Instagram for updates on the renovation. We might have had to "rough it" more than our kids, but it is nice to see JCU keeping up with the times and attracting students. Don't forget to join our class Facebook page or email me with updates. Katie

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So many of us are sending our kids off to college these days and it is so fun to hear about ones that are choosing JCU. I had dinner with **Kathy Apple Francis** and **Annie Shane Bayne** recently and Annie reports that her niece is enjoying her college years at JCU. Annie and Tim's daughter, Grace, is heading to the University of Wisconsin this fall. My daughter, Gigi will be a sophomore at Elon University; all three of us still have sons in high school.

I heard from **Ashley Maurer Blevens** back in the winter and she reports: "As I write this we are heading up to Hidden Valley — we rented a cottage for February and plan on skiing as much as we can. My girls — Morgan (8) and Reese (5) — are learning and it's a great way to enjoy the outdoors in the winter!! Pandemic has been wild. We have been fortunate with schooling — Morgan is in second grade at St. Kilian, and they have been going back full time since the fall. Our youngest is in her last year of daycare, which is also 5 five days a week. Just like everyone we are ready to get back to normal,

and are thankful we have not lost anyone close to us. I still talk to **Lauren (Colaizzi) Henzler** and **Beth (Symanowicz) Pero, Susie (Marsick) Martin** and **Gil (Geating) Cooper.**" Although they are probably going to kill me for writing about them, I am going to give you a glimpse of the lives of friends that kept me going throughout the pandemic ... friends who, just like all of us, have had their own COVID-19 heartaches and battles. Let me start with beautiful **Claire Mooney DeHorn** and husband David: they are in Chicago and spent much of the pandemic year with their youngest daughter Mackenzie, while working and teaching from home ... **Annie (Shane) Bayne** and Tim Bayne did much of the same in New Jersey with three teenagers; an adorable photo of the two of them from our college years resurfaced during a recent visit from **Kathy Apple Francis** and **Carole Chandler Sullivan** in Ohio. **Michelle (Cull) Lease** and husband Peter live in New Jersey with their two kids. Annie Bayne helped Michelle with her yard sale this spring. It was actually an event. I highly recommend following Michelle and her dogs on Instagram. By the way, Michelle and Peter's kids are like their literal mini-me's ... so cute!! I hear from **Monica Duflock** and **Nathalie Lacouture** occasionally ... still living their best lives in Cleveland and California, raising kids, working a ton and basically killing it. My colleague from work ran into **Kelly (Miller) and David Stukus** recently and said they were great ... doing amazing things in Chagrin Falls and also parents to two teens.

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Hello, Class of 96! Our Reunion event was amazing and we were the best represented Class of the 90s! We had the freedom to meet up with classmates on Friday and then we all came together for the Saturday event at JCU. Friday was fun (and more fun for some :) with visits to Lee Road. The Alumni Office put together a great reunion event, which was a giant outdoor picnic on the Quad. We were loosely grouped together by decades and could visit food trucks, games, bars, and walk around

campus. I would highly recommend the next one. Please check out the photos on the website. There is a great group picture and many more ... Thanks **Jeff Kadlub** for pulling the group together. I also want to give a big shout out to **Jonathan Boyle** for managing the class Facebook page. If you are not already on it, please join. JB is an Assistant Professor in the Business & Accounting department at Carroll Community College in Westminster, Maryland. Would love to be in one of his classes! Hope everyone had a great summer and your fall is going well. Looking forward to sharing more details in the next article. All the best & much success, G.O.

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Just one update from the Class of 1997: **Angel (Kornuc) McNeeley** finished her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from The American College of Education in September, 2020. Her commencement ceremony was on July 31, 2021. Angel's husband, Michael McNeeley (who also attended JCU, but graduated from Cleveland State University), is a Lieutenant in the fire service, and they live in Punta Gorda, FL. If anyone has any other updates, please send them my way!

1998 | Michael Gildea
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Greetings, friends. I hope you and your families continue to stay healthy as we work to defeat COVID-19 with the safe and effective vaccines. I heard from several of our classmates, so here we go.

Congratulations to **Lisa (Knall) Buck** and **Michael Buck** who, in October 2020, welcomed home their newest son, Juan-David Michael, who was age 9 at the time and from Colombia. He is joined at home with his big sister Addison and big brother Jake. The Bucks live in northern Virginia. (pictured above middle)

Congratulations to **Lisa Ann (Tekancic) Salamat '98G** on publishing her new book *The*



Curiosity Adventures of Miss Alley ~ Frankie and the Felines under her pen name Lea Truman. Though the work is intended for children ages ten to twelve, Miss Alley will inspire and capture the hearts of children and adults alike! This is a delightful and endearing story, told from the cat's perspective. After being abandoned as a kitten, Miss Alley is rescued by a kind lady. Her "human" parents smother her with love and provide her with all sorts of creature comforts. As she grows into a young feline lady, Miss Alley wonders about her Feline Mum and the big world outside. One day she sneaks out in search of her Feline Mum. What Miss Alley discovers is the meaning of acceptance, family, friendship, and unconditional love. Visit leatruman.com or amazon.com to order your copy today.

Amy (Slisz) Hradek shared she was at a soccer competition this past June in Grand Park, IN and ran into fellow classmate **Grant Varnum** there. Their daughters both happened to be representing OH North in the subregional Olympic Development Program tournament. **Matt Lemieux** and his wife, who live in the area, also made an appearance to cheer on the OH North girls. It was a fun weekend and the girls represented OH well by winning all their games. Congratulations! And she further shared it was nice catching up with fellow classmates too!

As I wrap up, for ongoing updates and news from your fellow classmates, please check out our

Class of 1998 Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/jcu1998. Have a great and safe holiday season. Mike

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Jeffery R. Downey is now the new leader of the FBI field office in El Paso, Texas. Previously, he served as the section chief at the FBI's Critical Incident Response Group, which shares intelligence, trains agents, and assists field offices in managing crises.

2000 | Lisa (Foster) Smith & Clare Taft
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It was great to see so many of our classmates enjoying our 20-year reunion this summer! Your photos and posts were a great way to catch up with old friends, even if some of us were only there in spirit. While our reunion was postponed a year, those who attended had a great time and it was worth the wait! Our classmate **Laura Catena** has been hard at work, not just as a veterinarian, but also as an inventor and entrepreneur. After a potentially career-ending injury sustained while she was working in emergency medicine, Laura invented the ArmOR Hand Glove, which provides protection against injury for those in veterinary medicine and other professions involving working with animals. Laura's product provides dexterity, allowing proper and safe animal restraint, as well as the ability to perform procedures. Due to the pandemic, there is an increased awareness globally on infectious disease transmission, so when anyone is working with animals, it is vital to use a safety glove that can be disinfected, which is the case with her invention. Congratulations on your invention and success, Laura! For those who haven't contacted us in a while, please send us your updates so we can include them here. *Have fun and keep us informed...Clare and Lisa*

2001 | Maureen (Fariello) DeMers

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Greetings class of '01! It was great to have so many of the 2001 alumni back on campus for this year's reunion celebration. There was an amazing turnout! Attendees from our class included **James Burrows, Meghann Campbell Hubach, Laurel Cox Maurer, Catherine Barton Cummings, Aimee Grabski Ursic, Kelly Hatgas Patten, Michael Hill, Carly Klein Roberts, Kevin Klein, Kelly Lee Cummings, Lora McDonald, Rebecca Miscenik, Chris Pap, Julie Ratchuk Scaffidi, John Shiga, Mary Soeder, Lindsey Tomaszewski Bisheimer, Jacci Tomsic, Christa Vrabel Lombardo, Shelby Werner Spare, Ana Wichmann Garabis, and Joe Wittine**. Be sure to check the JCU website for many incredible photos from this event.

Please continue to send your news and updates! Stay well!

2002 | Kristen McVean

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Hi all, I hope that you had an amazing summer and that you're enjoying fall. I'm thrilled to share that **Sarah (Kalina) Forrer** was named John Carroll's new Director of Marketing and Creative Services. She is so excited to return to Carroll in this capacity. Sarah, her husband Brent, and their children, Hadley and William live in Hudson. In other news, a group of my softball teammates reunited for some fun at **Melissa (Samblanet) Stull's** house this summer. I was sorry to miss it, but I know that our classmates **Theresa (Litz) Somich, Lauren (Gambatese) Petrello, and Kari Nelson**, had a blast reminiscing and spending time together, along with our teammates **Melissa, Aimee (Ippolito) Trombly and Brandie (Barczak) DeMario**. Stay well, and please keep the news coming.

Thanks! Kristen

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Hello, class of 2013! Please send us your news and updates. We hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer!

2004 | Paul Clapp

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Hello Classmates — A follow up from a previous update from **James Day's** Book, Saint Michael the Archangel. His book has sold over 5,000 copies to date. He also wrote, produced, edited, and co-hosted a documentary miniseries with Dr. Vincent Nguyen, D.O. of Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach, CA that debuted worldwide on EWTN Global Catholic Network in June 2021. It's called *Whole Person Care* and explores the moral and theological components of Catholic health care in end-of-life stages. I was also able to catch up with **Matt Sulzer** at the recent JCU Football Alumni Outing. He let me know that he, Cara, and children are doing great and living in Gates Mills. Please make sure to send me any updates you may have, so we can get more in the next issue. So much is happening, let's make sure to keep our classmates up to date. Thanks! Paul

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Monica L. Orlando (Ferece), Ph.D., and her husband **Joe Orlando** recently returned to the Cleveland area after living for five years in southern Ohio, where Monica worked as a professor at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth. She's now teaching English at her alma mater, Magnificat High School, in Rocky River. Joe works as an attorney. The couple has three boys: Benjamin, Jonah, and Elliot. **Natalie Scala, Ph.D.**, shared that her work on elections security was recently recognized with a University System of Maryland Board of Regents Award for Excellence in Public Service — the system's highest faculty honor across all public campuses in the state. In addition, the U.S. Elections Assistance Commission recognized Anne Arundel County (in partnership with TU) with a 2020 Clearinghouse Award for Outstanding Innovation in Election Cybersecurity and Technology. Congratulations, Natalie!

2006 | Allison Kaufman

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Hello, Class of 2006! I hope you had a wonderful summer. Although it was smaller than previous years, being back on campus and reconnecting with classmates at the alumni reunion was a real highlight for me. Our class has so many exciting updates to share.

Scott Duryea and his wife Sam welcomed their third child, Mila Ann, in June. She joins proud big sister Sofia (6) and big brother Luka (2). **Annamae (Heiman)** and Nick Kacsandi welcomed their second child and future Blue Streak, Colin Joseph, on June 12, 2021. He joins big brother Andrew and puppies Tully and Solo. Nick is currently Vice President at TechConnect Ventures and Annamae manages the USO in Orlando, Florida. Phil and **Dana (Frank) Schneeberger** welcomed their second son, Cameron Joseph, on May 17. **Lindsay (Sykes) Haller** and her husband Joe welcomed their third daughter, Bianca Grace, on April 9. Bianca joins proud big sisters Isla and Camilla. **Daphne Blader** and husband Ethan welcomed son Mac Carson on April 6. He joins his 1-and-a-half-year-old brother Beau David on fun adventures around their neighborhood in Grafton, Wisconsin. **Julie (Rees) Huber** and her husband Eric welcomed their third son, Elliot Bradley, on March 26. **Rory O'Neill**, wife **Amanda '07**, and their daughter Rooney welcomed another beautiful baby girl, Rowan Louise, on March 12. **Angela (Rapchak) Guzman** and her husband Ramon welcomed their fourth child, Josephina Elise, on February 25. Angela has been teaching 5th grade in the Nordonia Hills School District for 15 years. **Milko Cecez**, wife Gordana, and daughter Mila, welcomed a baby boy, Marko. Milko is an attorney for school districts. **Natalie (Singer) Meyer**, husband Chris, and daughter Cameran welcomed Brett Matthew into their family on October 28. Natalie is also the owner of a full-service interior decorating, design, and home stage and styling company, CNC Home

& Design, in Cleveland. Her firm was awarded one of Houzz's Best of 2021 in Service. Congratulations Natalie!

Bethany (Glassbrenner) Beal

celebrated her fifth anniversary with American Eagle Outfitters and was promoted to the Director of Treasury. She also started piano lessons, a longtime bucket list item. Way to go Bethany! **Joe Otonichar** was recently promoted to Senior Psychiatrist with NYC Health & Hospitals. He works in the jail on Rikers Island in NYC and recently got engaged to Yecika Santos. Best wishes to you both! **Brian Wren** is the Director of Social Work at a large regional 500-bed hospital in Hollywood, California. He and his partner, Javier, live in the Los Feliz neighborhood of Los Angeles and recently visited Javier's family in Colombia. **Bill Costigan** is a managing director at Guggenheim Partners. He recently moved from Santa Monica, California to Sun Valley, Idaho with his wife and their two young daughters. **Hamed Hamad** recently started Fedora Food, a Cleveland-based company that specializes in ready-to-bake/fry falafel, using a 40-year-old family recipe to honor his late father. Father **Chris Zerucha** is the tenth pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Akron. He has enjoyed getting to collaborate with different alumni on various projects in his parish and the diocese, and wrote "I am reassured and extra confident when I know it is a fellow Blue Streak I am working with!" I think we can all agree with Father Chris! I always love hearing from the class. Until next time!

2007 | Lisa (Iafelice) Catalano

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Hello, Class of 2007! It was great to hear so many good things happening with our classmates! Congratulations to **Dan Greene** and his family on the birth of their fourth child! Dan and his family recently moved down south to Nashville, TN for a new job opportunity. In his spare time this spring, Dan coached his son's flag football team to an undefeated championship season. Rory O'Neil '06 and **Amanda (Rembold) O'Neil** welcomed their second daughter,



Rowan Louise O'Neil, on March 12, 2021, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. and 18.5 inches tall. Congratulations and best wishes! If you're looking for something new to read with your family, we have the answer! **Erin Kobrinski Slivka** (pictured above) has recently started a company and written a series of five children's books, all of which are focused around instilling success and achievement principles in young kids from an early age. Check out her company's website to learn more: www.littlelegacylibrary.com. Warm wishes to **Christina Phillis** and Chris Hooton ('08), who were married on October 24, 2020 in Pittsburgh. As always, keep the news coming!



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Hello, everyone! Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe! It's been a crazy time, but we just have to keep smiling and continue to have hope. Let's start off with some amazing news. Congratulations to **Rodney Gallaway '08** and **Eileen Walsh '08** who welcomed their baby girl, Hayes Marie Gallaway, born May 24, 2021! Enjoy all the amazing memories you'll make with your bundle of joy! Our class has some amazing heroes such as Army Major **Kevin Weaver '08**, (pictured below middle) who was stationed at Camp Arifjan Kuwait and throughout the Middle East earlier this year, where he commanded the 33rd FMSU. He was commissioned through JCU's Army ROTC program. Thank you so much for your service!

We also have **Renea Gombos (Arko)** who started a new online tutoring company offering one-on-one support to students of all ages. You can visit stemsarter.com for more info! Keep up the great work, Renea! It was a short, but amazing news cycle for our class. Please reach out whenever you have news, so we can share with everyone! Until next time! XOXO Ann

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This issue's column is full of news worth celebrating! **Father Joseph Repko** is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination this year. Fr. Joe is the pastor of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Clinton Township, Michigan. **Megan (Teter) Pastron** and her husband, Bryan, welcomed a son last year. Camden Blake Pastron was born on September 16, 2020. **Rebecca (Taylor) Frank** and her husband, Devin, welcomed their son, Theodore Taylor Frank, in early January 2021. Theodore is a smiley, happy baby, and Rebecca shares that he just loves to make noise. Rebecca and Devin are also expecting a baby girl in December 2021, just in time for Christmas! Rebecca says that Theodore is excited that he will be able to celebrate his first birthday with a little sister by his side.



I look forward to being able to share more happy news from the Frank family in the near future! If you or any of your alumni friends are celebrating any milestones or accomplishments, please do not hesitate to reach out so that we can share the joy with the JCU community. Best wishes to all!

2010 | Megan O'Keefe
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Hope everyone is having a great summer, and I hope you were able to make it to the rescheduled reunion at John Carroll this year for our class and that you were able to catch up with each other. It looked like it was a great weekend for those that were able to attend!

With 2020 behind us, it looks like this year has been moving along a little more smoothly for many of you. **Maggie Thomas (Fenstermaker) '10**, her husband Donald Thomas, and 2-year-old son Jack welcomed baby brother Logan on Monday, July 26 at 8:17am. Logan was 8 lbs., 2 oz. and 20.5 inches long. He is happily adjusting to life at home in Oakmont, PA.

Shaylyn (Mahoney) Elliott '10 and **Greg Elliott '10** welcomed a daughter, Kylie Jane, on May 9, 2021. Shaylyn and Greg live and work on the east side of Cleveland.

Kyle Scheerer '11 and **Zia Sirabella '10** welcomed their second daughter, Gianna Eva Sirabella-Scheerer, on July 8th; their daughter Mia is now four.

Megan (Daw) Mannering, her husband, Clayton Mannering and big brother Ezekiel Mannering welcomed Esther (Esty) Mannering on April 27, 2021.

I hope this year is treating you well, and wish you the best in the final half of 2021!

2011 | Maura Jochum
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It was wonderful to reconnect and see many of you at the Alumni Golfing Outing and on campus at our 10th Reunion in June. I know for many it was a difficult year to travel back to campus, but I hope you consider attending a regional alumni event in your city, joining an alumni event that has a virtual component, or making the trip back to campus in order to stay connected to our alma mater. There are so many ways to get involved with the life of our JCU community. Don't be afraid to share your time and talents with the University. If you are looking for ways to get involved, let me know.

We have added several Future Blue Streaks in the last few months!

Meg Haglin Vaysben and her husband, Alex, welcomed Olivia to the world on June 5, 2021. **Tom Schaberl** and his wife, Marissa, welcomed daughter Elena Goldie on July 1, 2021. Tom reports mom and baby are doing well! **Steve Sluzynsky** and his wife, Alyssa, welcomed their son, Ulysses Gabriel, on May 9, 2021 — a special Mother's Day gift for Alyssa! **Karl Roshong** and his wife of two years, Brooke, welcomed daughter Rian to the world on June 23, 2021. Karl recently completed the Educational Leadership program at Baldwin Wallace University and earned his principal's license. He has a Masters in Secondary Education from JCU and is entering his eighth year as an English and Broadcast Journalism teacher at North Ridgeville High School. Additionally, he coaches the high school football team. In late 2020, **Katie (Knox) Emling** and her husband, Jake, founded Root 42 Harvests. Katie writes, "You could say our small business was created when our passion for gardening met a purpose, which is to do our part to provide fresh, clean, and local produce to our community and greater Northeast Ohio. We grow our herbs, lettuces, and leafy greens inside our

commercial greenhouse in Medina, OH." Be sure to check out Katie and Jake's website: www.root42harvests.com.

Until next time, be well! With love for JCU, Maura

2012 | Emily Herfel, D.O.
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The opportunity to share with the John Carroll Community some happy news from the spring and summer of 2021 is a breath of fresh air! We welcome the newest future members of the Blue Streak family. **Megan (Lutz) Petraska '12** and husband **Andy Petraska '12** share the news of their first child, Adeline Anne. They are so in love! Happy to share that one of my JCU roommates, **Abby (Curtain) Teare**, and her husband Ethan welcomed beautiful baby girl Margorie Theresa on May 21, 2021! Another dear friend, **Emily (Day) Grace '12, '13G**, and her husband **Joe Grace '12, '13G** would like to share with the world baby Anne Rose who was born on June 16th. Congratulations, Emily, on your beautiful baby and graduation from law school!

John Carroll officially added another Carroll Couple! **Meghan Sluzynsky '12** and **Teddy Dellas '12** were married on May 29th across the street from JCU at the Church of Gesu. Wedding photos were taken on John Carroll's campus. Two Class of '12 alum were in the wedding party: **Deni (Klein) Strong '12** was the matron of honor and **Michael Lombardo '12** was a groomsman. **Alex Sword '12** married Frank Danko on the same weekend! Alex shared that planning a wedding during a pandemic brought a lot of challenges, and even the weather looked like it was not going to clear, but magically around 2p.m., the sun came out and it was the PERFECT day! As the couple celebrates their first year of marriage, they are enjoying the energy of a pandemic puppy!

Elizabeth-Burton Jones '12 shares impressive news of a new job. She will be joining the communications team of a multi city, full-service communications firm, Seven Letter.

Elizabeth joins the team after seven years of communications roles for members of Congress on Capitol Hill. Most recently, she worked as the press secretary for Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH). Congratulations! **D'Von Gay** also was thrilled to share work-related news, as he has been selected as an Attraction Manager for Major League Baseball. Over the 4th of July weekend, D'Von traveled to Denver, Colorado to manage events. Throughout 2021 he also became a certified Track & Field and Baseball official for the OHSAA. He shared that he has also been doing lots of creative writing and has completed 35 papers since 2015 as a part of a book on knowledge and life experiences, which he aims to publish in the next five years. Amidst his busy work schedule and writing, he has shared in family time, including with his mother on her 50th birthday and with his goddaughters. He has set some goals for 2021 and is looking forward to sharing the rest of 2021 with friends and family!

On a personal note, over the next year I will be compiling our class notes from Kenya, as my job takes on an exciting advancement in research and clinical duties! 2020 and this year have been tough on multiple dimensions. Please remember to give yourself grace. - Emily

2013 | Larry Napoli
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Esther (D'Mello) Salata, currently living in Allentown, PA, started a new business called Benesafe Solutions LLC. They manufacture and sell plant-based insect repellent that is safe for kids, pets, and the environment, used to treat your yard for fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes. Her hope was to find a way to solve the problem of pests in the yard, while making sure her dog was safe. **Owen Timlin**, and his wife Kathryn, welcomed a baby, Josephine Mary Timlin, on September 26, 2020. Owen, Kathryn, and Josie currently reside in Solon, OH. **Ellen Day** and Conor Suba '12 were married on September 5, 2020 in Cleveland. (Picture top right) They celebrated their marriage surrounded by friends and family, including a number of



JCU alums. Ellen also earned her doctorate in May 2021 from the University of Detroit Mercy in Clinical Psychology and is completing her residency in Geropsychology in Cleveland.

Mecca Madhun and Danny Ghalayini were engaged on February 9, 2021 at the Arcade in Cleveland. They are planning a wedding in Orlando for March 2022. **Larissa (Rodriguez) Oster**, and her husband, Mitchell, welcomed their first child, a boy, Maclin Lee Oster, on March 17, 2021. In June 2021, Chris Hammond started as a resident physician in Internal Medicine at OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, OH. **Brittani Natale**, and fiancée Daniel Tufariello, welcomed their first child, Giuliana Marie Tufariello, on April 7, 2021. The new parents are also busy planning a wedding in the spring of 2022. **Patrick O'Brien** and Courtney Carter got engaged on April 30, 2021 in Findlay, OH. The couple is planning to wed on October 22, 2022 in Buffalo, NY. **Megan (Lowes) Bolin** graduated in May 2021 from Creighton University, earning her doctorate in Interdisciplinary Leadership in Education. Her dissertation topic was "The Young Adult Leaders of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland: A Qualitative Study on the New Generation of Volunteer Leaders in Parish Ministry." **Gage Trott** and Sudipa Biswas were married on May 30, 2021 in Toledo, OH. They celebrated their marriage over two weekend ceremonies, shared with family and friends and

a few JCU alumni in the wedding party: **Kevin McCall**, **Chase Banyots**, **Larry Napoli**, and Harry Schneider '14. **Katie (Warner) McCauley**, and husband Ross, welcomed their first child, Charles "Charlie" Warner McCauley, on July 25, 2021. They are currently living in Indianapolis and Katie is working for the University of Notre Dame. **Kaylie (Carnes) Elias**, and husband **Luke '12**, welcomed their second baby, Luke Matthew Elias, on February 25, 2021. He joins older sister, Adaline, and her parents who reside in St. Louis. Please feel free to send updates to the alumni office or to my email address. As well, don't be afraid to call me or reach out on Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn.

2014 | Desiree Tercek
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I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer! Love is in the air for the class of 2014 as there is a lot of exciting engagement news to share. Congratulations to **Christina Minjares** and **Alex Allio**. Alex proposed to Christina in September 2020 at Gervasi Vineyard. They met at WJCU, working their radio shifts in 2012. They are planning a September 2022 wedding at The Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Cleveland, OH.

I recently became engaged as well, in March 2021! My fiancé Josh proposed on one of our favorite hikes in Tonto National Forest outside of Phoenix, AZ. We met in 2018 at the Cleveland Clinic and are planning a July 2022 wedding.



Alyssa (Giannirakis) Raybuck married William Raybuck on September 26, 2020 at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cleveland Heights. Friends and family were in attendance, including maid of honor and sister of the bride, Marina Giannirakis '17, and bridesmaids **Chelsea (Gerken) McTigue** and **Lauren (McPherson) Konst**. Alyssa works in Advancement for The City Club of Cleveland and Will is an Associate Relationship Manager for Fifth Third Bank.

Congratulations to **Erminia Perla-Severini** and her fiancé Nick! Erminia and Nick were on a special trip out west in April and Nick proposed in Prescott, AZ. The couple is planning a June 2022 wedding in Akron, OH. Finally, congratulations to **Jackie Murrer** on her engagement! Jackie's fiancé Rob proposed while on a trip to Yellowstone National Park in April. Jackie and Rob are planning a June 2022 wedding in Buffalo, NY. Please continue to send your updates to me via email, Facebook, or LinkedIn to be included in future columns!

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Desiree

2015 | Bri Lazarchik
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Hey there, Blue Streaks! I hope you all are maintaining your hope and strength as life moves onward. To begin with a personal update, this will be my last column (at least for now) as your representative. I have thoroughly enjoyed remaining anchored to our class community in this way. It is amazing to pause and consider just how much life we have all lived in the last six years. You all will remain in my prayers, and I am certain you are in good hands with our new class writer! But for now, the final round of updates, starting with our classmates who are reaching the doctoral level of their studies ... **Anna Hayburn** recently earned her PsyD at Wright State University's School of Professional Psychology earlier this year and completed her postdoctoral residency in pain psychology at the Cleveland



VA Medical Center. **Scott Willis** graduated from California University of Pennsylvania in December 2019 and joined the faculty of Ursuline College, now directing and designing the Bachelor's degree program in exercise science. **Alexandra Higl-Timms** married Michael Timms in May 2021. **Lauren Freitas** and Matthew Gold were engaged in February 2021. **Luis Quintana** moved to Philadelphia to accept a supervisor position at Teach For America. **Mallory Wilk** (pictured) became a Certified Flight Instructor in May 2021 and accepted a full-time flight instructor position with Skyborne Airline Academy in July 2021.

Jake Hollinger will begin an MBA at Columbia Business school in the fall. **Kayley (Jones) Baron** welcomed baby Robert into the world on June 17, 2021. Congratulations to **Eugene Claridge** and his wife Briana, who were married August 1, 2020 at Church of the Gesu and then celebrated their reception at Windows on the River. They are pictured in front of The Shark Exhibit at the Greater Cleveland Aquarium. Congratulations to these Blue Streaks, and so many others who are out there doing amazing things that didn't make it into print. I am proud to consider myself among you, and it has been an honor to represent you in this way over the last four years. Signing off for the last time, in continued pursuit of the greater glory of God, Bri.



2016 | Madeline Sweeney
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Congratulations to the newest Carroll Couple, **Colin Curtis & Allison (Monahan) Curtis**, who were married on July 4, 2021 after delaying their wedding one year due to COVID. Please continue to send your news and updates!

2017 | Seeking Class Columnist
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Hello, class of 2017! We hope you are enjoying summer and staying well! Be sure to mark your calendar for the alumni reunion next year. We will be celebrating classes ending in 2s and 7s. We look forward to seeing you back on campus the weekend of June 10-11, 2022.

Please continue to send your news and updates to the alumni office at journal@jcu.edu.

2018 | Michael Andelbrandt

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Greetings, Blue Streaks! It is refreshing to write to our community as we approach what will hopefully be a normal school year. Seeing as we missed out on homecoming last year, save the date for October 2nd! It would be great to connect and celebrate with a lot of you all! Update-wise, we always have some exciting things happening in our class. Thank you again to everyone who shared updates on themselves or for their family/friends. Feel free to email me year-round with whatever may come up!

Personally, I am now back at JCU working in the office of admission. If you know any high school students who you think would be a good fit at Carroll please send them my way! **Emma Skerl** is a fourth year medical student at OUHCOM. Emma was also chosen to be a PCA during her fourth year and is teaching as an OU faculty member. **Kyle Richnavsky** graduated from Slippery Rock's Physician Assistant program during 2020, has passed his boards, and now is working in the Cleveland Clinic surgery department! Congrats to our JCU double grads who recently were able to celebrate their graduation, including **Justina Forston, Adrianna Deptula, Maggie Schramm, Ruthie DuBois, Nick Imbrogno, Natalie Bourlas, Allie Salata**, and others!

We also have some more classmates getting engaged and married! This May, **Stephen Attewell** and Sam Sloat '17 got engaged! Not long after, **Nick DiGeronimo** proposed to **Janessa Brickman** in June! We also have **Liz Polomsky** and **Connor Jones** who will be back on campus to get married this October. Congrats to all of our listed Carroll Couples and any others who may be celebrating some big news!

Best of luck to everyone as we continue to "Go forth and set the world on fire!"

2019 | Sean Freeman

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Despite the challenges of this past year, many out of our control, we are

here to celebrate the achievements and relationships that have forged onward. **Rex Larkman**, under the alias Rex Arthur, dropped his new single "Take Care" on all streaming platforms. While advancing his individual career in the music industry, he continues to perform with his band Tropicdelic as they travel across the country. Sharing her musical talents to fans across Ohio, **Kahrin Spear** hosted her first music festival in August. Happy Healing Art and Music Fest featured eight bands, local artists, yoga and games. Blue Streaks traveled near and far to partake in a beautiful celebration of artistic excellence. Another instance of John Carroll's best and brightest sharing their talents with the world is **Gianna Baker**. Collaborating with experts in Pittsburgh, PA, Gianna will publish her first white paper on Endoscopic Stricturotomy in the September edition of the World Gastroenterology Organization. Founded in 1958, the World Gastroenterology Organization is an international federation of over 100 national societies with over 50,000 members focused on improving standards in gastroenterology training and education on a global scale. Closer to home, **Brian Davidson** has returned to the John Carroll University Football team as a Graduate Assistant to serve as the new Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends Coach. After two years at The Ohio State University's football program as the Buckeye's Special Teams analyst, Brian is looking forward to returning to the alma mater. While at OSU, the Special Teams ranked #4 in Opponent's Starting Field Position, #18 in Special Teams efficiency, and #21 in Kick Return Defense in the FBS. Alongside professional growth, our classmates have advanced in other key areas of their lives, including their relationships. **Chris Sloe** and **Eddie Marotta** proposed to their high school sweethearts this year. Chris got down on one knee, earning a yes from Hannah on the golf course with his family in July. Eddie Marotta proposed to his girlfriend Erica and will be tying the knot later in 2021. JCU added two more Carroll Couples to their ranks, as well. **Zachary Brady and Lauren Opalenik** held a beautiful waterfront proposal. **Drew**



Turner and Caroline Bland not only proposed on campus, but plan on marrying at Gesu by Father Bernie in April of 2022. **Marisa Pipino**, now Marisa Pipino Bell, wed her spouse Mike last year, while **Ryan McGowan** took to the altar with his partner Hannah as I am writing this line! **Alejandro Charatte** is not only engaged, but is expecting a baby boy! (pictured above) He and his fiancée, Allison Walden will be moving into the home Alejandro built in Dayton.

Congratulations to them and all engagements this year! Continue setting the world on fire with your love.

2020 | Kendall Miller

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It's funny how time marches along without even realizing it until you look back. It's hard to believe that we are no longer the latest graduates of John Carroll! Nothing brings more joy to me than to share a few of the incredible journeys that some of our classmates are beginning.

Anne-Cecilia Byrne is an M.A. candidate of Latin American Studies in Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. In the program, her concentration is Governance and Leadership. In addition, she is pursuing a certificate in Gender, Peace and Security. At Georgetown, Anne-Cecilia is also

the Vice President of the Latin American Foreign Affairs (LAFAA) organization, the Communications Chair for the Georgetown Women in International Affairs (GWIA) and a member of the Latin American Policy Association (LAPA). Recently, she was one of the Lead Translators for the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS) *Profiles in Peace* project, which is housed at the Georgetown Library. She has spent this summer interning with the Guernica Centre of International Justice before completing her second, and final, year of her M.A. degree in Washington D.C. A true inspiration and world-changer she is! Big congratulations are in place for **Sally Johnson**, who has graduated from Purdue University with her masters in Industrial Engineering. Sally has accepted a job as a Supply Chain Associate with TreeHouse Foods in Hanover, PA. Wishing her all the best in this new chapter! Please join me in celebrating another lovely lady, **Rose Rife**. Rose will be starting at Cleveland State in August to receive her master's degree in School Psychology. So proud of you, Rose! Wishing you all the best, Class of 2020. Keep doing wonderful things! Much love and many blessings, Kendall

2021 | Morgan Jochum

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Just a few months after graduation, many of our classmates have begun their next exciting adventures!

Joslyn Sobek was accepted into the North American Language Culture Assistants Program and moved to Pais Vasco, Spain to teach English language and culture. This program is run through the Education Office of the Embassy of Spain. Joslyn is looking forward to promoting the power of education on an international scale while furthering her own global knowledge through first-hand experiences.

Joseph Clark will be teaching Physical Education at Saint Joseph and John in Strongsville, Ohio for the 2021-2022 school year. Joe will also be working thoroughly on his podcast

“Chats with Clark” and other public speaking endeavors.

Kyra Shields is pursuing her master's degree in Occupational Therapy at Moravian University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Rachel Scully is working at The Hill in Washington D.C. as a Social Media Curator.

Brigid Bryant will begin her first year of teaching at St. Ignatius of Antioch as a fifth-grade math and science teacher. She is also continuing her education at John Carroll.

Lily Krueger moved to Columbus, Ohio with her fiancé and started her job as the Sales Human Resources Administrator at Kimball Midwest at their HQ in Columbus in August.

Anthony Saxon was accepted into Cornell's University's postgraduate Hospitality Management certification program. In addition, he accepted a position as the Assistant Operations Manager of the Hyatt Regency Cleveland at the Arcade. He assists in management of the front office, the 1890 restaurant and bar, and the events within the hotel.

I began my full-time position at Beaumont School in Cleveland Heights as a Communication Coordinator. I am working alongside various departments to curate content and messages that clearly represent the mission and values of Beaumont School. In addition, I will also be working on growing my ecommerce small business, Positively Stitched.

As you begin your next steps, please be sure to keep all of us and the Office of Alumni Relations informed about your latest accomplishments!

All the best,
Morgan Jochum



Have news to share?

Contact your class columnist
with your updates or email



In Memoriam

John Carroll University extends condolences to the families and friends of our recently departed community members. We apologize for any omissions. Death notices through August 1, 2021.



Richard Hamlin	1949	2/23/2021	James Mertes	1963	2/23/2021	Charles Fronzek	1973	7/22/2021
T. Leonard Terry	1950	1/14/2021	Carol Minkin	1963	3/14/2021	Margaret Bruening	1974	1/17/2021
Donald Hansen	1950	1/20/2021	John Shively	1963	11/14/2020	Thomas Bodle	1974	3/5/2021
Thomas DeMay	1950	3/9/2021	Robert Simon	1963	5/9/2021	Stephen Noon	1974	4/26/2021
Thomas Elwell	1950	3/22/2021	Anthony Lux	1964	1/23/2021	Christopher Nulle	1974	5/11/2021
Edward O'Leary	1951	1/8/2021	Frederick Blazer	1964	1/27/2021	Michael Adams	1974	5/27/2021
Vincent DeCain	1951	6/3/2021	C. Jay Sweet	1964	3/3/2021	Lois Weissberg	1976	3/3/2021
Wayne Subcasky	1952	2/12/2021	Joseph Cech	1964	3/28/2021	Amy Lund	1976	5/4/2021
Francis Schilling	1953	1/1/2021	William DeBaets	1964	5/2/2021	Terrence Bugos	1977	3/30/2021
John Beringer	1953	2/5/2021	Peter Carey	1964	5/8/2021	Paul Leonarczyk	1977	4/17/2021
Eugene Flynn	1954	2/5/2021	Edward Gutman	1965	2/2/2021	Talia McLean	1977	5/11/2021
Thomas McBride	1954	4/6/2021	Edward Christie	1965	4/25/2021	Dennis Paul	1978	2/25/2021
Lawrence Carelli	1955	1/2/2021	Paul Vasko	1965	7/9/2021	Terrence O'Brien	1978	2/28/2021
William McDermott	1955	3/3/2021	William Scheffner	1966	1/1/2021	Judith Kane	1978	6/7/2021
Louis Vennitti	1955	3/19/2021	Donald Chenelle	1966	1/26/2021	Glen Smith	1978	6/7/2021
Donald Lynch	1955	6/16/2021	Harold Aubry	1966	2/19/2021	Colleen Melena	1978	7/4/2021
Salvatore Felice	1957	2/6/2021	Patrick Zeller	1967	2/24/2021	Ellen Kolman	1980	1/25/2021
Morris Patarini	1957	7/9/2021	Peter Bernardo	1967	5/14/2021	Miriam Amster	1980	1/31/2021
Joseph Bonadio	1958	2/1/2021	John Babington	1968	2/7/2021	Helen Joyce	1982	3/28/2021
James Caine	1958	2/19/2021	Daniel Perhay	1968	2/24/2021	Fenton Moore	1987	2/18/2021
Lawrence O'Donnell	1958	2/21/2021	Michael Rooney	1968	3/8/2021	Judith Grown	1988	1/25/2021
John Moran	1958	3/11/2021	Timothy DeHaven	1968	3/22/2021	Philip Lamos	1989	6/11/2021
Frank Novak	1958	3/29/2021	John Cleary	1968	5/13/2021	John Westropp	1990	1/22/2021
James Schuerger	1959	1/1/2021	Greg Jodzio	1969	4/11/2021	Virginia Burke	1991	7/12/2021
Raymond Smego	1959	1/22/2021	Frederick Grabek	1969	4/23/2021	Shawn Gannon	1992	2/14/2021
Michael Geraci	1959	5/17/2021	John Reulbach	1969	6/10/2021	Ben Fielding	1992	7/18/2021
Annabelle Whalen	1959	5/27/2021	William Kirk	1969	6/28/2021	Sarah Swingle- Kuhar	1993	8/1/2021
Peter Pucher	1960	1/3/2021	Gary Mack	1970	2/22/2021	Reilly Girardot	2020	5/27/2021
Frederick Schaal	1960	1/30/2021	Timothy Myslenski	1970	4/23/2021			
Charles Caputo	1960	3/27/2021	Patricia Jackson	1971	2/1/2021			
Clare McGuinness	1962	1/3/2021	Joseph D'Agostino	1971	4/2/2021			
Robert Dodd	1962	1/12/2021	Fred Leone	1971	6/11/2021			
Phillip Marn	1962	3/23/2021	Richard Novacek	1972	1/20/2021			
Earl Brieger	1962	4/7/2021	Edward Urbanek	1972	1/31/2021			
Neil McReynolds	1962	4/11/2021	Gary Dunn	1973	7/5/2021			



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