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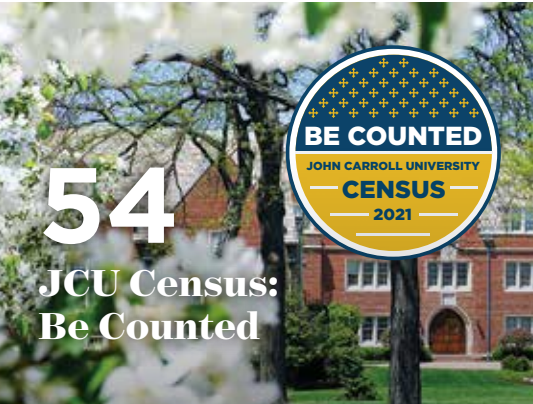
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LETTER FROM *the* PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It is an exciting time at John Carroll University as we prepare to bid farewell to the Class of 2020 and welcome the Class of 2024. I am particularly energized by the commitment of our faculty and staff to the University's ongoing strategic planning process. Across campus, we are focused on ensuring John Carroll's future with investments in academic programs, the student experience, and our marketing and enrollment efforts. I look forward to unveiling John Carroll's next strategic plan during the fall semester.

At the heart of our plan is an unwavering commitment to our Jesuit Catholic education. Being women and men for and with others means understanding, appreciating, and welcoming those both within and outside our community who do not look, speak, or believe like us. Our students graduate with a deeper understanding of faith, prepared to foster meaningful dialogue and enact positive change. Often, this requires stepping out of our comfort zones.

Bill O'Rourke '70 is a shining example of how a John Carroll graduate can impact the world. His reputation for integrity and openness to new experiences made him the ideal candidate to serve Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue in a time of significant need. Bill's story highlights the value of a Jesuit education.

I wish you a blessed Easter season and hope to see you at one of our upcoming events including the revamped Reunion Weekend in June.

Best wishes,

Michael D. Johnson, Ph.D.
President, John Carroll University



Around *the* QUAD



REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOST

Rev. Gerald Sabo, S.J., beloved member of the Jesuit community and Associate Professor of Slavic Languages and Literature since 1981, passed away suddenly on October 24, 2020. He was 75. For more, visit jcu.edu/newsroom.

Richard M. "Dick" Hamlin '49, an Emeriti Member of John Carroll's Board of Directors and longtime supporter of the University, passed away on February 23, 2021 at the age of 93. Visitors to John Carroll's campus know the Hamlin name thanks to the family's generous gifts to dedicate Hamlin Hall and establish the **Richard M. & Yvonne F. Hamlin Quadrangle**. Hamlin was awarded the John Carroll Alumni Medal in 2008 for his "extraordinary dedication, benevolence and service to the University and to his communities." For more, visit jcu.edu/newsroom.



ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER MOVES TO HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND OCTOBER 2, 2021



ALUMNI MEDAL

Umberto Fedeli '82
Holly Perzy, MD, MMM '85
Michael Schmidt '81
Joseph Sullivan '53
James '65, Jack '67, and Dennis '70 Winchester

Young Alumni Award
Caitlin Huey-Burns '09

The Rev. William M. Bichl, S.J.
 Alumni Volunteer Service Award
Doug Ennis '93

Rev. Casey Bukala, S.J.
 '54, '55G Distinguished Achievement Award
Helen Murphy, Ph.D. '67G



BLUE STREAKS CONTINUE TO IMPACT THE NFL

Former John Carroll University quarterback and longtime member of the New England Patriots' front office **Nick Caserio '98** has been hired to be the next general manager of the NFL's Houston Texans. Caserio joins fellow JCU alumnus and teammate **Tom Telesco '95** as an NFL general manager. Former JCU teammate and Patriots colleague, **David Ziegler '00**, has been elevated by the Patriots and will assume many of Caserio's responsibilities in the team's top personnel post. **Chris Polian '93** has also been hired as director of pro personnel for the Washington Football Team.

Ben Milsom '01, chief ticketing officer for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, celebrated his first Super Bowl title with the team in February.

THE NEW SHORT FAMILY TENNIS CENTER SET FOR COMPLETION THIS FALL

For the first time in a long time, the sounds of bouncing tennis balls, backhand winners, and victory cheers will be heard in the new **Short Family Tennis Center**, on the site of the old tennis court space. Through the private support of alumni, led by **Dave '81 and Beth Short**, the facility stands to foster the championship culture of the John Carroll tennis program for decades to come. While the foundation of the project is funded, we are still looking to secure additional funds to further improve and enhance the facility for our student athletes. Please contact Richard Day (rday@jcu.edu, 216-397-1904) for more information.



THE MASTRANTONI FAMILY STUDENT SUCCESS COMMONS IS SET FOR COMPLETION SUMMER 2021

Thank you to John '80 and Mary Ann Mastrantoni for their generous support of the new Student Success Commons that will be part of the Grasselli library complex. The center, which will be located on the main floor, will be a key part of the University's new student success model. Relocating and centralizing Center for Career Services, Academic Student Success, and Accessibility Services into the heart of campus will provide a space for vital student support, and will create a one-stop shop for academic and career advice.

THE JAMES J. MCDONOUGH '55 STUDY SPACE

Thank you to the McDonough family whose generosity has allowed for the renovation of a new, enclosed, quiet study room for students. This new space will be located on the third floor of the library. The Quiet Study Space will be named to honor the memory of Jim McDonough who was deeply passionate about John Carroll University.

Around *the* [QUAD]

NEW CERTIFICATION & GRADUATE PROGRAMS FOCUS ON PRACTICAL SKILLS

Current offerings:

Substance Use Disorders Certificate: This accredited program prepares students to become a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor or Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor, depending on previous academic work. If taken for credit, these courses may be counted towards a master's degree, if the student decides to change tracks. This program is fully online.

Certificate in Nonprofit Management: This program is for those who are new to executive roles in nonprofits or are transitioning to the sector. If a student decides to continue onto the Nonprofit Administration master's degree, these courses count towards that program. This program is flexible; all courses are in the evening, and all classes are currently offered remotely.

Certificate in Theological Education: This program is designed for teachers in Catholic high schools, helping them meet the religion certification requirement for the Diocese of Cleveland. This program is flexible, with on campus and remote instruction options. If the student decides to enroll in the Theology & Religious Studies master's program, all coursework would contribute to the master's degree.

Pre-Medical Post-Baccalaureate Certificate: This program serves two populations: career changers who have decided to pursue a career in the health professions and need to take the prerequisite courses for these programs, and students who majored in the

sciences but want to improve their credentials and deepen their knowledge. In addition to their coursework, students in the program receive professional development opportunities, as well as support in preparing for professional school applications and interviews.

Master of Science in Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Whether bringing a new product to market, delivering process change in mature and structured corporations, or disrupting an entire business ecosystem, this graduate degree program will prepare early and mid-career professionals to launch start-ups, lead corporate change, and solve larger societal issues using novel and hybrid business structures. The program is 30-39 credit hours and may be completed in 12 months or 2-3 years.

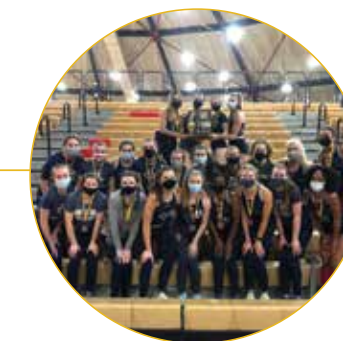
Online Master of Business Administration (MBA): This MBA program is completely online and may be accessed with a mobile device from any location. It is designed with all the quality curriculum and rigors of our other MBA programs. Students will learn from the world-class Boler faculty as well as industry leaders and experts actively engaged in creating just and sustainable value, driving innovation and profitability, and solving real-world problems. The MBA requires 33-45 credit hours and may be completed in 12 months or 2-3 years.

CERTIFICATES APPROVED FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Content Marketing Certificate: This program is designed for working professionals who want to expand their understanding of content creation, and who'd like to explore a range of tools and strategies for generating brand awareness, increasing audience engagement, and creating effective communications across emerging media channels and platforms.

Market Analytics Certificate: This program is designed for working professionals who want to deepen their digital marketing knowledge. With a focus on practical knowledge and skills, the certificate will train students how to collect, parse, visualize, and analyze marketing data, as well as learn how to translate data trends into optimized marketing strategies.

Certificate in Organizational Leadership: This experiential program elevates the knowledge, skills, and abilities of aspiring leaders through experiential work that will enable them to make an immediate impact in their organization. The program is 10 months in duration, 10-12 credit hours, 100% online, and all work may be applied to the MBA.



The John Carroll women's basketball team, led by first-year head coach and JCU alumna **Beth Andrews '15**, claimed the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Regular Season title and its second OAC Championship in program history, the first of which came just two years ago in the 2018-2019 season. This year's championship run featured 30-plus point wins over Wilmington (83-53) and Ohio Northern (69-38) in the quarterfinals and semifinals, before earning an 83-71 win over Baldwin Wallace in the conference championship game.

The Blue Streaks also saw tremendous success this winter as the **women's indoor track and field team** took home its first OAC Championship, setting three school records in the process. The men's indoor team earned a second-place finish at the OAC Championship, coming only 11 points shy of a title of their own. Meanwhile, this spring semester has been an eventful one, as spring sports are in full swing along with a number of fall sports that were postponed due to the pandemic.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM UNDER REVIEW FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Certificate in Ecclesial Ministry Requires Provost approval; predicted launch (Fall 2021): This program prepares students to become Certified Lay Ecclesial Ministers in the Diocese of Cleveland, while helping them enrich their faith and ground them in the Catholic theological tradition necessary for a rich and fulfilling ministry in the contemporary U.S. Catholic Church. Similar to the CTE, this program will be flexible, with on-campus and remote instruction options. If the student decides to enroll in the TRS Master's program, all coursework will contribute to the master's degree.

HONORING OUR OWN

The past year has brought many changes to the campus community, including retirements of longtime faculty and staff. We thank all who have departed the University for their service, including the following alumni employees, Silver Circle members (25+ years of service), and senior leaders.

James Burrows '01
Business Office Support Specialist

Donna Byrnes
Associate Dean of Students

Paul Challen, Ph.D. (deceased)
Professor of Chemistry

Marianne Cicirelli '19
Administrative Assistant

Leslie Curtis Ph.D.
Professor of Art History

Carol Dietz
Associate Vice President of Facilities



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Anna Hocevar '04
Administrative Assistant

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Associate Professor of Education



Manning

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Administrative Assistant

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Professor of Mathematics

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Professor of English

Kathleen Manning, Ph.D. '72
Associate Professor of Exercise Science

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Vice President of Student Affairs

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Professor of Psychology

Gerald Weinstein, Ph.D.
Professor of Accountancy



McCarthy

Thomas Zlatoper Ph.D.
Professor of Economics and Finance

Amy Zucca '91G
Administrative Assistant



FRONT *and* CENTER

By Jo Steigerwald

The talent shortage for U.S. employers has more than tripled in the past decade, according to a 2020 survey from ManpowerGroup, with 69% of employers unable to fill positions, up from 14% in 2010. And despite record unemployment due to COVID-19, the *Harvard Business Review* finds that job openings have remained at record high levels. John Carroll's Center for Career Services, long known for their excellent student services in career exploration and job readiness, has invested in new resources and offers a personalized approach to guide employers searching for high quality talent.

"We connect the right students to the right employment opportunities," says Nikki Marzano, Director of the Center for Career Services at John Carroll University. "We get to know our employers and help them develop a recruiting strategy that works for them, and which can include creating customized events targeting the population of students that they want to meet."

The Center offers a job posting and career management platform, Handshake, on which employers can post internship and job opportunities and access a student resume database. It also hosts traditional and industry-specific career fairs (virtual when required), where employers can meet students face-to-face to share information about their companies

and promote job opportunities. Workshops, boutique targeted career events, networking events, and panel discussions also connect employers with potential talent.

But perhaps the most unique service offered by the Center is the Professional Development Program for the College of Arts and Sciences, launched in 2019, as well as the Center's support of the Boler Professional Development Program. Working with employers, the Center creates customized opportunities

to engage directly with students in majors that best fit their hiring needs. Employers can help deliver content through workshops and panel discussions, like the Lincoln Electric recruiter who co-presented on resumes to a physics class, or the CIO of Medical Mutual who asked the Center to plan a casual round table forum for computer science and math majors to discuss the current market in IT/cyber-security.

The Professional Development Program also delivers a comprehensive student curriculum tailored to the

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requirements of each academic major. The Center partnered with all academic departments to establish and deliver programs that work best for each discipline, through workshops for programs with a capstone project and as a stand-alone course for programs without a capstone. Topics range from career exploration, resume writing, crafting elevator pitches, and mock interviews to how to handle criticism, feedback, and praise and managing an online presence. Though only two years old, the Professional Development Program has proven to be so successful that some majors, like Psychology, have added it to their graduation requirements.

TESTIMONIALS OF SUCCESS

The following four stories are just a sample of the value received by numerous alumni now on the employer's side of the table. If you would like to partner with the Center for Career Services, please contact Sue Grazia '87, Assistant Director of

Employer Relations, at sgrazia@jcu.edu or Nikki Marzano, Director, at nmarzano@jcu.edu.

Gregg Muresan
Cleveland Office
Managing Partner, PwC
1998, BSBA Accountancy

I have worked with the Center for Career Services (CCS) for 17 years, recruiting for PwC's Cleveland office and leading the recruiting at John Carroll for PwC. Community involvement is a huge pillar of our company, and a critical piece in this is building up the diverse perspectives within our community and among the students we recruit. The ability to maintain good grades and be involved in your community shows me that if you can manage that, you can manage your career. John Carroll instills a sense of volunteerism in its students which speaks to PwC's values, to build trust in society and solve important problems.

Accounting is a competitive field, as with most career fields these days, but in my experience, I've seen CCS

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do an exceptional job of preparing students for the career process—from their first interview to their first day on the job and beyond. Because I've worked with the Center so long, I have seen how CCS has developed their services as employers' needs change, always making sure that students are ready to meet employer requirements and the demands of the evolving talent pool.

The Center offers us a personal connection that is very distinctive, with excellent client service. Because of their staff continuity, it's easy



to build a strong relationship with an open dialogue. They welcome feedback, brainstorming, and encourage us to share what we're looking for in the talent we recruit. The Center's resume bank and exceptional service make them a tremendous resource for employers.

Brooke Weber

Campus Recruiter, KeyBank
2016, Tim Russert Department of Communication

The Center goes above and beyond to help accommodate employers. For example, KeyBank attended a Center-sponsored spring career fair a few years ago. Our attendee list kept growing until literally the day before the event. The Center guided us through these last minute adds and were incredibly quick in getting names added and nametags created. Most other schools may not have accommodated us, but their willingness to help us with this showed that they truly valued our

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presence and wanted to include as many people from KeyBank as we could get. It made a huge impact.

Nikki and the Center's staff know John Carroll and its students like the back of their hand, and this is what makes all the difference. When KeyBank wants to do custom events or make unique connections to students, the Center helps us do that. They are willing to lend their time and effort into coordinating all of the logistics on their end to make the process as seamless as possible on our side.



On a personal note, I used The Career Services Center to land my first internship at ESPN Cleveland which helped me grow into the professional I am today!

Alex Schmitt

Partner, EY
1998, BSBA Accountancy

I have worked with the Center since my time at John Carroll as a student. The Center helped me start my career at Ernst & Young (EY) my senior year. I have been involved with EY's recruiting at John Carroll and utilizing the Center ever since!

The Center differentiates itself from other recruiting resources by doing an outstanding job of introducing and linking current students to John Carroll alumni. We work closely with Career Services to identify and recruit top talent from the Boler School of Business. The Center helps with hosting various Career



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Nights, including the Accounting Career Night, that EY participates in annually. In addition, they coordinate various events on campus that allow us to showcase the firm and interact with students.

It is an excellent resource for identifying highly qualified prospective employees; EY hires five to 10 students every year and currently has over 100 John Carroll alumni across the country. I encourage alumni to remain involved with the Center to help actively prepare students to enter the work force successfully.

Jennifer Sloat

HR Manager; Developer, Corporate Internship Program, Synthomer
2015, BS/BA Boler School and 2017, MBA

The Center has an eagerness to help with our talent needs. When I need to fill an opportunity, I just

send a note and they take care of the rest. I don't have to jump through hoops or be passed along; they take care of all the details. Working with the Center is being a part of a great partnership that answers the question "How can we develop students and connect the right person to our company's opportunities?"

What really stands out to me, as a recruiter, is that they are super-easy to engage, proactive, and have solid communication. The Center makes intentional connections in a no-hassle way. It's been a valuable asset to our organization, as it has allowed us to develop a network that can be funneled in so many different ways. It provides a high ROI and is competitive, giving our company the inside edge to reach those college students who are a great fit for our opportunities.

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In fact, we have 12 John Carroll alumni within our Ohio team and use John Carroll students for all our internships; right now, there are two students interning in HR and one in supply chain. We keep returning to John Carroll because their students are prepared, well-spoken, organized, and are ready for a career.



IGNITING *the future*

JCU'S STRATEGIC FIVE-YEAR VISION

By Jo Steigerwald

John Carroll University has always been a destination for people who want to change the world for the better. From the day they arrive on campus, John Carroll students set out on a journey of self-discovery and self-determination guided by faculty scholars, a committed staff, and a supportive university community.

Igniting the Future: John Carroll University's Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 articulates the deep changes required in the face of increased competition, changing demographics, and the need to increase market share of traditional undergraduate and graduate students—while adding new student populations to our community of scholars. The plan differentiates John Carroll University's strengths in the liberal arts, while enhancing its reputation through distinctive new programs.

Systematic Planning Process

In fall 2019, the University began the critical work to envision the future by launching a strategic planning process. Strategic plans require a delicate balance that enables a university to remain true to itself, while adapting to changes in student need and market forces.

From one angle, the landscape of private higher education was bleak: Years of declining numbers of college-ready students in Northeastern Ohio. Too much reliance on revenue from four-year undergraduate education and academic programs that were not innovative. An unsustainable cost structure without growing market share more aggressively. A demographic shift from 17- to 22-year-old full-time students to students seeking part-time undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, with flexible schedules, online courses, and more interaction and engagement opportunities outside of the classroom.

An environmental scan revealed some hard truths: The Catholic school feeder market was in steep decline, John Carroll lagged behind other Jesuit institutions in developing graduate programs, and wasn't

clearly positioned in the market. It uncovered competitive strengths: John Carroll's strong student retention and graduation rates, high-caliber academic programs, and its #1 ranking for undergraduate teaching and #2 standing in *U.S. News & World Report's Regional Universities Midwest*.

The Strategic Planning Group, which eventually included over 70 faculty, staff, students, board, and alumni members, partnered with Eduvantis, a consulting firm specializing in program demand, program mix, and enrollment marketing in higher education. They formed teams to research, consider, and recommend strategic priorities for six areas: Overarching Mission and Vision; Academic Program Evaluation, Administrative Structures, and Partnerships; New Program Development; Enrollment Strategy and Support; The Student Experience; and Technology.

The resulting plan provides a clear direction for campus and University constituents focused on the student experience and success, facilities, student enrollment, marketing, technology, and long term financial sustainability.

Start with St. Ignatius

John Carroll University's Jesuit Catholic identity is the foundation upon which the plan rests. Education in the Jesuit tradition is more than checking boxes.

It is thinking about students as whole persons, in order for them to be the best versions of themselves, in service with and for other people.

The plan is guided by two principles rooted in the Jesuit tradition. The first principle promises to ground all strategic initiatives in John Carroll's educational heritage of innovative teaching and research, integrated learning across the entire student experience, care for the whole person, inclusive excellence, and a faith that does justice. The second commits to inclusive excellence by creating a more diverse living, learning, and working environment that requires a level of enhanced Jesuit hospitality.

Built upon the Jesuit value of *cura personalis* (care for the whole person), the strategic plan aligns and integrates student support services across programs and offerings. Changing student demographics will require John Carroll to be intentional and creative in offering its unique experience to new students. Need-based, merit, and program-specific financial aid and scholarships will expand opportunities to deserving students. Part-time graduate students may take classes on evenings and weekends in person or exclusively online; first generation students can receive focused academic advising services. John Carroll's challenge is to deliver its unique, positive experience to a wider range of students.

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Experiential learning is central to John Carroll's Jesuit Catholic mission, and existing spiritual development and reflection programs through Campus Ministry, the Center for Service and Social Action, and domestic and international immersion programs increase student success, cultivate resilience, and empower students to share their talents and leadership in service to others.

The plan creates a holistic Student Success Center that improves the quality and accessibility to resources for students seeking tutoring, career guidance, mentoring, computer and technology support, innovation and entrepreneurship labs, testing accommodations, and a center for faculty teaching and learning. The plan reinforces the culture of wellness across campus by expanding recreational, spiritual, social, and athletic spaces and programs to meet growing student demand.

Leverage & Expand

The most distinctive part of the plan is its use of primary and secondary research to identify high demand academic programs with the potential to increase enrollment. Based on this research, the plan enhances strong existing programs and adds new programs to best leverage John Carroll's expertise and demands in the market.

Leveraging current offerings will include a focus on undergraduate biology and business majors and the graduate part-time MBA program. These programs are core to an expanded enrollment marketing strategy for students arriving in fall 2021, and includes an online, part-time MBA.

John Carroll's strong pre-health programs, especially biology, chemistry, math, and computer science, will serve

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as the foundation for new programs and partnerships in nursing, data analytics, digital marketing, and healthcare administration. Designing new business programs is a natural next step for the Boler College of Business, described as a college that boxes way over its weight, and whose accounting students have the highest first-time pass rate on the CPA exam in the state of Ohio. Expanding the analytics program will leverage strong math and information sciences programs, and meet market demand for qualified students in the information-driven world of business.

Other programs in development focus on hospital administration, public health administration, health informatics, and mechanical, electrical, and environmental engineering. Graduate level programs in development include public health administration, speech pathology, occupational therapy, and applied behavior analysis.

Reveal the Strength of Liberal Arts

While the strategic plan expands John Carroll's academic programming, it never loses sight of the value of a liberal arts education. Current and new programs rely on John Carroll's liberal arts foundation that fosters critical thinking skills through academic rigor.

The humanities teach skills to solve problems that sometimes are not defined for students. One of the goals in the strategic plan is to analyze and communicate how these critical thinking skills benefit students after they graduate.

Showing the value of a liberal arts education through expanded target marketing leads students to imagine themselves at John Carroll University. The plan enables the University to be more intentional at connecting the dots to tell our story to prospective students.

Power of Hope

The strategic planning process is an exercise in hope, and focuses on solutions. The very best strategic plans are forward-thinking, proactive, and realistic. The *Igniting the Future* strategic plan is a roadmap, rather than an itinerary: to guide the direction the University wants to go in the next few years, with the flexibility to add opportunities along the way.



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Weddings

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- 1 Joshua Babb '15 and Alexandria Miranda '15, 16G were married on August 1, 2020.
- 2 Victoria Langton '20 and her husband Trevor Webinger officially tied the knot on January 9, 2021.
- 3 Ryan Amoroso '18 and Katie Advent '18 were engaged in September 2020 and are planning a May 2022 wedding.
- 4 Erin Flaherty '11 and Michael Bourbeau became engaged in September 2020. They are planning a September 2021 wedding.
- 5 Randa Nemer '06 married Dr. KJ Shaheen on her birthday, on October 10, 2020.
- 6 Owen Coughlin '13 and Christin Van Atta '14 were married on July 18, 2020, at Mapleside Farms in Brunswick, OH surrounded by many JCU alumni.
- 7 Adam Higgins '08 and his new bride, Sarah, had a beautiful, albeit small wedding, on October 9, 2020.
- 8 Kevin Coleman '19 and Lucy Zaharko became engaged.
- 9 Jacob Millorino '15 and Michelle Bober '15 got engaged in September 2020 in Hilton Head Island, SC.
- 10 Drew Kostiuk '15 and Katherine Ramicone '15 were engaged on May 17, 2020, and are planning to be married in the early fall of 2021.
- 11 Ellen Dietrick '15 got engaged to Dominic Presutti in the summer of 2020.
- 12 Jillian Kennedy '12 and Zachary Fenstemaker '07 were married on September 19, 2020 in Pittsburgh, PA.
- 13 Vinny Trivisonno '13 and Alexi Cash '11 were engaged on Christmas 2020 surrounded by family in Ashtabula, OH. They are planning a spring/summer 2022 wedding.
- 14 Christine Lichtinger '13 and Andrew Wehler were married on October 30, 2020, during an intimate ceremony.
- 15 Kathleen Blase '15 and Brendan Blase '16 were married in August 2020.



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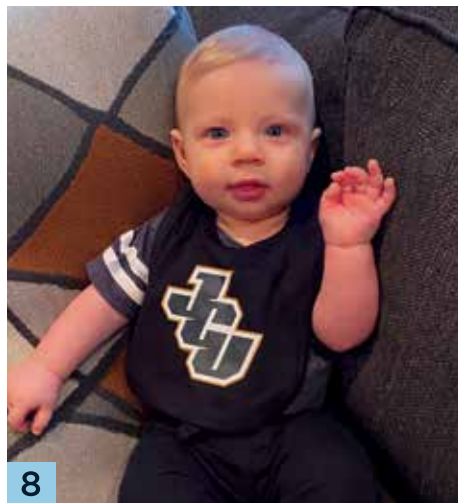
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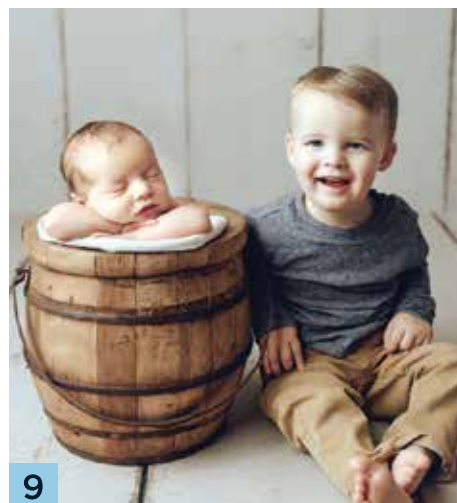
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1 Paul Clapp '04 and wife Maggie welcomed baby daughter Brett O'Neill Clapp on September 17, 2020.

2 Megan Wheeler McLaughlin '06 and husband, Brian McLaughlin, welcomed daughter Mairen Elizabeth on May 9, 2020.

3 Lucia (Biasiotta) '06 and Matthew Ciocca welcomed daughter Nilla to their family.

4 Stefanie (Marotta) '08 and Matt Kollarits '08 welcomed baby Isaac who joined big brother Jay in November 2020.

5 Rich Ganim '08 and his wife Triah welcomed baby son Jacob Richard born in November 2020.

6 Amanda (Pizzi) Sindelar '09 and husband Jeff welcomed their son, Jeffrey Charles Sindelar III on September 3, 2020.

7 Tommy Zagorski '11G and his wife Analee welcomed their baby daughter, Leonor Maria Zagorski on January 6, 2021.

8 Robert Nelson '11 and Margaret (Blackburn) Nelson '12 welcomed their son, Ryan Christopher Nelson on May 4, 2020.

9 Moriah (Sloan) '12 and Patrick Barnhart '12 welcomed their second son Bennett in November who joins big brother, Timothy.

10 Lauren (Grzegorzewski) Thomas '12 and her husband Craig Thomas '11, '12G welcomed their second daughter, Peyton Elizabeth Thomas in August who joins big sister, Quin.

11 Gino Giammo '13 and his wife, Nicole, welcomed their first child, Giada Emilia Giammo on December 18, 2020.

12 Hannah (Gaffney) Lahiff '13 and her husband Mike welcomed their second baby, Amelia Anne Lahiff on July 15, 2020. She joins her older brother, Carson.

13 Jocelyn (Toney) Morin '13 and Nick Morin '12 welcomed their son Bennett Morin on January 26, 2021.



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14 Chris '14 and Alexandria (Flynn) Yurosko, welcomed their first child in 2020, Flynn James Yurosko was born on January 24, 2020.

15 Chelsea (Gerken) McTigue '14 and Tyler McTigue '14 welcomed their baby daughter, Colette Frances who was born on February 6, 2021.

16 Allison (Graham) McCall '16, '19G and husband Brian McCall '11 welcomed their baby daughter, Charlotte Girard McCall on November 1, 2020.



Returning HOME 6.12.21



ALUMNI events

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Alumni Author Series: SIMPLY ELECTRIFYING: THE TECHNOLOGY THAT TRANSFORMED THE WORLD

Featuring author *Craig Roach '72*
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
7:30 p.m. (EST)

Alumni Continuing Education Series: LARRY DOBY AND HIS BASEBALL LEGACY

Featuring *John N. McMurray, chair of the Deadball Era and the Oral History Committees of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR)*
Monday, May 17, 2021
7:30 p.m. (EST)

Alumni Spotlight: THE STORY OF SELVA TEA

Featuring *Jerry '13 and Chelsea '14 Rubino*
Wednesday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. (EST)

Alumni Author Series: LOVE, MARRIAGE, MONEY

featuring author *Joe Salem '95*
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
7:30 p.m. (EST)

Alumni Author Series: LOST CIVIL WAR

Featuring author *Laura DeMarco '95*
Thursday, July 1, 2021
7:30 p.m. (EST)

TONY DECARLO '66G MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Benefiting *JCU Football*
Saturday, July 31, 2021

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

Featuring *JCU Athletic Hall of Fame*
Friday, October 1, 2021
-and-

ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Alumni Travel Program: HOLIDAY MARKETS CRUISE - THE FESTIVE RHINE RIVER

December 12-20, 2021

It is our plan, with contingencies, to host alumni with class years ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6 for a reunion celebration on June 12, 2021 with COVID-19 restrictions as necessary. Event planning during this pandemic is a fluid process, but our current expectations for the event are detailed below. Reunion 2021 will offer plenty of opportunities to experience the campus and community with your safety at the forefront of our plan.

Highlights include:

- The annual JCU Alumni Golf Classic on Friday, June 11 at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course with tee times slated to begin at noon.
- Class-based gatherings off campus on Friday evening (check website for updates).
- A Blue Streak Beer Garden in the new-look Keller Commons.
- Mass in Don Shula Stadium.
- Multiple tents for class dinners on the main quad and food trucks for the more recent reunion classes on the Hamlin Quad.
- Lantern tours of campus at night coupled with a progressive wine tasting.
- An outdoor movie on Hamlin Quad, live music, and fireworks to close out the night! Bring your blankets for an evening under the stars!



Monitor our Reunion 2021 website for updates at jcu.edu/reunion, where registration will open soon. Questions? Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 216-397-4336 or alumni@jcu.edu.

As you can see, Reunion 2021 will take on a more casual, almost backyard, family reunion feel. Then again, we view the JCU Alumni Association as just that—a family. We appreciate your patience and understanding as the above plan remains fluid. In addition, the need to host an outdoor event on June 12 means that weather could also play a role in the outcome. Finally, it should be noted that all of our plans have been developed in concert with University leadership and the JCU COVID-19 Task Force.



BLUE STREAK SUPPER CLUB

The concept is simple—one JCU graduate (or couple) hosts a dinner party and invites two or more alumni to attend. Each attendee then donates the cost of their dinner back to our alma mater. Dinner could consist of pizza and wings or surf and turf! The purpose is to come together as one community in the spirit of fellowship and celebrate our common bond. Details and a date are forthcoming, as these dinners will take place simultaneously on one, festive night in the fall of 2021 and be shared across social media.



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME

The Office of Alumni Relations offers free enrichment programming each month to all alumni and friends via the Zoom platform. Programming includes the Alumni Continuing Education Series (A.C.E.S.), the Alumni Authors Series, the God in All Things spiritual series, faculty webinars, and other alumni spotlight programs. Visit jcu.edu/alumni for more.



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With the growing comfort level of web and video conferencing software, the JCU Alumni Channel on YouTube has expanded its reach, content, and frequency of offerings. Alumni are invited to consume an extensive archive of diverse, educational, and fun programming dating back to May of 2020, with more content added on a weekly basis. Subscribe by searching "JCU Alumni" at YouTube.com.

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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

1947 | Seeking Class Columnist
journal@jcu.edu

Emery Brandich '47 celebrated his 95th birthday this past year. He enjoys reading, listening to music, watching "Jeopardy," and spending time with all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also likes to learn about the latest Carroll news in his copy of *Onward*. He and his wife, Margaret, will be celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary this summer. They live in Eastlake. Please feel free to send updates and photos; we hope you are well!

1951 | Seeking Class Columnist
journal@jcu.edu

We received some sad news that **Matthew Dolenc** passed away at home on March 4, 2020. He graduated from JCU in 1951 and majored in accounting. He had fond memories of JCU and was very proud of the University. He was just shy of his 94th birthday. He was a man of honor, integrity, and loyalty and served in the Navy (LSM 101 and 359).

1952 | Dorothy Poland
polandmomdot@aol.com

1953 | Jim Myers
cealejim@gmail.com

Hello to all in the class of '53 and to your family and friends! **Ed Metzger** still lives at the family homestead in Akron. In addition, he has, for over twenty-five years, property in Lake Chautauqua, NY which Ed and various members of the family visit on year-round occasions. Two of Ed's grandchildren have been married there with one more very soon. Ed has eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. **Cas**

Kotowski's wife, "Jinx," tells me Cas has become medically challenged in recent years. The Kotowskis live in Chicago and have five children and thirteen grandchildren. I am sorry to report that when I called for **Richard Kracer**, his wife informed me that he had died this past December 20. I am also sorry to report that when I called for **Neil Raleigh**, his wife Kathleen told me he had died in September. The Raleighs had been married sixty-four years. I am going to keep **Dick Bauhof** in each column until we finally get him on the water for his next cruise. The one that he had booked for this January 2021 in the hope the pandemic would be over was obviously cancelled. He now has his eyes on January 2022 but nothing is formalized. Will keep you posted. Like so many of us, he is now spending time at home reading and watching TV. **Robert Onufer** was not available when I called but I had a nice chat with his spouse, Jean Marie. They have been living in Virginia Beach after fifty years in Chicago. The Onufers have been married sixty-four years, have five children, eleven grandchildren, and thus far, one great-grandchild. **Joe Monaco** has lived with his daughter in Wood Dale, IL for about seven years. He moved there shortly after his wife, Mary, died seven years ago. They had been married fifty-one years. Let's offer Joe a happy birthday on July 11, 2021 when he will turn 90! **Fred Topi** and his spouse Joanne have lived in Lighthouse, FL for over fifty years. They have been married sixty-four years and have one daughter and three grandchildren. Fred's career was in banking as a trust officer. After his retirement several years ago, he founded his own successful firm offering similar services. Fred was a tennis player until his knees gave out after five surgeries. He still keeps working out. There are many of our class members for which I

have an invalid or no contact phone number or email. We would like to hear from you also. Send me your news for the next column. God's blessings to you all!

Jim

1954 | Peter Mahoney
peter007@wowway.com

We heard from **John Prcela**, "In a month I'll be 98, but I am still publishing memorable works in history and also in Josephology (in this field I've already published four works, all four in my nineties). Hopefully, you will, at long last, write something about the fruitfulness of pen of the old soldier who never dies."

Finally, a new year and people of medicine and science are reminding us that to stay sharp mentally, we should work with puzzles and quizzes, etc. So here goes...what do you remember?

1. Using the program distributed at graduation, how many diplomas were awarded?

- A. 133 C. 294
- B. 270 D. 301

2. How many class members are deceased?

- A. 130 C. 94
- B. 112 D. only God knows

3. Who was the class treasurer and when will he return the money?

- A. Dominick Festa C. Neil Reardon
- B. Anthony Lavelle D. Tom McBride

4. Who was captain of the football team?

- A. Russ Sherman C. Joe Amata
- B. Regis Zebkar D. Al Milstein

5. Class members as part of Witness Protection programs?

- A. Dom Lagalbo C. Charlie McBride
- B. Sam Leanza D. John Spaniol

The correct answers will be given in future issues of *Onward*. Keep the faith...Pete.

1955 | Seeking Class Columnist
journal@jcu.edu

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news that **Ray Rhode**, the class of '55 scribe, passed away on November 1, 2020, due to complications from COVID-19. Ray was a very loyal alumnus and generous donor to JCU. Ray is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Mary Noreen, and his five children and six grandchildren. Ray will be missed by so many. Sadly, we also lost another class alumnus, **John Keshock, Ph.D.**, who passed away on September 2, 2020, in Avon, Ohio. He was a dedicated employee at John Carroll University for over 42 years after playing basketball for the Blue Streaks and earning his degree in sociology. He served as the head coach for men's basketball, the athletics director, and then transitioned to the psychology department faculty, serving as the chair, program director of undergraduate and graduate studies, and earning professor emeritus status. He greatly valued his time at JCU and dedicated his life to the Jesuit institution. He was a true "Carroll Man!"

Please continue to send updates to journal@jcu.edu and contact us if you are interested in volunteering for the 1955 Class Columnist role. Stay well.

1956 | Albert Knute Oberst, JD
knuteOICP@webtv.net

Praying that all of our Class of '56 members have survived COVID-19. I got my shot and thanks to University Hospital-Cleveland, it was a great operation and trouble-free. I tried to contact more of our class members but there were too many old phone numbers and email addresses.

Condolences and prayers to **Dr. Donald Schuele's** family on the death of his wife, Clare, who had been ill for many years. In our last alumni magazine, I commended Don because he is still teaching at CWRU in Cleveland. Another one of our class members, **Carl Monastra**, is employed and has been at his CPA firm, Markiewich (Mrs. Kunsman) and Monastra. Of notoriety is a wonderful fact that this CPA partner, Laurinda, was a student of Professor Carlis at JCU. Carl taught a CPA course at JCU for 29 years. Carl has recovered from a heart operation and he gives a lot of credit to the great care from his wife, Ann, who is a nurse who graduated from St. John's College. They both still go to daily Mass at Gesu Church, a short walking distance from their home. Of note, they have lived within a stone's throw of JCU. Carl is still playing baseball. He is also proud of the fact that another JCU student of his, Richard J. Kramer, is the chair of the board of Goodyear Tire Company. Richard, who graduated from JCU in 1986, was on the Carroll Board of Directors. Having looked for our classmates who live a long way from JCU, I found **Dr. Sanford Aaronson** who lives in California and is retired from his dentist office there. Dr. Aaronson was a dentist for 45 years and retired to a hobby of stained glass artistry. One of his works of art is in our Museum of Natural History in the Merry-Go-Round Room, formerly from Euclid Beach Park. I tried to get a picture of it but I do not have the talent. Next time you are in Cleveland's University Circle next to the Art Museum, drop into the Museum. Dr. Aaronson said, "he has a spot in his heart for JCU." He transferred to Carroll from a state school and he was impressed by the professors who were so helpful and wanted him to get good grades. "Carroll was a great experience, and you were not a number on the wall." From JCU, he went to CWRU and got his degree in dentistry. Dr. Aaronson said his father graduated from JCU in 1933... three years before my father, Eugene, started working at Carroll. Please contact me so I can write an article about you. Call me at 216-371-3946 or email me at KnuteOICP@webtv.net. Since most of us have retired, many of us are in new parts of the United States. Please let us

know, also, what you are doing to keep entertained. Since I am running out of allotted space, I will start our next alumni magazine update with an article about **Albert J. Degulis**. Al, also, has a blessed career of giving back to our community after an important business career. Al has been helping JCU for many years now in the alumni and the financial offices. AMDG! Albert Knute Oberst, JD.

1957 | Salvatore Felice
Bart Merella - new class columnist
bmerella@verizon.net

The JCU community was saddened to learn of the passing of **Sal Felice** in February. Classmate **Bart Merella** has agreed to step in to take over the column he used to write before passing the torch to Sal decades ago. Shortly before his death, Sal submitted his final class column for the spring magazine. Thank you, Sal, for being a connector of people and a faithful Blue Streak.

HAPPY 2021 - I hope you have all received your COVID-19 vaccine by now... looking back in time to 1957, do you recall who our class officers were? They were: **Dr. Al Musca** (President), **Phil Gordon** (VP), **Tim Sweeney** (dec'd) (Secy.), and **Joe Nieser** (Treasurer). **Bob "Tiger" Tuma** was Senior Prom King while **Carmine Cimeroni**, **John Rae** (dec'd) and **Rev. Mr. Bart Merella** sang with the Glee Club. This reporter had the honor of escorting the Military Ball Queen, Ms. Dolores Peters, an elementary school teacher at St. Paul's in Euclid,



Ohio. Richard Maltby's Band was the main feature, while **Arnie Lanza** and his band played in another location. By the way, Bob "Tiger" Tuma also authored a book in June 1996 entitled "One Days," a snippet of memorable occasions in Bob's life. (Note: Condolences to Bob and Joan on the deep loss of their son in January). Pam Zangara, JCU Alumni Relations Coordinator, is related to our class member, **James Zangara**, who died back on 8/30/2012. Sadly, we have some additional losses: **Robert Smith** (1/04/19), **Michael Kenney** (12/30/19), **Ann Trivisonno** (5/12/20), and **Tom Feely** (2/05/20). In addition, **Tom Halloran** alerted me to the death of **Jim Keegan** on 12/24/20 due to a massive stroke. Jim, a proud St. Ignatius (Cleveland) High grad, had been the former CEO of Elyria Memorial Hospital and many years ago, had worked with **Tony Gambatese** at Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Cleveland. Jim is survived by five children and five grandchildren. (Note: Back in September 2020, Tony lost his lovely wife, Judith Ann, of 42 years. She leaves seven children, fourteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren). David Gassman '89, son of Gloria and **Dean Gassman**, reports that mom and dad celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on December 26th and are doing quite well. They are looking forward to their annual vacation in July at Sandbridge, VA when 26 family members will gather. **Jack Szabo**, my lifelong friend, and fellow "Day Hop" (See article "Hop Along" by John Walsh, 9/10/2016, JCU Journal online) could use prayers for wife Elaine, who suffered a severe stroke two years ago, leaving her and Jack with a number of challenges. Kindly, keep all of the above and their caregivers in your prayers. Back to the year 1957... how about those football games with our class stars getting their exercise? **Sam Fronentino** (quarterback), **Joe Smaltz** and **Hank Hentemann** (halfbacks), **Jim Gasper** (fullback), and co-captains **Don Grace** (dec'd) and **Frank Singel**. Our basketball superstars were captain **Frank Humenik**, **Hon. Bill Coyne**, **Ted Arvanitis**, and **Tom Tupa** (dec'd), to name several. Recently, I discovered an old friend to many of you from Cathedral Latin High: Mel (Carmelo or CJ) Amato, who sends his best

regards from CA to "old" friends. According to **Frank "Crash" Hovorka**, Phil Gordon was in London, England in August and **John Scanlon** is still attending car shows, his second love. On December 15th, this reporter had a heart catheterization procedure and is presently in rehab, which beats "watching the snow melt." I'm doing very well and anxious to hear from you—please get to me before the newspaper *death notice* does—this is your year—capitalize on it! God bless, Sal

1958 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

We received the sad news that **Philip J. Grushetsky** passed away on September 23, 2020, due to complications from COVID-19. During his time as a JCU student, Phillip played football and ran track. He had a deep appreciation for JCU and valued his education. We also lost another alumnus, **David Mercer**, on December 4, 2020. Our prayers go out to these families.

1959 | Rick Dodson Dodson59@verizon.net

Please send your updates, we want to hear from you!

1960 | Gerald Schweickert bjschweick@sbcglobal.net

Once more I regret to inform you that we have recently lost our classmates, **Pete Gaizutis** and **Pete Pucher**... may they rest in peace. They were both members of the 1959 football team which was the first team inducted into the JCU Athletic Hall of Fame. Sadly, we recently learned that **Fred Schaal** has also passed away. If you are aware of any other members of our class who have passed away during the past year, please let me know so I can include the information in my next column.

I heard from **Bill Buescher** last October. He brought me up to date on his social life. He and his wife have adjusted their "happy hour" to a happy night, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and lasting until whenever (sounds like a brilliant idea). According to him, his COVID-19 vacation has consisted of six cancelled trips thus far.

Speaking of trips cancelled, the class reunions cancelled last June are tentatively rescheduled for June 12, 2021. Barring any unexpected surprises like last year, you should be receiving information concerning the event from the University, soon. This year's reunion will be different from those of the past. More importantly, it will be an opportunity to reconnect with old friends (sort of a resurrection).

It has been rather eerie living across the street from JCU to realize that the place is open but, on most days, not a soul is seen on campus. Not much of note has taken place around here. Thus, the brevity of this column. Hopefully, things will start to begin to brighten up soon and some sense of normalcy will return. Until later, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in touch. BE WELL, Schweick

1961 | Jack Hearn jhearn@sbcglobal.net

Dick Murray and **Gerry O'Connell**, cochairmen of the scholarship committee, recently reported The Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship totaled \$242,954 as of May 31, 2020. Since the scholarship was established ten years ago, the philanthropic gifts from classmates have totaled \$236,696.65. While thanking everyone who contributed to the Scholarship, they announced it would be wonderful if the target of \$250,000 could be reached at the coming reunion. For the 2019-2020 school year, six students received scholarships from the class of 1961. The recipients came from Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio. Their majors ranged from English, to management and human resources, to international business with a language and culture major, to exercise science. Carolyn and **Chuck Nieset** from Fort Myers, FL have been married for 61 years and have been on 24 cruises—most recently to Ireland and Italy. They have two children (both JCU grads), six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. **Ed Parks** has been at Plant Moran, the Detroit headquartered CPF firm, for 56 years. When Ed joined the firm in 1964, they had a staff of 50 individuals—today they number over 3,000 employees. Ed credits

his steady work there to his JCU education and Dr. Christiansen's accounting classes. **Bernard Fry** from Wichita, KS, received an MA degree from the University of Dayton and an MBA from St. Louis University. For much of his career, he was employed by Boeing and McDonnell Douglas. Bernard is an active member of the Knights of Columbus. **Frank Sigmund** from Scottsdale, AZ had time on his hands due to the coronavirus to write his life story. He remembered his freshman year at JCU when Dr. Robert Yackshaw taught advanced composition—a course which helped Frank prepare for his recent writing effort because the students were required to write an essay on any subject of at least two hundred words in length each day. **Mike Frank** is a retired teacher who runs film programs and a speakers' program for the city of Troy, MI. He is also a docent at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills and a researcher for the Sons of the American Revolution. Speaking of volunteers, **Dick Murray** from Asheville, NC, and a friend started a mentoring program for students at the University of North Carolina-Asheville seven years ago—originally, they encountered some resistance from the administration until the athletic director saw the benefit for student athletes and realized the recruiting value. There are presently 80 student athletes being tutored in what is viewed as a very successful program. Eileen and **Larry Hipschen** from Indian River, MI have four daughters, 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. They are very involved with The Cross in the Woods—one of the most visited shrines in the country—where they also serve Mass and are Eucharistic Ministers. Larry has also been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 40 years. **Chuck Fye** has been a member of the Avon Lake Kiwanis Club for 43 years, is vice president of the Avon Lake Historical Society, and is involved with the National Ski Patrol at Peek in Peak. **John Cleary** from Whitesboro, NY spent 38 years with the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, NY. He and his wife, Irene, have three children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Due to the

coronavirus pandemic, many of our classmates chose to cancel travel plans—some had long-term histories of annually going south in the winter like **Bob Witt** (Fort Myers, FL), **Ray Smith** (Naples, FL), **Larry Hipschen** (Fairhope, AL), and Tom Gerst (Myrtle Beach, SC). Stay safe - JH

1962 | Terry Leiden tleiden@leidenandleiden.com

Thanks to all the alumni, spouses, and friends who have emailed me. I received a pleasant surprise, from **Gerald "Jer" Kananen**, who is an avid reader of Onward magazine. He picked up that I was looking for our classmates and sent me his information. His work experience included careers with Hewlett-Packard's mass spectrometer group in Palo Alto, CA, later retiring from the federal government in Fort Meade, MD after working at the U.S. Army drug lab. He's traveled extensively over the years to places like China, Sumatra, Brunei, along with a host of Asian countries. He spent three years in Bermuda and also served as a consultant in mass spectrometry to the government of Indonesia and UNESCO in Jakarta. He currently resides on Maryland's Eastern shore. **Bob Luzar** emails me on a regular basis. He graduated from Saint Joseph High School, class of '58 and graduated with us in 1962. He was in ROTC and visited Germany. He and his wife Kathleen

have been married 58 years and have visited Europe many times. He claims to be an avid Europhile. They have children in Cleveland and Atlanta, and as well as grandchildren in Atlanta. They live in Arizona. Looks like no one in his family likes to shovel snow. He is a car enthusiast! You can email him at robbluzar1@yahoo.com. **Charles "Chuck" McKeon** sent me a photo of his grandfather's shirt which I will share with you in the future edition. Just as this article was going to the publishers, I received information that we had lost a few of our classmates, **Wayne Wiley, DDS, Robert "Bob" Dodd**, and **Clare McGuinness**. Wayne passed away on September 4, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wiley family. Bob had a super legal career which I will examine in the next edition. I encourage friends and families to send me more information. Clare was a night school student who I remember. She may be one of the first female graduates. We received the following information from Clare's daughter. In 1962 when Clare graduated JCU with her BA, she would have been 27 years old with three children under the age of three years old. Between her BA and MA, she started an adoption agency in Cleveland for children who were multiracial, disabled, or older. She facilitated the adoption of children orphaned by the Vietnam War. The McGuinness family adopted two brothers... they were the last





kids to leave Vietnam when the war was ending. Clare finished her MA and then, at 50 years old, went to law school, with eight children!! She graduated from John Marshall and practiced law at Legal Aid in Lake County. Clare certainly led an amazing, extraordinary life! Thank you, Clare, you will be missed by so many but your legacy lives on!

Ray Maria emailed me in August that he was presently residing in a nursing home while he was trying to recover from some medical conditions and was quarantined. I reached out to him again in the middle of December and he told me he had some heart problems and was in a hospital in Reston, VA. He remarked that they removed him from Geeserville and placed him in the hospital. He would like to hear from class members and if you want, you can email him at raymaria10@gmail.com. Ray also sent me pictures of the June 1962 commissioning ceremonies where Second Lieutenant, **Tom Brazaitis**, **Ray Maria**, and **Jim Boland** had just been sworn in, standing in front of the Beaudry shrine.

I conclude my column with my grandson's nemesis story. As always, it starts out innocently enough. "Grandpa, I've come up with a way to make some money, want to hear it?" said the nemesis. "Okay" I said. "You know those stories you write about me for John Carroll? I'm going to put all the stories in a book and sell them for a lot of money," said the nemesis. "Who's going to read your book" said I. "It's not going to be a book,

it's going to be a cartoon book," said the nemesis. "You know that's not a bad idea," I responded. "I just need a little money to have a printer make me a thousand copies of my cartoon comic book. Grandpa, you can put up the money and I'll sell the book and will split 90% and 10%," said the nemesis. I was struck by his offer and I said, "Ninety percent is too much for me, let's do it 50-50."

"Grandpa, you ought to be happy with the 10% I am giving you," said the nemesis.

1963 | Pete Mykytyn
mykytyn@business.siu.edu

Happy New Year! I think I can speak for probably all of us that we are glad 2020 is finally behind us and that 2021 will be a better year all around. Having to deal with one of the worst viral pandemics of all time (certainly one of the worst since the 1918 flu), along with what some might say was, and as of early January 2021 still is, a protracted unsettling political environment, as many have said thus far this year, 2021 has just got to be better. Here is hoping.

Irv Diamond emailed me just before Labor Day and said the virus was at least allowing him time to catch up on contacts he'd lost touch with over the years. Irv moved west after Carroll, receiving a second degree in business from the University of New Mexico and earned his CPA in '67. After temporary assignments in Phoenix, Boise, LA, Dallas, and Reno, he returned to Albuquerque for good in '74. He cofounded the firm of REDW which has offices now in Albuquerque, Phoenix, and Las Vegas. He serves on boards now, retiring as a CPA in December '17. Irv has a daughter who is an attorney, four grandchildren in San Diego, and another in Manhattan. The grandson in New York is a producer and director of opera and theater, spends time in Europe, and teaches at Yale and the Manhattan School of Music. Irv's wife, Gail, passed away in 2016. He said he lives on the Rio Grande bosque and tries to attend all of the McQuaid High School reunions in Rochester, NY. Irv and I attended McQuaid together. I received an email from **Michael Mudler**, a very

good friend to **Charlie Hauck**. Charlie passed away in late 2020 from complications from pancreatic cancer. Charlie was a writer-producer who was famous for penning scripts for "Maude," "Frasier," "Home Improvement," and "One Day at A Time" and one episode of "M*A*S*H." He also created the 1986 Valerie Harper comedy, "Valerie," and cocreated "The Associates," a 1979 ABC sitcom. We also received the very sad news that **Jim Mertes** recently passed away. Jim was a very engaged alumnus and will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Donna, and family. **Mike Holt** reached out to me in the summer of 2020. Mike was actually split between '63 and '64 and was an editor on the '63 Yearbook and circulation manager on the Carroll News. He received an MBA from the University of Maryland, went to IBM for another 1-1/2 years of formal training, and sold computer services. In 1968 he started Central Data Processing and ended up building some of the largest databases in the U.S., with customers like the White House, Department of Justice, and the Air Force. Mike married in the '80s, has four children and five grandchildren. His wife, Mary Lou, retired a few years ago as a financial coordinator at the University of Maryland. Mike also brought back some memories of Don Shula who offered Mike a free gym membership if he, Mike, would play as many of Shula's NFL team members as possible in handball. Mike was a grad student at the time and wound up playing against Johnny Unitas, John Macke, Ordell Braase, Tom Matte, and, of course, Don Shula. Great history for sure, Mike. Again, happy 2021. Please reach out to me.

1964 | Frank Kelley
fk Kelley@stny.rr.com

Announcing two new publications from our distinguished class. First, **Jerome Gladysz**, a highly decorated (Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross) helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War, has written a novel about just that, following Lt. Danny Hellberg's adventurous tour of duty where he runs into roadblocks of every sort, including overbearing senior officers and a beautiful, know-it-

all investigative reporter who just happens to be a U.S. Senator's daughter. Titled "Dying To Fly," Jerry's book can be found serialized on Kindle, 12 chapters in all. Second, **Hugh De Santis** has published "The Right to Rule: American Exceptionalism and the Coming Multipolar World Order." Former U.S. Senator Bob Kerry calls Hugh's work "timely, bold, and elegantly written." Available at Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Hearty congratulations to Jerry and Hugh.

Bill Kerner, chairman of the Class of '64 Scholarship Fund, announced the addition of **Bob Klepac's** daughter, Lisa K. Lockhart to the committee as part of our youth initiative. Lisa is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of the Incarnate Word, founded by the Sisters of Charity, in San Antonio, Texas. She achieved a B.S. in Psychology from JCU in '92 and did graduate studies at Kent State, earning a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology and meeting husband Greg. Married for 23 years, they have three daughters. Welcome to the Class of '64, Lisa.

Indiana's Governor Eric Holcomb has awarded **John Letherman** the highest civilian honor in that state for his outstanding lifetime record of community service and leadership for the Greater Elkhart, IN community. The Sagamore of the Wabash has been awarded selectively since the 1940's to exceptional Hoosiers and such American icons as Muhammed Ali and Harry Truman. John began his real estate career in 1968 after serving three years as an officer in U.S. Army Europe, including the post of company commander. He joined FM Stone Commercial in 1985 and continues there today as a partner. John first ran for Elkhart County Council in 1989 and became Council President in 2001, leading in that capacity for twenty years. High marks, John, for a life of service, leadership, and success.

Robert LaDuca, MD, celebrates 50 years as a physician, graduating in 1970 from the University of Bologna (Italy) Medical School. After residency, he has practiced in the southern towns of Western New York. He and his wife Barbara of 55 years reside in Hamburg, NY.

Crossing the bar: We note the passing of several distinguished members of 1964. **Alex Orban**, Juris Doctorate from Cleveland State University and MBA University of Mass, specialized in labor and employment law; **Tony Lux**, founder, and proprietor of Great Lakes Graphics in downtown Cleveland; **Michael Weigand**, Football All Catholic All American, highly respected municipal judge in Barberton, Ohio. Well done all. RIP!

Pondering an article without mention of the COVID-19 virus, I found it impossible. Stay safe, my brothers and sisters, follow the protocols, and avoid risky situations. As my mom used to say, endlessly it seemed, patience is a virtue, and it will be our biggest ally as we endure the time it will take for mass serum distribution. God bless all Streaks! Frank

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1966 | Tom Gibbons
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Bruce Asmus and **Terry Robrecht**, friends in grade school, attended the Jesuit Seminary at Colombiere College and finished at JCU. Terry and wife Nancy moved to Portland, OR several decades ago. When they retired, Bruce and wife Mary decided to relocate from Cleveland to Portland, where three of four children lived. They moved to the same condo complex as the Robrechts. Now Bruce and Terry sit on a park bench reminiscing, while Nancy and Mary solve the burning social issues of the day.

Judge **Mark O'Connor** heard cases in Logan County, Ohio for over 30 years. He and Martha live in Belle Center, OH where they attempt to keep up with their three kids and four grandchildren, as well as with Linda and **Tom Rudell**, who live nearby in Columbus.

Transportation Corpsman **Ken Nadrah** switched to helicopters where he became a substantially decorated (Air Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart) Vietnam veteran. He retired as a colonel, earned his MBA, and now focuses on family (his grandson

is at JCU) and golf. Thanks for your service, Ken!

Joe Frederick got a Ph.D. from Bowling Green, taught there, worked with people with developmental disabilities, and wrote books. His latest, "God Keeps On Giving," is due out soon. Joe and Kathy enjoy two sons and two grandsons.

Floridian **Warren Cromer** worked for Alcoa in Pittsburgh for 32 years until he retired 20 years ago. He's a pilot, a skydiver, a traveler (62 countries), dad to three, and granddad to five.

Tom Durica left the Army in Germany, then got a Ph.D. in anatomy at Loyola-Chicago. He taught at Rush Medical College where he met and married the boss, his wife Susan, then associate dean. Retired now, they enjoy traveling.

David Deal had a varied career: Ohio Bell, AT&T, Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, ending in retirement 22 years ago when he bought a motorhome and visited all 50 states, lived in Mississippi for a while; now in Florida. Dave's been around.

Bob McCullough reports his life post-JCU has been "tumultuous." He taught high school in Elyria OH, met his wife Diane, a psych nurse (he thought her skills might "come in handy"). They moved to Philadelphia where he taught, coached, and picked up a couple of masters' degrees. His last gig was at West Chester University. He retired and moved to California to be close to his daughter and her kids. His son lives in Florida.

Another Transportation Corp. warrior, **John Gauntner**, spent one year at Ft. Story and one in Vietnam. He and his wife Annmarie had three sons and a daughter. John was a pharmaceutical salesman and lives in Hudson OH.

Proud grandfather of Phillip, **Lou Vitullo** retired from full-time lawyering last autumn, spending his time helping his son's business and serving on the boards of three nonprofit organizations. He says, "Life is good, and getting better" something we hope applies to all of us.

1967 | Terry Stevens

*Seeking new class columnist

In 2019, the Alumni Magazine ran a tribute to the men who attended John Carroll and served during the Vietnam conflict. We knew that we may have missed some fellows. Now, I have gathered more names of gentlemen who I missed. Again, thank you for your service; I'm sorry that it took so long for this honor to go to you. I'm sorry if I missed some of you, too...

Dave Acker '68, Don Andrews '68, **Pete Bernardo, '67**, John Breen '56, Gerry Burns '61, **Jerry Cellars '67**, Bill Connelly '65, Len Dadante '62, Denny DeJulius '65, Robert Desantis '59, **Paul Dillon '67**, Donald Eggett '69, Peter Fabian '59, Arthur Foth Jr. '65, **John Gauntner '67**, George Goodrich '64, **Jim Gulley '67**, Carter Ham '76, Mark Hanket '65, Richard C. Harkey '70, John Hays '63, Jim Herak '65, Jack Hewitt '66, William Jedacek '62, James Joyce '64, Tom Kaufman '65, Jack Kenesey '65, Dick Koenig '64, John Kovach '64, Roger Kovary '63, Tom LaFond '63, Tom Leahy '64, Mike McHale '62, Mike McManus '64, Gary McPhillips '66, Bob Monnaville '66, Michael E. Naylor '64, Don Ori '65, Michael R. Perme '66, **Kenneth Radigan '67**, Milt Roney '69, Capt. Roscelli, John Szuch '59, Ron Timpanaro '64, Joseph Weiss '65, John Zarembo '65, Gerald Ziegler '61.

We also received the sad news that **Mike Prane** passed recently due to the effects of the coronavirus. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Best Regards and Happy New Year, Terry Babic

1968 | Jenny and Jeff Hawkjjhawk68@comcast.net

Happy New Year and many blessings! As I prepared to write this column, I pondered the happenings of 2020. Though it was a most difficult year for so many, I thought it important to consider many positives that might not have occurred in other years. For some examples, I think about all of the people who reached out to help others they might not meet or known about otherwise. There were so many instances of kindness, generosity, and service to those in need.

Families grew stronger because they had more time to be together and to pray more. Through the internet they could be in contact with their churches, distant friends, and relatives, or hearing uplifting news of medical advances and stories about ordinary people doing extraordinary services. While it has been heartbreaking to hear of so many lost lives, homes, and jobs, I feel the need to look at the positives. I'd love to hear your experiences of people serving people.

At this point in 2021, I'd like to salute a special group of JCU students, the women who, beginning in 1968, pioneered coeducation at JCU. Each of them brought special talents and gifts that greatly added to the John Carroll University experience.

For You and John Carroll University
Jeff '68

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Again, I am so grateful for your many responses to my last email. So many of you not only indicated that you were hoping to attend our 50th reunion in June but also threw in some recent information about yourselves and families. I hope you all received the email from JCU's alumni office regarding the updates on that reunion. If you did not, perhaps you need to update your email address to the alumni office as well as to me. So many of us have changed our emails from those connected with our work or businesses.

Our 50th reunion is scheduled for June 12, a one-day event due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. It will be more casual as it will be mostly outside and under tents. Let's hope for good weather which can be a fool's wish in Cleveland. Please check with the JCU website for specifics as they progress closer to the date. Of course, several of us hope to spend the weekend in Cleveland to meet up with friends off campus. If

I get additional information about off campus get-togethers, I will pass them on by email. Please let me know if you want to be notified of these events and make sure I have your correct email addresses. Those who have indicated to me that they plan on attending: **Kathy Hespen Forster, Ron Forster, Lou Dizenzo** (who is encouraging several of his friends), **Bill Lavezzi, George Burke, Tom Surwill, Rick Welchans, Marty Kata, Paul Pojman, Jocko Cronin, Ray Tchou, Cecilia Brubeck, John and Maureen Vela, Bill Mitchell, and Dominick Iacuzio**. I am sure there are more that I haven't listed. Kathy Hespen Forster has also helped to contact friends and to encourage them to attend. I hope to work on that as well. This is a milestone anniversary; let's make it memorable and fun!

Garry Rooney wrote to say he and his wife just celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary and both are retired. He's looking for contact information for **Terry Horan. Bob Beda** wrote about his memories of working at WJCU and people like **Phil Thomas, Kevin Berman**, and Tom who were original staffers at the radio station. **Patrick Murphy** reported that he and his wife live in Atlanta where he has spent most of his years in "entrepreneurial endeavors" He claims he is healthy, wealthy, wise, and thankful. My memories of Pat are of a fun-loving guy who enjoyed his time in college.

Cecilia Brubeck is a published children's author living on Amelia Island, Florida, in the winter and in Howard, Ohio, in the summer. Her first book is titled, "Sammy the Flying Squirrel (Who Was Afraid to Fly)." She has Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages under the name Zivile Cecilia Brubeck, children's author. Another Lamda Chi-Rho sister who has paved the way in the late '60s. **Marty Kata** lives in Columbia, SC, after a year in Houston helping his youngest son who is a rescue swimmer with the Coastguard. Marty is enjoying his several grandchildren and looking forward to the reunion. **Dan Dailey** is living north of Tampa with his wife Linda. He had a 35-year career with Kmart/Sears in New York state, West Virginia, and Virginia. He says, "I have

never attended a reunion to this point but will consider it seriously next year as if not at the 50-year reunion... WHEN?" We hope to meet up with you! **Bill Lavezzi** wrote to us a long while ago and I apologize for not including his information several issues ago. Unfortunately, Bill, I seem to only have part of your information (it's a long story), but it is clear that after retiring from teaching you are continuing to be involved in music with several JCU friends. Maybe you can fill in the gaps here at the reunion in June.

Please reach out to your JCU friends to attend the reunion. Continue to send me updates of your email address and information about what's happening in your life. Hopefully, we will all be vaccinated by June and life can slowly return to normal. Stay safe and healthy.

Rosemary Costello / 217.493.0527

1972 | John Marcusjmmarcus72@gmail.com

Told my kids, I have a new alumni news column due and nobody's sent news. I thought to myself, why not soften the blow of us turning 70 by sending some helpful hints? So, check this out. Do you know how kids use a kind of shorthand when they type text and email messages on their computer machines? Like LOL? Well, we have our own shortcuts, like *ATD*: "at the doctor's"; or *IMHAO*: "is my hearing aid on?"; and *WAITT*: "who am I talking to?" Or my favorite (a seniors' riff on LOL): *ROTHFLACGU*: "rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up."

It's no joke facing 70, but "70 is the new 50," as people our age like to say. Like Judge **Anne Conway**, climbing mountains in Asia, touring Europe, and exploring the South Pole. Or **John and Holly Collins**, sailing their boat between homes in Rhode Island and Florida. And Dr. **John Ropar**, still running marathons, while **Craig Roach** is writing books. So, here's the *real* advice. We have a reunion coming up next year. Just because we are getting older doesn't mean we must get old. One of our classmates recommended the book "Younger Next Year," cowritten by a guy our

age (Chris Crowley) and his doctor (Harry Lodge). I've mentioned this before but it bears mentioning again. In the book, they explain that every day our body—and brain—*either grows or decays*. BUT, as much as 50% of illnesses in the last third of life, including dementia and other brain diseases, can be eliminated with proper attention. The bad news: it will take four days of aerobic activity and two days of weight training every week for the rest of your life, to reverse aging in the sedentary body. The good news: after committing for three weeks, you will be looking forward to your next workout. **Gregg Gianpetro** read "Younger Next Year." He told me that instead of turning 70 with the rest of us, he turned 68! (Cue **Tim Franzinger's** laugh). Then there's the part in the book about engaging. So, how's this: **Bobby Longo, Mark Pacelli**, and others are gearing up for our 50th in June of '22. So, engage! Join us! (And the best news, the weekend will be free!) If you'd like to help, send me an email. Our plan is to organize class-wide, and by groups: fraternities/sororities, athletic teams, campus organizations, and even by high schools—and having reps from each group help in getting the word out. And a special surprise: Sir **Francis Palamera** is working on inviting some English royalty—perhaps Lord Melby Perkins-Smith and the Dowager Felicia Witherspoon! Anyway, jump on board and send me a note. (Spoke to **Sammy Morocco** and he told me, "if I'm alive, I'll be there!"). Now for some news: After 45 years in Chicago, **Bob Agnone** and wife Cathy are moving to Sandusky. Meanwhile, **Ralph Meachum** is about halfway through his second term as Mahoning County Auditor (this after a stint as CFO with Art Rooney, Dan Rooney, and Chuck Noll in the Pittsburgh Steelers front office back in the '80s), and **Neil Conway** visited with **Joe and Leslie Pearl** in Battle Creek for a minor league pro hockey game, then off to an Irish Pub next to Joe's business, Jack Pearl's Sporting Goods. (Neil's son Declan, a former JCU star, scored a hat trick!) Finally, there is sad news. **Eileen Burger White** wrote to tell me of the passing of her brother-in-law, and our classmate, **Dick Novacek**. Rest in Peace Dick. Until

next time—get the book—and start making plans for June '22! Take Care, JM jmmarcus72@gmail.com

1973 | Bob LaRoccarockyhoopie@yahoo.com

This past year has been memorable, for sure. Hoping and praying our class, friends, and families survived all the illnesses and restrictions and prompted us to touch base with those close to us. The spotlight in this issue is on **Keevin Berman**. He has been working as a public defender helping the less fortunate here for 44 years. He also teaches part-time at Ursuline College. As with most still unretired, and no plans to as yet, he works from home and gets to annoy his saintly wife, Judy. All seven of his grandkids live in town, so they do drive-bys from a healthy distance. He's been trading mask pictures with **Dan Weir** and recently reconnected with **John Jaras, "J.J.,"** over discussions of whiskeys. He mentioned seeing **Tom and Mary Kay "Hutch" '75 Malone** who advised that their four grandkids are doing well. Tom still volunteers walking dogs at the APL and is still with the pallbearer's ministry at St. Ignatius High School. **Steve Arens** is surfacing on emails with **Keevin** and others and is threatening to set up a Zoom gathering that includes many of that old Stunt Night crew in the near future. The JCU Football season is scheduled to have a four-game season this March with playoffs immediately following. **Gerry** and **Bob Patno**, along with yours truly, hope to be stumbling our way around working the chains on the sidelines of Don Shula Stadium as the Blue Streaks football season was postponed last fall. I received a surprise West Coast call from my old roomie, **Tom "Cous" Tardio**, and we relived our raucous times at Carroll. He's now working from his home in Los Angeles for a very prestigious talent agency for many years. Of course, **Mike "Niner" Nienstedt** and I still meet for lunch throughout the months. I'm still reaching out to the class for tidbits of news, so don't be shy about sending them—the more embarrassing—the better!

Be safe, be well.
Rock On,
Bob "Rock" Larocca

1974 | Dave Robinson dobby_18@yahoo.com

Had a great catch-up phone call with **Val Street** in December. She retired in 2020 after 42 years as an attorney, policy analyst, and instructor with Alameda County, California. Since the pandemic she has continued her writing career, appearing in several publications, as well as serving as an executive adviser with the San Francisco Foundation, a role she has held for 32 years. The Foundation one of the nation's largest community grantmaking public charities in the San Francisco Bay Area. She looks forward to being able to travel to Hawaii and spending more time with her family once the pandemic subsides. She is still in touch with several JCU alumni and cherishes their friendships. **Patrick "Packy" Smith's** company will be introducing a prevention nutraceutical supplement to prevent cognitive decline and dementia. Check out Instagram at BrainLoveHealth for more information. Patrick and his wife Jane live in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Sheila and **Jim Weitzel's** daughter Erin got engaged on Christmas Day. The wedding will take place this August in Colorado. Their son Drew graduated from George Washington Law School and is studying to take the Texas/Universal bar exam in February. Kathy and **Kevin Smith's** granddaughter, Abigail Dunbar, accepted a scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, where she will be playing for the women's soccer team. Abigail, a Defender from Coronado, CA, played for the LAFC Slammers. **Jas Obrecht's** "Stone Free: Jimi Hendrix in London," first published in 2018 by the University of North Carolina Press, has been translated into a French-language edition by Castor Astral and into Spanish by Planeto de Libros. Meanwhile, chapters from his book-in-progress "Let It Roll! The Essential Blues Sessions" have been appearing in each issue of Living Blues. Jas lives in Ann Arbor, MI. **Van Conway** was selected to the 2020 DBusiness Detroit 500 this past October. On a personal note, Molly and I were blessed with our ninth wonderful grand. Our youngest daughter, Macklin, and her

husband Dan welcomed their first child, Leonardo Pappano, on January 14th. Family, career, or Bucket List updates are always welcomed. Stay safe and well. Robby

1975 | Mary Kay Malone mkm1159@yahoo.com

Sadly, we have lost one of our classmates. **Nick Tomino** passed away on December 24th. He was married to Patricia (Sossi) and father of Anthony, Joseph, Jennifer, and Laura. Nick was an attorney with Reminger and Reminger, was a founding partner of Tomino and Latchney, and was former law director of the City of Cleveland. He was a proud member of the DAT fraternity. I ran into **John Luskin**. He was a policeman with Cleveland Heights for a number of years and then went on to obtain a law degree and continues to practice. **Tim Grendell** serves as a judge on the Geauga County Court of Common Pleas. He was a member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 2000-2004 and The Ohio Senate from 2005-2011. **Bill McGah** keeps up with his fellow "Ruggers" **Kevin Kane**, **Mike McGuire**, and **Dan Murphy** as well as the class of '73 Ruggers Tom Malone and Neil Conway. Bill lives in the same town in Kansas City as Tom Zammit. **Mike Wisniewski** is a psychologist and practices in Cleveland. His wife Annie has retired from a long teaching career. They are enjoying spending time with their seven grandchildren. **George Coleman** has used his science degree working for companies in specialty chemicals, biotechnology, and medical devices. Following the JCU Ski Club tradition, he continues to ski and sees fellow Chi Sigma Phi officer, **Mike Bracken**, regularly. George taught me to ski at JCU by having me put on my skis and knocking me over... I remember looking at him and thinking, "Are you crazy?" He said one of the first things you need to learn is how to get up when you fall... he was right.

George and his wife Louise live in Fairview Park overlooking the Rocky River Reservation. They enjoy traveling, sailing, birding, and flying gliders and have offered to take me on a glider flight over the North

Coast. I wonder what he'd want to teach me first??? Enjoyed a great visit with **Cathy Primuth Lombardo** at a St Louis grade school get-together. She lives in Mentor, Ohio, and is an attorney. **Paul Spicuzza** enters his 11th year as the assistant athletic trainer for JCU, working primarily with the men's basketball team. Prior to joining the staff JCU, he was the head athletic trainer for the Cleveland Indians and spent time with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Although we did not have our reunion last year, the plan is for JCU to host alumni with class years ending in 0,1,5, and 6 for a reunion celebration on June 12, 2021. Hopefully, by then we will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated and will be comfortable gathering in person. Everyone is invited to take part in the Alumni Golf Classic on Friday at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course. Reunion 2021 will be an outdoor event with enrichment programs, Mass, class dinners, and entertainment. There will be a beer tent, food trucks, wine tasting, and the night will be capped off with fireworks. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will not be lodging on campus but blocks of rooms at local hotels will be reserved. The University will continue to monitor the evolving COVID-19 scenarios and plan accordingly. Should you have any questions regarding the reunion, contact me at mkm1159@yahoo.com or the alumni office at alumni@jcu.edu.

Send me any updates on what you're up to for the next journal. Please update your contact info with the alumni office. Stay safe and hope to see you on Campus on June 12th.

Slainte... Mary Kay "Hutch" Malone

1976 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

We are sad to report that our class of '76 scribe, **Bill Bismeyer**, passed away in October 2020. Bill was a very engaged alumnus and will be missed by many. Our sincere condolences to his family and many friends.



If you are interested in becoming the class columnist, please contact us at journal@jcu.edu. And continue to send us your updates.

1977 | Carol Doherty caroldoc1977@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who sent in some info! I'll let my classmates speak in their own words: "I am a semi-retired attorney at this point, still in Las Vegas...spend about half my time at the beach in Coronado, CA. One great part (of 2020) for me was having Zoom calls with **Pat Murray**, **Maryanne Garvey** and **Bob Hennessy**! All are well and planning a trip together to visit **Maryann (Greta) Garbo** in Chicago as soon as we can travel again!" **Shauna Lynch**

"A crazy year, a good time to reflect on our many blessings, family and friends. I'm buying the first round at Spotty's in 2021!" **Nancy Pierce**

"I retired a year ago after 34 great years of Otolaryngology practice in Cincinnati. I have five wonderful children and four grandchildren (and two expected). Now chasing my lifelong sailing passion. Spending time as apprentice to friends, learning sailboat maintenance and repair. The next goal is to be that 85-year-old you see sitting at the dock, polishing teak, sipping beer, smoking a cigar, watching the sunrise, and set." **Dan CaJacob**

"We hadn't seen our daughter Diane ('05, G'08) and family since they moved to Colorado in Fall 2019. We finally bought a tent camper, stocked it with masks and sanitizer, then headed west this

past October. Other than 40 MPH wind gusts, red flag fire warnings and two nights with freezing temps, Jon and I had a great time hiking and exploring playgrounds with our grandchildren." **Jon and Virginia (Beyer) Ivec**

"I retired on September 1 and am developing a suburban berry market garden on three different properties in my town of Perrysburg, Ohio." **Kathleen Baldoni**

"Tired of Zoom calls but do them to stay connected to family and friends. The golf game is pretty sharp but hasn't shot my age, yet. Living in Henderson, NV since October 2013 has been great. Daughter had to postpone wedding from 2020 to 2021." **Kurt Ladensack**

"In November, I retired from Chevron after 22 years. COVID-19 restrictions forced work from home since March and prevented travel to visit the Cleveland family. I participated in the Physics Department Award ceremony, Zooming with students/faculty. JCU's ACES presentation brought fellow physicist, astronaut Carl Walz '79 into our home. I reconnected with the JCU legacy by hearing the motivating and reflective Last Lecture featuring Dr. David LaGuardia. I start my next career as Founding Officer of FunFillMeant LLC!" **Jim DiSiena**

Ernst Weninger lost his son, Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger (28), in a training accident at Ft. Benning, GA in June. Wolf was a US Marine and MARSOC Raider. Listening to his younger brother Drew and to Ernie give the eulogies at his funeral (on YouTube), I was moved by the boy that he was and the man he became—Wolfgang Kyle Weninger (photo at top).

Please send news and updates!
Carol Dougherty

1978 | Tim Freeman timfreeman78@gmail.com

Here's the latest... **Jeff Shibley** is celebrating 40 years of Yours Truly Restaurants (now operating nine!). Son David uses his Notre Dame accounting degree working for Markum. Son Adam attends the

University of Michigan and plays linebacker. Adam graduates in the spring and still has another year of football eligibility. Jeff is proud of Adam's service to underserved youth through The Uniform Funding Foundation (TUFF) which Adam founded—www.gettuff.org. **Jim Smith** is the executive happiness coach. With seven global coaching certifications, Jim has coached leaders in 31 countries. He is a mentor coach and trainer at coaching schools in the US and Singapore. Spouse **Cheryl Dunning** leads the tax practice for a legal and investment firm. The other nine months Cheryl manages the firm's marketing and HR. Jim and Cheryl have four adult kids (two adopted internationally) and four grandchildren. They live on six acres in a multigenerational home in Strongsville. After a 23-year career at the University of Memphis, **Bob Marczynski** announced his retirement and moved to Nashville. The move was spurred by Bob's spouse Beth being named corporate director of growth and outreach for Psychiatric Medical Care (PMC). Not quite ready to retire, Mars completed an accelerated graduate Teacher Education Program leading to a secondary education certificate and license. The Marczynskis have two adult children (and one grandchild) in Nashville and another son in Greenville, SC. Mars says "hey" to his Lansing, Michigan high school classmate **John Deitrick**. **Jim Wallenhorst** died of esophageal cancer last April 6th. Classmate and lifelong friend **Jim Clancy** said few people could match Jim's faith and vocation to raise a faith-filled family and reach countless young lives through his dynamic and passionate teaching. He taught at St Edward High School for 39 years. The Wallenhorsts had four children, one (Matt) who also teaches at St. Edward's. Clancy said Jim's focus on the lives of his family, students, and friends through his illness was incredible. Tributes to Jim Wallenhorst are on the St. Edward School Magazine website. **Marty Lutz** has lived in Greenville, SC for 36 years with his best friend and spouse Ruthie. Still a Buckeye at heart, Marty's thankful for the 2021 Sugar Bowl, since two daughters and two sons-in-law are Clemson alums. The Lutzs have a granddaughter and

grandson. Marty is chief of special projects for Prisma Health in South Carolina. In addition to teaching second year medical students at the USC School of Medicine and projects for his medical group, Marty's time has been devoted to the COVID-19 pandemic. Marty says it is real and encourages all to get vaccinated. Marty's JCU roommate **Chris Parrilli** recently shared his and spouse Sue's joy of the arrival of their 6th grandchild—congratulations! **Rev. Walter (Bruce to our classmates) Brownridge** was appointed to be canon to the ordinary for cultural transformation for the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Vermont. Walter's amazing ministry career included service in Grosse Point, Michigan; Sewanee, Tennessee; Ohio; Delaware; New York City; South Africa; and Honolulu, Hawaii. Walter and his wife Cristina Nader have two adult sons Alec and Martin. Thanks for writing!

I end with acknowledging an email our class received earlier this year about the passing of **Terry O'Brien**. Terry's amazing elected public service over 20 years was surpassed by his love and dedication for John Carroll, his football teammates, and his huge network of alumni with whom he shared all things JCU. **Bob Rees, Dave Kavanagh, Mark Talamonti**, and others cared for Terry and his family through his battle with cancer. OB-Strong!

1979 | Nancy Agacinski
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Hi everyone—I'm sure I'll sound like a broken record, but wow, what a crazy year 2020 was, eh? Even though so many have suffered hardships in the past year, there were many things to celebrate. People have been so creative on holding celebrations and get-togethers both in person and virtually. I'm hoping Zoom calls and creative socializing has helped to get you through this unprecedented time.

Heard from: **Gina Restifo Dalessandro** and her husband Ray live in Stow, Ohio. They mostly missed seeing their family when the country was shut down last spring, especially their two

grandsons Bradley, 6, and Wyatt, 5. Gina and Ray both work from home—Ray is a top-performing rep for a healthcare software company and Gina has her own company that helps facilitate trips to Italy/Sicily. Gina can be reached at thedalessandrogroup.com if anyone has questions or interests in traveling to Italy. Italy is such a great place to visit! One of my favorites. Wish we could travel now. **Kenneth Callahan** joined Mansour Gavin LPA, a law firm in Cleveland, focusing on civil litigation and corporate and business services. He has over 30 years of legal experience as a public defender, judge and attorney. Ken and his wife Martha live in University Heights. **Dan Hanson** published his first book, "Murder in the Cultural Gardens." It's a whodunnit based in all thirty-plus of Cleveland's cultural gardens. (One of my own personal favorite spots in Cleveland.) Pick up a copy on Amazon and see what other Cleveland landmarks you recognize! It's a fun read. Dan will have a follow-up mystery in the series called "Murder in Asiantown," and should be available shortly. **Jeff Krouse** and his wife Barb retired June, 2020. They moved cross country to Bullhead City, AZ, which is in the northwest corner of the state. They're enjoying the lovely weather doing hiking, swimming, and exploring with their 105 lb. black German Shepherd, Sarge. Awwww how sweet! Love the fur babies. **Beth Maher Rinz's** eldest son Kevin married Juliana Herman on January 23rd, in Washington DC's Tidal Basin. Beth and her family were able to attend the small service in a socially distanced atmosphere. I was thrilled to attend virtually. It was such a beautiful and happy occasion!

So, what are you doing to keep yourself sane during these crazy times? Please drop me a line to let me know how you are. Stay safe, double mask up!... every 5, Nancy

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A healthy hello to everyone... many people tend to enjoy having something or an event to look forward to and that is the case with the John Carroll community as our reunion is being planned for June 12th. It will be different this time

around (been hearing that a lot lately) as it will be only a one-day event for classes ending in 0, 1, 5 & 6. Look for additional details to be provided by the alumni office.

Received a note from **Shirley Novak** who is sheltering in place in the Steel City, Pittsburgh. She keeps in touch via Zoom with her JCU Girls Club. They last met in Chicago in 2019 staying at **Mary Miller's** place. They took in the Chicago sights on the boat tour, enjoyed the pouring rain, then attended the Hamilton play. Shirley will try to make the reunion with **Chris Bavola** and **Chris Clauson**. Shirley will be excited to hear that Julie and **John Ettore** are the proud grandparents of baby August, born in St. Louis. Son Patrick and spouse Ashley are doing well. Grandpa John and Grandma Jule will have regular reserved seats on Southwest once COVID-19 simmers down.

Gary Szelagowski and spouse Jo are enjoying retirement doing some consulting and volunteer work. Gary is on the mend after a Christmas fall, breaking his leg, but he expects to be golfing in the JCU golf outing on June 11th at Sleep Hollow. I may join him too as I am coming back from some surgery myself and a round of golf sounds exciting.

John Kozicki writes he is keeping busy at his coin shop, Glenview Coin. He keeps in touch with his IBG brothers. John is teaching the business to his son, Matt, who works at the store too. They have a really informative website for anyone interested: www.glenviewcoin.com.

Tina Romano Allen sends her greetings and also forwarded an article on why John Carroll is a hotbed for NFL coaches, executives, and trainers. Interesting to think about that. JCU names that come to mind in the NFL include legendary coach Don Shula, Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels & new Texans GM Nick Caserio.

I had a nice chat with **Fr. Mark Summers** who is the pastor at St. Agatha in Upper Arlington, near Columbus, Ohio. Fr. Mark has been at St. Agatha since July 2020 after being a pastor at St. Peter for seven years. He says he may teach 8th grade Latin. It is good to know schools still



try to keep Latin in their curriculum. Fr. Mark keeps in touch with **Paul Kunzen, Tom Cua, Kevin Whalen, and Don McGuire**.

Here's a correction from the last column: **Mark Summers** was the Millor Orator at our graduation and **Dave Kusner** was awarded the Beaudry Award. Mix up on my part... c'mon, man, it was only 40 years ago...

Thanks for the notes. See you on June 12th.

MFH.

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We hope to see the Class of 1981 back on campus for Reunion on June 12. Visit jcu.edu/reunion for more information.

1982 | Mark McDonnell
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Mary Alice O'Brien Mecke sent an update and this picture from the wedding of Megan Bolton, daughter of **Bill Bolton '82** and Mariann Krebs Bolton '83. Tom Fox, '83, Rosemary Gibbon Fox '83, **Janet Kirtich Lefler '82** are also in the photo. Mary Alice made the most of the COVID-19 stay at home orders by frequently Zooming with **Jean Nester Turcu '82, Maggie Maley Dempsey '82, Katie Grace Brandt '82, Suzy McChesney Whalen '82, Jeanne Pucher Schimeck '82**, her sister Julie Pucher Carleton, '83, Mary Power Patten '83, **Mary Pat Jackman '82**, (was at JCU for a couple of years but transferred), **Meg Fallon Mooney (82)**.

Rick Kuczarski sent me an email as he was traveling from Ohio to Florida: "We just drove to Florida from Cleveland for a little R & R. We moved the bubble from our home in Independence to a condo bubble in Florida to grab some sunshine. On the way down I looked and sounded like Darth Vader with my mask, face shield, baseball hat, and baseball bat in case anyone got too close. Our twins are living out in California. Our son Mark (what a nice name) is a software engineer with Amazon and our daughter Sarah is working for Facebook. Our youngest, Nathan, is a junior at St. Ignatius High School. My wife Carolyn is still doing the State Farm insurance gig. I am a loan officer doing mortgages for Cross Country mortgage. It has been a very busy year with rates going to all-time lows. We look forward to the world returning to something resembling normal. Peace and Love. Happy New Year."

I was also able to get an update from **Suzy McChesney Whalen**: "Kevin '80 and I moved to New Smyrna Beach, FL in 2017 after living in Orlando for 30 years. We love the slow pace in this quaint small town. Kevin is busy working for Cisco Systems and I'm still involved with fundraising for the ACS's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. I've also kept busy getting thousands of family pictures ready to be scanned and writing a Storyworth book for my kids. COVID-19 has finally made me get things done at home! Our son, Brendan, and his wife live in Atlanta with our two grandsons, Finn (4) and Liam (2). We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their third child in March. Our daughter, Emily, was married



in St. Augustine in November 2019. She and her husband spent 3-1/2 months with us this summer to get away from NYC and finally decided to make the move to Jacksonville in December. We are thrilled to have both our kids within driving distance! We are hoping that JCU has its combined '80 and '81 reunion this June so we can see our friends **Hal Hawk** and **Tom Cua** again. And I miss my visits to Cleveland to see **Mary Alice O'Brien Mecke, Jean Nester Turcu, Mary Power Patton and Maggie Maley Dempsey**. Hoping we definitely have our reunion in June 2022!"

We also received this amazing update from **Dr. Paul Colavincenzo**. (Pictured above with his wife, Teresa, and grandson, Anthony Paul.)

"I am alive because a selfless 21-year-old woman who tragically died from a gunshot wound donated her aorta and aortic valve to me in 2016. My recovery was complicated by many setbacks culminating in an above-the-knee amputation of my right leg. After many months of healing and rehabilitation, I am the proud wearer of a high tech prosthesis. I married Teresa on New Year's Eve, 2020. I am starting a new position as an anesthesiologist at an orthopedic ambulatory surgery center. Best of all, I am a proud new granddaddy. Anthony Paul Liberio will be one year old in March. Life...life is good!" You are an inspiration, Paul!

One of the benefits of being the class columnist is catching up with classmates that I have not been in touch with for many years. Last year I exchanged emails with **George Antoon** and learned about his move

to Florida with his wife Janet and how proud he was of his children. Unfortunately, George passed away this past summer. Our class offers our condolences to his family.

1983 | Mark Schroeder
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Let us all leave our stresses behind us and that the move into spring brings open opportunities for all of us. I hope this column finds you and your family happy and healthy. Classmates have been active in making headlines. Congratulations to **John F. McCaffery** who was selected by Best Lawyers as 2021 Lawyer of the Year in the Cleveland market. John is doing great work as a defense attorney at Tucker Ellis LLP. **Michael Samerdyke** continues to be recognized for his brilliant essay and short story writing. His short story "The Night Before Christmas by Edgar Allen Poe" won Second Place in the Wytheville Chautauqua Short Story Contest. His essay "Who Was Art Buchwald" won Third Place in the Chautauqua Essay Contest. Michael's son Ethan took Second Place in the Essay Contest for "Four-Color Childhood." **Andrea McGinty** is dating again with her new business. The founder of "It's Just Lunch," who connected couples that created over 4,200 marriages, has started a new dating business called 33,000 Dates. Her business assists women ages 35-60 to navigate online dating. Andrea balances her many businesses with her daughter Dagny who is finishing her sophomore year in high school. Good luck, Andrea. There were some tough moments for all of us in 2020. Sadly, **Megan Raleigh's** father passed away in September. On January 11th, **John Columbo's** father, John Columbo Sr., suddenly passed at his home in Strasburg, Ohio. Mr. Columbo was a huge supporter of high school basketball and for Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School where Johnny played. Our condolences to **Sandra Ryan** and husband Mike on the loss of Mike's father in January. For those who played football from our class, our teammate George Antoon '82 passed away suddenly on August 25th in Florida. George was the COO for AlgiSys. George leaves his wife Janet and daughters Stephanie, Kristin, and Jennifer. We also lost Mickey Erickson '81 who passed away suddenly on

August 30th. I double-dated with Mickey to an Ursuline dance in 1980. We were friends ever since. Please keep his children Kristen and Michael, and grandchildren in your prayers. John and **Lisa Amato Reid** are beaming with pride. Daughter Margot was selected into Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honors society for the college school of business at Fordham University. I contacted **Bill Runzo**. After not seeing Bill for 38 years, he answered genuinely, "I got nothing." My apologies if this column was like an obit. All of you know it has been a rough past year so allow this year to bring you great fortune and perfect health. Please keep all of our loved ones in your prayers. Email me with family news, business updates, and like "JCU Class of '83" on Facebook. Contact me via email or phone: 216.210.2020.

1984 | Don D'Amore
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Hoping everyone is safe and healthy! Classmate news has been slow lately, so I am sending out an occasional email. I was delighted to hear back from **Kirk Ludwig, M.D.**! It has been awhile, so he had lots of great news to share. As Kirk tells it: "After twelve years at Duke University Medical Center where I was chief of gastrointestinal and colorectal surgery, I left in 2008 to go to the Medical College of Wisconsin, where I am chief of the division of colon and rectal surgery. We live just off

of Lake Michigan, in Whitefish Bay, and I drive along the Lake each day to and from work and it is beautiful. Beth '85, who I think still looks like she did at Carroll, and I will celebrate our thirty-fifth wedding anniversary in June of 2021. Our three daughters are grown and out of the house. Our oldest daughter, Allison, is married and lives just a mile down the Lake with her husband and two little sons. Allison teaches high school and her husband is a middle school principal. Our middle, daughter, Meridith, lives in Charlotte, North Carolina with her orthopedic resident husband and their six-month-old little girl. And our youngest daughter, Jillian, is living in London and is at the London School of Economics in a master's program studying economics and politics. I have been passing time climbing mountains out west, in Alaska, Mexico, and South America, and canoeing whitewater rivers. Just trying not to get old, but with three grandchildren now, it seems almost inevitable. Stay well and remember that we have plenty of room in the house if anyone wants to visit Milwaukee." Kirk and I lived near each other during Freshman year in the storied halls of Dolan. He always was a quality guy to hang out with! As Kirk says: "Those were truly days of youth, wonder, and joy that will not be relived, except in our memories." It was nice to hear his life story summary, wasn't it? How about letting others hear yours! Even if you don't see an email in your inbox from

me, please let us know what you are up to soon! We really want to know!
 -Don

1985 | Diane Wendel
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We hope to see the Class of 1985 back on campus on June 12 for a reunion do-over!

1986 | Dan Dreiling
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The centennial class is also celebrating its reunion year! We hope

to see you back on campus on June 12 for what looks to be a fun, safe, and much-needed community event. In class news, Dr. **Michael Anderson** has had a busy, and highly visible, year in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mike served as an expert on various cable news shows throughout the year and did a fantastic job, sharing advice, especially for parents of young children heading back to school. Mike will be partnering with the University in April on a panel event with fellow alumni and experts in the healthcare field.

It is with a heavy heart that we share the sad news of the passing of **Greg Morse**.

1987 | Dennis Casey
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Hello '87! It is great to see our alma mater reopen for students to be on campus as of this semester. Can you imagine being in our first year at JCU and not being able to be on campus for that critical first semester? For those with students, especially college-aged students, you have seen this impact. Congrats to **Lydia Sawchuk** who celebrated her 20th anniversary as a teacher at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School this past year. **Diane** (Palumbo) and **Chris Galo's** daughter Angie is headed to the University of Illinois where she will be also playing soccer for U of I. The amazing Kirtland High School football dynasty continued this past fall for the classes of '87 and '88. **Tom** and Fran (Farinacci '88) **Powers'** son Liam followed older brother Tommy to quarterback the Hornets to yet another state championship. Liam's cousin Joey Grazia, son of **John** and **Sue (Farinacci)** had perhaps the most amazing one-handed, toe-tap sideline catch that made ESPN's highlights. Also, congrats to John and Sue and their daughter Emily, also a Carroll alumna, on her wedding with a huge contingent of Blue Streaks in attendance. Congratulations continue with the great news of **Scott Labuda's** engagement to his fiancé Bonnie. Scott recently relocated to the Atlanta area. Best wishes, Scott and Bonnie! Our own class faculty member **Dave Clifford** was recognized on campus in January in the Blue Streak Spotlight for his generosity and leadership of the 10 Christmas

Morning project to bring warmth and cheer to the homeless each year.

Our class sympathies go out to **Maria Hruby Moore** on the passing of her husband **Fenton Moore** on February 18. Fenton's late father, Dr. Fenton Moore, was a biology teacher for some of us at JCU. Fenton and Maria have a son Michael, a current student at JCU, and a daughter Katie, a student at Columbus' Bishop Watterson High School. Please keep Maria and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

On a closing note, I was saddened to learn from Mike Anderson '86 on the sudden passing of his roommate and close friend Greg Morse '86 in September. Greg had just retired from the FBI and had a massive heart attack while cycling. While not from our class, this one hit me, as I knew Greg well in our days there. To be honest, I don't know that I saw Greg much after he graduated. But Greg was part of a group of guys in Pacelli who welcomed green freshmen like me and **Tom Ruddy** and others. They invited us to their parties, introduced us to other students, showed us how JCU worked, helped us pick classes, and mostly Greg was a guy who very early on after arriving my freshman year was one of the many who confirmed I had made the right choice for college. RIP, Greg.

As always, please send me your updates and follow the class at our own Facebook group: jcuclassof87

Onward, on Class of '87!
 Dennis

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1988 | Sharon Byrnes
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We received a wonderful update regarding **Craig Bressan**. Craig is working at Grant PUD, an electric utility company in central Washington state. His employer shared that he is an outstanding example of a JCU alumnus making a large positive human impact via his work. Craig, the senior manager for safety, has had a tremendous impact on keeping hundreds of employees and countless members

of the public safe. Craig has been integral to safe outcomes at work but he also fosters a strong culture of respect, teamwork, and integrity. He exemplifies all of what JCU and Jesuit education is about. Craig is humble and modest which may allow his efforts to not "get into the spotlight" as much as they should. He is a passionate alum with a strong connection to JCU. Thank you, Craig, for living the Jesuit mission!

Please continue to send updates and stay well!

1989 | David Gassman
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1990 | Ann Margaret Lambo
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Congratulations to **Rita Abdallah**, LISW-S, ACSW, who was recently awarded the Ohio Statewide Outstanding Service Award by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Rita was selected for this award based on the immense support and service she has offered to the NASW Ohio Chapter and its members throughout her social work career. Her 25-year professional career includes nonprofit leadership, academia, and healthcare, primarily in oncology. Today, she is a highly regarded wellness coach and founder of Turning Point Wellness & Yoga. Enhanced by a lifelong commitment and passion for wellness, Rita inspires clients to tap into and elevate their practice of peace, love, and joy. In 1999, Rita won her first NASW Ohio Statewide Outstanding Service Award. It is truly remarkable that she would again be such a deserving awardee 22 years later!



1991 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

Hello, class of '91, and happy reunion year! We are seeking a class columnist. If you are interested, please contact the alumni office at journal@jcu.edu and continue to send your updates. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion celebration on Saturday, June 12, 2021! Stay well!

1992 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

We heard from **Dave Grendzynski** who won three Emmy Awards for his work in television news and is the head of the video content department at Kuno Creative, a digital marketing agency in Avon, Ohio. He and his wife Adrienne have two boys, Tobin and Noah, and live in North Ridgeville.

We are sad to share the news that **Shawn Gannon** passed away on February 4, 2021. After graduating from JCU, Shawn moved to his adopted home of Chicago, Illinois where he made many lifelong friends. He held corporate marketing roles at a number of different companies, but one theme comes through from colleagues at all of them—he cared about his coworkers, he supported them with sound advice, and he always made them laugh! He loved traveling as a dual citizen of the United States and Ireland. Shawn was an avid animal advocate. Shawn was known for his kind spirit, his playful sense of humor, and his easy laugh. He will be dearly missed by his friends and family both in Cleveland and Chicago.



1993 | Bonnie Waiwood-Oskowski theoskowskis@cox.net

I heard from **Lisa Brandt Maharry**, who lives in Delaware, Ohio. Lisa works for an educational publishing company. Her husband, John Maharry, is a professor of mathematics at The Ohio State University. They have two children, ages 14 and 8. Lisa and John bought a house at Lakeside Chautauqua and enjoy summers relaxing at Lake Erie with extended family.

Thank you,
Bonnie Waiwood-Oskowski

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

Hope this finds everyone well. Never did I imagine that we would still be in this pandemic, but hopefully we will be seeing brighter days soon. Sharing the good news about our classmates during these crazy times is at least something positive. **Kevin Biacsi** wants to extend his deepest gratitude to the JCU Alumni and community who helped fundraise for his seizure-alert service dog, Charlie. Being alerted to a seizure 20 minutes beforehand is life-altering. Plus, he's a really great pup! This is so wonderful, Kevin! The fact that Charlie can sense the seizure coming is just amazing! So glad all is going well! All is definitely going well for **Sarah Loehfelm**. She was just named the executive director of the Child Care Center at Mount St. Mary's Hospital in Buffalo, NY. Sarah has been successful over the years helping other child care centers expand and develop. Mount St. Mary's is lucky to have you, Sarah! **Kris Lucic** is keeping young with lots of rock climbing in Colorado. **Jennie Kuhr-Aubry** is plugging away at teaching her third graders at St. Rose in Perrysburg, OH. It's not easy, but she is making it happen. Thanks to all our teachers and front-line workers. We appreciate you!! Would love to hear from more of you, please join the John Carroll University Class of 1994 Facebook page. We can catch up more than just through these articles. Lastly, I am excited to announce that my son has chosen to attend JCU and will have the opportunity to play baseball for the Blue Streaks. **Erin Canada Owen** said

her son is also looking at JCU for next year. How fun will it be to see fellow classmates at parents' weekends!!

1995 | Annie DePerro anniedep31@gmail.com

We hope to see the Class of 1995 at Reunion on June 12!

1996 | Genesis Brown orionbrown222@hotmail.com

Hello, Class of '96!

Guess what... it is Reunion Year!!! Make sure you save the date of June 12th for our Reunion. The hope is that by that time vaccines, and the overall health of the world, will allow this to happen. We will likely plan a class get-together for Friday night. Please send any suggestions to me. Official events will be that Saturday, like a beer garden, outdoor enrichment, and several other events. It will be like a backyard party and a night under the stars! It is looking like no on campus housing will be available, so book a hotel room ASAP. The final event details will be finalized in late April. Hope to see you there!

It has been great to see everyone's post on Facebook on what you are doing to survive COVID-19. I liked seeing all the pictures from road trips, new pets, and home cooking in all its glory. Hahahahahahah. These are interesting times we are living and I am looking forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible! Take care and stay healthy! GO

1997 | Brian Sparks bdsparks@meistermedia.com

Dr. **Thomas Frazier** is a current psychology professor at JCU. He is a former chief science officer at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, specializing in autism spectrum disorder. He has also served as the chief science and program officer at Autism Speaks. Dr. Frazier is planning to partner with the JCU alumni office later in 2021 on a webinar event, focusing on his work with ASD.

Brian Polian already partnered with the alumni office in February on a joint webinar that featured a discussion about Generation Z, the topic of Brian's new book. The event

can be viewed on the JCU Alumni YouTube channel and Brian's book is available on Amazon.

1998 | Mike Gildea mgildea@braingainllc.com

Congratulations to **Sam Subity** on his debut novel, "The Last Shadow Warrior" (Scholastic Press), which is due to publish on April 6, 2021. It's a Percy Jackson-style fantasy adventure for kids in grades 3-7. Visit Sam's website at samsubity.com to find out more or to preorder the book! **David Stec '98G** (pictured below) was named the next president of Padua Franciscan High School. Stec earned a master's degree in clinical counseling from John Carroll University and a master's degree in educational administration from Ursuline College. His main focus as president will be to strengthen relationships with alumni, help tell the story of Padua Franciscan, and strengthen student recruitment efforts. Congratulations to David!

1999 | Christine Weimer Papesch christinepapesch@yahoo.com

2000 | Lisa (Foster) Smith & Clare Taft lisasmith19@hotmail.com claretaft@hotmail.com

We can be assured the alumni office is doing everything it can to host a safe and fun reunion 2021 on June 12! We hope to see many of you back, possibly from a distance, enjoying a day outdoors on campus. We're told there will be food trucks, a beer garden, lantern tours of campus, live music, and fireworks! After this year, give us all of it!



We heard from **Michael P. Joseph** who started a new business in the Raleigh-Durham area: Cardinal Dream Realty. It's a residential real estate company under Keller Williams. And on January 29th, he and **Kate (Richards) Joseph** welcomed their fifth child, Corbin William. **David Bischof** shared that his crew is moving to the DC area this summer. **John Munafò** passed along some life updates, including he and his wife Jen have been married 12 years, have two daughters Mallory (7) and Victoria (4), live in Cincinnati, OH, and he just passed his 15 year anniversary at Fidelity Investments. Congrats, John. And we should note that all of the success of our Carroll alumni in the NFL doesn't skip the Class of 2000. Congrats to **Dave Ziegler** for being promoted into the role that oversees all personnel decisions for the New England Patriots.

2001 | Maureen (Fariello) DeMers 2001jcu@gmail.com

Congratulations to **Tania Nemer, Esq.**, who was recently recognized by the Ohio State Bar Association (and Ohio Lawyer magazine) for her service and mentoring efforts by being awarded the prestigious Nettie Cronise Lutes Award.

Also, congratulations to **Maia (Bosnar) Jerin!** Maia has become a partner with the law firm of Gallagher Sharp LLP. Maia received her law degree, *summa cum laude*, from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and her undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from JCU. She is a member of the Ohio State Bar and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Associations (2019-2020 CMBA Leadership Academy) and participates in the Žumbercani Tamburitza Orchestra.

We hope to see everyone at our reunion celebration on June 12, 2021! Please continue to send updates and stay well!

2002 | Kristen McVean muoiok@hotmail.com

Hi All! I hope that you're doing well and staying healthy. I am excited to share some news from our classmates. **Heather (Seibel)** and Pat Kosiek grew their family by one last fall, welcoming Shea Hamilton

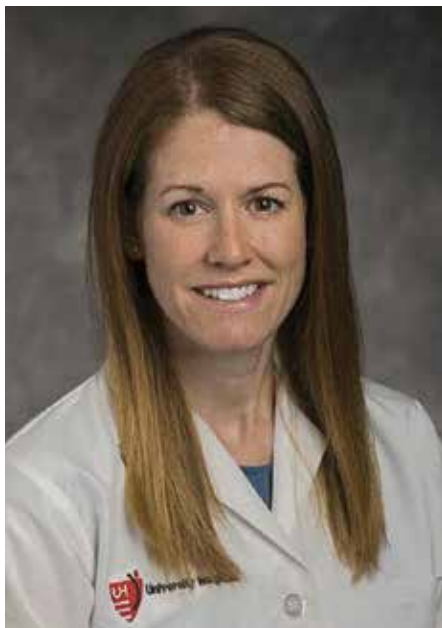


Kosiek in September 2020. Shea joins big brother Reid (4.5 years old) and big sister Isabel (3 years old). The Kosiek family has lived in New York City for almost 13 years now and currently resides in Brooklyn. Heather founded a small business consulting firm, Launch Studio Consulting, and Pat is an investment banker at Citigroup. **George Sample** has been promoted to assistant vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He enjoys playing tournament paintball (he said yes, that is a thing!). George's 11-year-old daughter, Jordan, has been competing in national skating competitions, and his 8-year-old daughter, AJ, is really finding her way as a soccer player. **Vic Gribbons** moved to Atlanta, GA in 2016. He met his now-wife, Kristen, in Georgia at a Browns Backers Bar. Vic and Kristen were married in a private, socially distant ceremony with family in August 2020. He works as a sales director for Gordon Food Service. As for me, I continue to work in sales at Medidata Solutions, a Dassault Systèmes company.

Medidata provides technology solutions for clinical trials, so it's been a particularly busy and rewarding year working with Life Sciences companies that have been developing COVID-19 treatments. Our three kids are growing up right before my eyes, and my oldest, Alex, is officially a teenager. We are immersed in sports between my husband, Scott's, role as senior associate director of intercollegiate athletics at RIT, and a variety of sports played by the kids. It's fun for all of us and keeps us on the go. Please keep the news coming. It's always great to hear from you, and I often hear how much our classmates enjoy the updates.

Thanks!
Kristen (Muoio) McVean

2003 | Lori Culliton
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2004 | Paul Clapp
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Congratulations to our class scribe, **Paul Clapp**, and his wife Maggie who welcomed their healthy baby daughter, Brett O'Neill Clapp, on September 17, 2020. Brett weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and was 21 inches long. All are doing well! Kudos to **Michael Grady** who has joined Idealliance in Alexandria, Virginia as vice president of global partnerships. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Marlea Miano, M.D.** who was recently named chief medical officer at UH Geauga Medical Center! Marlea will work to enhance clinical programs and services, patient outcomes, and safety and quality.

Please continue to send updates and stay well!

2005 | Jennifer Tolhurst
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We hope to see the Class of 2005 at Reunion on June 12!

2006 | Allison McDonnell Kaufman
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Hello, Class of 2006!

I hope this finds everyone healthy and happy. Despite the ongoing pandemic, our class still has lots of exciting updates and many reasons to celebrate! Starting with the births of quite a few future blue streaks...In March, **Lucia (Biasiotta) Ciocca**, her husband Matthew, and their three sons welcomed a baby girl, Nilla! Their family is living in Brecksville, Ohio. **Colleen (McPhie) Masters** and her husband Scott welcomed their second son, Connor, in March. He joins his four-year-old big brother, Parker. Colleen is the director of operations for a marketing agency in Cleveland. In April, **Michelle (Lapp) Dolence** and her husband Eric welcomed their son Matthew Christopher. **Megan Wheeler McLaughlin** and her husband Brian recently bought a home in University Heights and welcomed their first baby, Mairén Elizabeth, in May. **Matt Matteucci**, his wife Erin, and their son Vincent welcomed Franco Ronald in July. **Meghan (Tighe) Fink**, husband



Jim Fink '05, big brother Grant, and big sister Eleanor welcomed Margaret in October. They are living in the Columbus area now.

Brendan O'Donnell and Amy Williams '09 were married in Hilton Head, South Carolina in August and are expecting their first baby this spring! **Shea Keats** married David Swenson in a small ceremony in September and welcomed two stepchildren, Susan and Devin. Her family resides in Portland, Oregon where she started her business advisory firm, Breakaway. In October, **Randa (Nemer) Shaheen** married Dr. KJ Shaheen on her birthday! Randa is an English language teacher in the Akron Canton area and recently received the 30 for the Future Award from the Greater Akron Chamber, the Ohio TESOL Excellence in Teaching award from the Ohio Department of Education, and the Rookie of the Year award from the Summit County ESC. She is now working on her Ph.D. to advance educational research.

Brigid (Long) Groves was named senior director for practice and professional affairs at the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). She is living in Dublin, Ohio with her husband Michael. **Christen Childs** is a radiologic technologist in interventional radiology at Cleveland Clinic Akron General and Akron Children's Hospital. **Matt Weis** graduated from the anesthesia residency at Emory University in June. He is currently an

anesthesiologist in Savannah, Georgia. **Rory O'Neil**, his wife Amanda '07, and daughter Rooney (class of 2041) recently moved to Hudson, Ohio. Rory works in the Advancement office at JCU and he looks forward to sharing news of their second baby (due this spring) at our class reunion this summer!

As always, thank you for sharing your updates, and congratulations to all! I look forward to celebrating these milestones and more with all of you at our 15-year reunion on June 12, 2021. Save the date!

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Wow, what a year it's been! I didn't know where to begin considering all that we've been through, but I think the best way to start is to say that I pray you are all doing well. Through all the craziness, we have had some great additions to our class, including baby Isaac who joined big brother Jay November 2020 to **Stefanie '08 (Marotta)**, and **Matt Kollarits '08**. Another November baby was Jacob Richard, born to **Rich Ganim '08** and his wife, Triah! Rich also has some great work news in that he became an office leader for Russell Real Estate's Westlake office! Big updates for **Gina (Lubonovic) Michna '08** who graduated with her Masters of Education in May 2020 from Marquette! She also welcomed her second daughter, Quinn Josephine, in September to join big sister Nadia! Congratulations Gina and Rodney! We also want to say cheers to **Adam Higgins '08** and his new bride, Sarah, who had a beautiful, albeit small, wedding on October 9, 2020. The pandemic wasn't going to stop these two from starting their lives together! What a story to tell for years to come! Congratulations also go out to **Maggie (McGinty) Basta '08** who was promoted to sales manager at Edelman Home in Westlake! If you have any home plans in your future, make sure you contact Maggie and Rich! We also heard from **Lisa Judge '08G** who is the associate director of alumni engagement at Baldwin

Wallace University (her undergrad alma mater). She is also serving her third term on the board of Independent College Advancement Associates.

I hope these next few months we all continue to live well, stay healthy, and always remember to be happy! Until next time, keep smiling! XOXO Ann

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Greetings, classmates! I am happy to share with you news from some of our peers who have experienced great joy in their lives over the past few months.

Jennifer Murphy closed out 2020 with an outstanding accomplishment. In December, Jennifer earned her Ph.D. in Urban Education: Learning & Development, from Cleveland State University. Jennifer's dissertation was "School Psychologists' Experience of Identifying Specific Learning Disabilities in Urban Schools." Jennifer is excited to use the information that she learned in her private practice, Achievement Advantage Assessment & Services, which she noted is located in Lyndhurst, OH, just down the street from JCU. Jennifer says that she is happy to be putting roots back in that area. Congratulations to **Ashley (DiNunzio) Gault** who has been promoted to counsel at Tucker Ellis LLP! **Amanda (Pizzi) Sindelar** also had a momentous 2020. She and her husband welcomed their second child, a son, named Jeffrey Charles Sindelar III. Jeffrey was born on September 3, 2020, weighing 7 lbs., 2oz., and measuring 21 inches long. Please continue to share your news and pictures with us. While you are at it, I would encourage anyone who has not recently updated their contact information through the University to please do so. Stay well!

2010 | Meghan O'Keefe
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Dear Class of 2010,

I hope this finds you well, and I hope the new year has brought you happiness and great health. As difficult as 2020 was for many, I

hope we can take time to remember the good times that were had in the past year, and celebrate the accomplishments that were had by our classmates together.

There were a lot of new additions to the JCU family in 2020. **Lauren Stayer Asquith** and her husband John welcomed their third baby, Charlie, on March 28. **Lauren Marchioni Stilphin** and her husband Dan had their second daughter, Layla, on October 5 in Seattle. **Elizabeth Daigler Killackey** and Michael ('07) had their second baby boy, Barry Patrick Killackey, on October 25. **Riannon Golay** and her husband Bryan brought their first child, a baby boy, Dawson Fredrick Golay, into the world on November 12. **Maura McCool Cheatham**, Brett, and big sister Olivia welcomed a new addition on December 20, Matthew Stephen Cheatham. Last but not least, **Sara Roland** and her husband Chris welcomed Grace Elizabeth Roland on December 30. **John Skomra** is now in medical sales for heart devices. He is living in Buffalo NY and still travels to our beloved Cleveland for work. As a reminder, JCU is currently still planning on hosting a reunion celebration on June 12, 2021. Hopefully, by that time we will be in a healthier and more comfortable state for a gathering.

2011 | Maura Jochum
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It's almost time to celebrate our 10-year reunion—I really can't believe it! We have a few updates from our classmates to hold us over until we are (hopefully) able to gather on campus in June.

Sam Knezevic lives in Des Moines, IA, with his wife, Breanne, and their two daughters. Their oldest, Evelyn, will turn three this spring. Their second, Gabriella, was born in May 2020. Sam writes that both of them are a joy and a tremendous blessing. He works in mergers and acquisitions for Casey's, a large convenience store operator. Sam is also an aspiring writer and currently working on a couple of books, the first of which he hopes to publish sometime later in 2021. (I told Sam to keep us posted so we can all grab a copy of his first book!)



guidelines, but you don't want to miss out!

With love for JCU,
Maura

2012 | Emily Herfel, D.O.
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Welcome to a new year, one that has plenty of room for growth and improvement from the year before. I sincerely wish you and your loved ones a healthy 2021. We are saddened to share the news that **Jamie (Magee) Lesnick** passed away on September 20, 2020, in Rochester, NY after fighting a courageous 3-year battle against cancer. Jamie was an extraordinary teacher who touched the lives of so many of her students. She was an inspiration and will be remembered and greatly missed by many.

This update is short, but incredibly sweet as I share baby and engagement announcements. **Lauren (Grzegorzewski) Thomas '12** and her husband **Craig Thomas ('11, '12G)** expanded their family by one, welcoming beautiful baby girl Peyton Elizabeth Thomas in August! Their first daughter Quinn is an amazing big sister and the family is settling in well. Lauren says "We are so in love!" In November, the **Barnhart** family, **Moriah (Sloan) '12** and Patrick, welcomed their second son Bennett. Their family of four is settling in well.

Dr. Robert (Bob) Short '12 and **Deena Kassouf '12** (pictured below)



have had a very eventful year! They both started new jobs (remotely) in late May. Bob left the JCU math department as a full-time visiting professor and transitioned into a role as a research engineer in NASA Glenn's secure networks, system integration, and test branch. Deena started in data management and analytics at Progressive Insurance and focuses on enterprise-wide data rollouts and building and migrating finance and accounting systems. They purchased their first house together in Mayfield Heights in June and have already begun DIY remodeling. Most notably, while isolated away from family due to COVID-19, freshly showered and in clean pj's after a Thanksgiving feast for two, Bob asked Deena to marry him and they spent the long weekend sharing the news with family and friends and celebrating together! Congratulations Deena and Bob!

Sharing in your announcements brings glimpses of light to this year! I am looking forward to seeing what this year will bring!

Emily Herfel, DO

2013 | Larry Napoli
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Owen Coughlin and **Christin Van Atta '14** were married on July 18, 2020, at Mapleside Farms in Brunswick, OH. They celebrated their marriage surrounded by friends and family, including a number of JCU alums.

In June 2020, **Amy Samenuk** took a new role as director of enrollment management and financial aid at Renbrook School in West Hartford, CT. She lives with her fiancé, Tim, in Suffield, CT, with their puppy, Bogey.

Jessica (Hammer) and DJ Debeck welcomed their first child, Payton Dean Debeck, on September 11, 2020.

Christine Lichtinger and **Andrew Wehler** were married on October 30, 2020, during an intimate ceremony.

Anna Bobby '13, 14G and **Drew Schwanitz '14** got married on September 5, 2020, in Youngstown, OH. The couple celebrated with a small group of family and friends, including fellow JCU grads. Pictured



left to right: **Conor Vile '14**, **Ed Hejnal '14**, **Becca (Magyar) Waldo '13**, **Drew**, **Anna**, **Bryan Kroetsch '14**, **Greg Elber '13**, **Hope (Lanning) Elber '14**.

Katya Bej and **Mike Skelly** tied the knot in Parma, OH on August 1, 2020, surrounded by family and friends, along with some JCU grads. Pictured below left to right: **Chris Bej '11**, **Mike**, **Katya**, **Katie (Skelly) Hallal '11**, and **Nick Hallal '11**. Picture credit: **Jodi Hutton**

Rachael Mizner and **Aaron Pugel** were engaged on November 29, 2020, during a walk with their dog, Murphy, at Bridal Veil Falls in Bedford, OH. Rachael and Aaron are planning a destination wedding, but no date has been finalized. **Hannah (Gaffney) Lahiff** and her husband **Mike** welcomed their second baby, **Amelia Anne Lahiff**, on July 15, 2020. She joins her older brother, **Carson**, and her parents who reside in Strongsville, OH.

Becca Bartlett and **Chase Culbertson** were engaged on July 17, 2020, at Goodale Park in Columbus, OH. Becca and Chase are both dentists and currently reside in Columbus. They are planning to elope sometime in 2021. **Gino Giammo** and his wife **Nicole** welcomed their first child, **Giada Emilia Giammo**, on December 18, 2020, at Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights, OH. **Vinny Trivisonno** and **Alexi Cash '11** were engaged on Christmas 2020 surrounded by family in Ashtabula,

OH. No date or venue has been selected yet, but the couple is targeting a spring/summer 2022 wedding. **Jocelyn (Toney) Morin** and **Nick Morin '12** welcomed their son, **Bennett Morin**, on January 26, weighing in at 8 lbs., 4 oz., and 19 inches. Congratulations!

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.

Stay safe and take care!
- Larry



2014 | Desiree Tercek
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I hope you all have had a healthy and safe start to 2021! Despite the challenges of 2020, there is still exciting news to share about our classmates. Congratulations to **Taylor Whisler Bellan** and **Bride Sweeney** who were both honored by their high school, St. Joseph Academy, and received the "25 Under 35" award for outstanding leadership and having a positive impact on their community. Congrats to **Katie (Kiliany) Alvarado**, who married her husband **Matt** on July 18, 2020, in Pittsburgh, PA. Congrats also to **Allie Stevens** who got engaged to her fiancé, **Dan**, on November 8, 2020, in Gulf Shores, AL. The couple is planning a September 2022 wedding and will be living in Akron, OH where they recently bought their first house! **Stephen** and **Maddie (Zink) Lutter** moved to the suburbs of Buffalo, NY, and welcomed **Maple**, the English bulldog, into their family. Maddie is a counselor for the WNY Holistic Center and Stephen is a recruiter for MassMutual New York State. Congratulations to **Chris** and **Alexandria (Flynn) Yurosko**, who welcomed their first child in 2020! **Flynn James Yurosko** was born on January 24, 2020. Chris matched for a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the Cleveland Clinic and the family is looking forward to moving back to the Heights this coming summer. Congratulations to



Chelsea (Gerken) McTigue and **Ty McTigue**, (pictured) who welcomed their baby daughter, Colette Frances McTigue, into the world on February 9, 2021.

It's always great to hear your updates! Please continue to send them to me via email, Facebook, or LinkedIn.

AMDG.
Desiree

2015 | Bri Lazarchik
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Class of 2015, my thoughts continue to be with all of you as we weather this complicated year. I am hopeful that we will be able to celebrate together in June at our updated Reunion! Thank you to everyone who shared their news with me; the amount of updates gives me great joy! In December, **Ashley Bastock** started a new job as a sports reporter with the Akron Beacon Journal after just over two years at The Toledo Blade. **Alyssa Koricke** is working for the Lorain County Sheriff's Office. **Mallory Wilk** passed her commercial pilot check-ride in Vero Beach, Florida (see photo).

Adam Tome earned his MBA from Cleveland State, and he and his wife **Nikki (Keller) Tome** live on the west side of Cleveland. Nikki has been busy with innovation and dedication to her family's restaurant, Italian Creations. **Alex Barilec** now works as a high performance coach and helps emerging leaders, professionals,



and entrepreneurs create health and wealth in all aspects of life. **Katie Wilczewski** has continued working at a Michigan high school during the pandemic. It has been a difficult year on top of being a part-time grad student at Eastern Michigan University, but like many of us, Katie is grateful for her support system and is excited for the day we can reunite as a class. Thank you to Katie, and all teachers, who are courageously navigating a year unlike any other. **Kathleen Blase** married **Brendan Blase '16** in August, and Kathleen works for Bayer as a seed service advisor for Lewis Hybrids. **Jacob Millorino** and **Michelle Bober** got engaged in September 2020 in Hilton Head Island, SC. **Emily (Grazia) Devin** married **Ryan Devin** in December. **Scott Stewart** proposed to **Cassandra Kinzig** in December 2020. **Quinn Cassidy** is now engaged to **Ryan Tann**. **Brodie (Hartsel) Braun** and **Sam Braun** were married in October. **Drew Kostiuik** and **Katherine Ramicone** got engaged on May 17th, 2020, and are planning to get married in the early fall of 2021. **Ellen Dietrick** got engaged to **Dominic Presutti** this past summer. **Joshua** and **Alexandria (Miranda) Babb** were married on August 1, 2020, surrounded by many JCU alumni (see photo).

Sarah (Mascia) Combs and **Jordan Combs** welcomed baby **Oakley Combs** in April 2020. **Megan Boyk** is in her second year of residency training in family practice and health services management in South Bend, which leads me to a huge shout-out to some of the members of our

class working on the front lines in the medical field: **Megan Boyk, Kate Hill, Kelsey Case, Annie Hager, Megan (Mulligan) McMyler, Tim Weeks, Megan Crippen, Alex Myers, Manick Saran**. Thank you to everyone on the front lines who continue to sacrifice their time and energy to keep others safe and healthy. Congratulations to **Beth Andrews** who has been selected as the next head coach of JCU Women's Basketball! Beth served as an assistant coach for two years and played four years for the Blue Streaks. Go Streaks! The alumni office received a great update and photo from **Rebecca (Gerken) Cherpak** that **Alex Cherpak** recently returned home from a 9-month deployment to South Korea. This is the second time he has taken the pennant with him on a deployment! Thank you for your service, Alex!!



Stay hopeful, keep sending your updates, and I look forward to seeing you all this summer!

2016 | Madeline Sweeney
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Happy 2021, friends! Our class has had a wild and exciting year. Congratulations to all the engagements, babies, and new roles!

Emily Warren (Mordini) married her high school sweetheart, **Ben Warren** on Oct. 10, 2020. You were the absolute most beautiful bride. **Renee Frageau** said yes to spending forever with **Stewart Smith-Thomas** in September on their fifth anniversary. They are planning on getting married in October 2022! **Emmy Jenkins** said yes to her engagement as well in November. She was proposed to overlooking Mount Washington in Pittsburgh. **Elizabeth Ann** also got engaged on October 3 to **James Morizzo** on Siesta Key Beach (dreamy). Congratulations to all of you!

Mike Hydzik proposed to **Leah Ross** (17i) in Sept. They took the boat out to their favorite spot, Put-in-Bay. Mike had made a photobook for Leah 2 years into dating that had the date and time of all sorts of photos in it. He updated the book to reflect their 4 years and brought it on the boat as a surprise. They were floating around the harbor looking at the updates, and on the last page was a blank photo that said "9/25/20...the day we got engaged." When she looked up, Mike was on one knee proposing. WOW. have you ever heard of anything more Hydzik?! Congrats, sweet friends!

Sydney Muggia graduated with her master's in school counseling in May. She's moving to Rhode Island in the summer to continue her work as a school counselor. **Nikki Wagner** graduated from Med school in May! **Gina Tosti Dennison** and her husband **Zach** welcomed twin baby girls into the world on July 23. **Hadley Marie** and **Lorelai Rose Dennison** are so beautiful! **Emily Burt** welcomed baby number two into the world on January 24. **Logan** is a dream, and **Emily's** joy is radiating. **Joe Ginley** was hired as the sports information director at JCU in November. He's

so excited to be back at Carroll, and personally, I don't think anyone is better suited for that position. **Elissa Day** recently bought a house and is returning home to Cleveland this summer. So excited for you, E-Day! **Alexandra Ehrett** was honored by her high school, St. Joseph Academy, and received the "25 Under 35" award for outstanding leadership and having a positive impact on the community!

When I reached out to our class on Facebook asking for updates, there was one thing we could all agree on, and that was ensuring **Mason** had space to be raved about (something he would never do himself). **Mason Morrow**, a former JCU ROTC member, recently moved to Tennessee after completing explosive ordinance disposal (EOD) assignments in Virginia, Florida, and New Mexico. He was promoted to captain and is currently assigned to the 101st Airborne. He was deployed early this year and is currently on tour of duty in the Middle East. **Mason** is one of the kindest, most dedicated, and honorable people many of us have ever known. We are so proud of you, Mase. Thank you for your kindness, humbleness, and service. You embody everything we learned at Carroll—a man for and with others, and we could not be more grateful. We love you, and we love your love for **Megan McCabe** ('17), your continuous rock and anchor. Can't wait to welcome you back home soon.

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We heard from **Alesha Edwards** who has recently become a published



author. She has written a poetry book on the Black Experience in America. The book is titled "Melanin Expressions: From My Eyes to Yours-Looking through the Black Lens." This book is meant to spark conversation. It utilizes different types of poetry to inspire change and togetherness as a community and as a world, regardless of color, and can be found on Amazon.

Congratulations to **Jake Hedley** and **Claire Fraser** who became engaged this year in Burlington, Vermont.

Spencer Furin and **Emily (Koeritzer) Furin** were married on August 1st, 2020 at St. Ladislav Parish in Westlake. There were plenty of other JCU alumni in attendance including the bridal party, at the church, and viewing the livestream online. They now live in Westlake and are active in their parish. **Spencer** works for NASA Glenn Research Center and **Emily** is set to graduate with a bachelor's degree in nursing from Ursuline College in December.

The bridal party L to R: **Tara Daly** ('17), **Elizabeth Poston** ('17, '20G), **Jenny Grant** ('17), **Natalie Koeritzer**, **Emily (Koeritzer) Furin** ('17), **Spencer**



Furin ('17), Noah Furin ('22), Sam Weinandy ('17), Mark Smithhisler ('16). We are currently looking for a class columnist for 2017. Please continue to send your updates to the alumni office at journal@jcu.edu and stay well!

2018 | Michael Andelbradt
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Hello Blue Streaks! What a year it has been. Even through it all, our class does have some exciting news to report! Congratulations to the handful of Carroll Couples who got engaged this past year! **KTB & Shawn Breslin, Sammi DiGeronimo & Connor Hrobat, Emily Biniszkiwicz & PJ Volpe, and Ruthie DuBois & Josh Earley '19, and Ryan Amoroso & Katie Advent.**

It feels appropriate to dedicate the remainder of this column to the members of the Class of 2018 who have been studying or working in health care throughout this pandemic. Thank you all for your commitment and service to your community! **Maggie Rybak, Dana Bartolomeo, Alex Bierut, Grace Berry, Elaina Bohanon, Dalton Brownsky, Blair Bakula, Toran Bakula,**

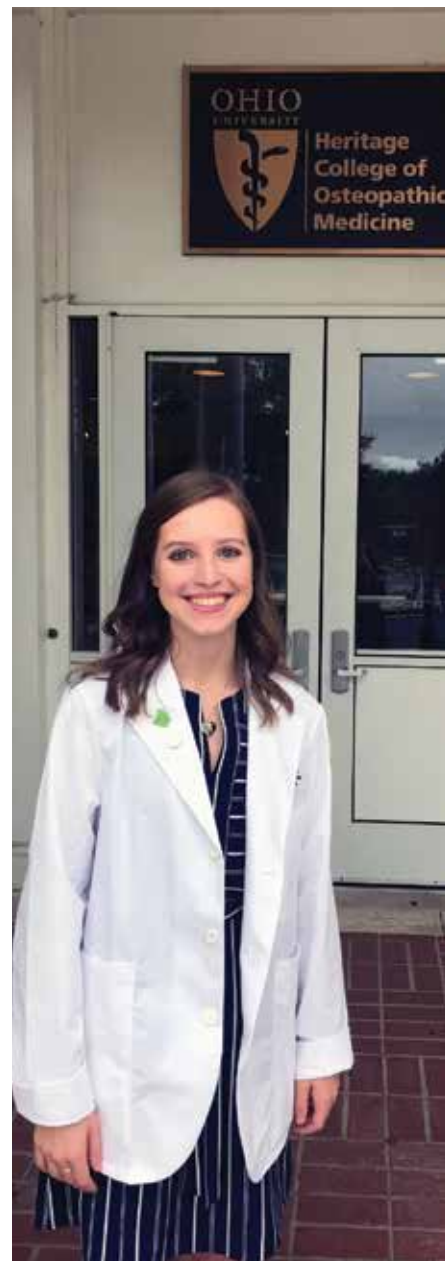


Lizzie Cahill, Leah Calandra, Michelle Cheselka, Emilie Christie, Jerica Day, Will DiPasquale, Aydan Hanlon, Kathryn Hoepfner, Vanessa Kreiss, Hannah Lickey, Eli Moss, Kaylee O'Donnell, Kirsten Ponsart, Teresa Prinster, Katie Puhalla, John Quinn, Mackenzie Santos, Cassie Schillero, Kris Skogsholm, Connor Witherow, and any others who may not be listed. If anyone ever has any exciting news about yourself or a friend in the Class of '18 please send it my way at mandelbradt18@jcu.edu. Onward.

2019 | Sean Freeman & John Tucci
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Next "Frontline:" "When I was at JCU, it opened my eyes to truly why I wanted to be a doctor. Medicine was a way to really be with people. That sounded like the best job in the world to me."

Sarah Foley, alongside **Nick Colby, Emily Ellis, Lexi Plu, Laura Jankowski, Sarah Kalash, Christian Lowery,** and **Bill Sweeney** are becoming doctors in physical therapy, dentistry, pharmacy, and osteopathic medicine. Additionally, our future physician assistants, **Julianne Rosa** and **Devin LaBarge,** are currently presidents of their classes in their respective programs. Compared to life at JCU, "Medical school is its own kind of monster—it's like trying to drink water out of a fire hydrant," joked Christian. While the rigor and singularity of medical material are challenging, Christian is thankful for the skills that set him up for success: "I had a foundation from JCU of how to interact—it's helpful applying what I've learned and learning from others." When COVID-19 entered our lives, medical classes had to adjust quickly. Lectures were moved online, practicals were postponed, and assignments became home projects. "I was filming myself trying to scrub in for a surgery and sending it to my professor," recalls Julianne. Extracurricular programs like DOTS, RUSP, and OAPA, designed to directly serve the community and create laws, have slowed. The students weren't the only ones impacted by the changes. "Some patients regressed because they



weren't able to get the treatment," says Nick. "Some were unable to come to physical therapy because it wasn't safe, but when they could come back, they wanted to get right back on track." While the pandemic has reimagined the status quo, gratitude has flourished. According to Emily, "In COVID-19, there's a lot fewer distractions, but it's hard to make friends and find support in the class. It was helpful going to JCU because I knew people already and have friends around." Being at home for in-patient practicals presented the opportunity for the future of medicine. "Telehealth is nice because you don't wear masks," remarked Devin. "You



get that connection back online, whereas the masks make it harder to engage." Each medical program is scheduled to complete on time, a major achievement throughout this period. Reflecting on the rapid adjustments this year, Bill tells us, "I think OU and every university out there has done the best they can because you can tell no one was ready for this." Tasked with keeping us all safe and healthy, Sarah Kalash suggests, "Have an open mind when looking at anything scientific. It's not black and white, and won't be the same for everyone. Don't be driven by the fear of something, especially with COVID-19." For Laura, "[The pandemic] has made me more aware of the lack of basic medical knowledge the public has. This misinformation has made me more driven to include more education in practice in the future." Through family traditions, callings, and curiosity, our classmates have only grown in their resolve to be a solution in health. For Lexi, the reason for this work is seeing people smile: "after we do treatment on [the patient], a smile comes to their face, and that's what I work to see. It lets me know that I'm in the right profession."



The Office of Alumni Relations is also happy to share some great news from **Kevin Coleman.** Kevin recently arrived back in the states after completing an 8-month overseas tour with the Army's 3rd Battalion, 67 Armored Regiment in both Poland and Germany during the pandemic. He serves as a second lieutenant of Army Intelligence currently in Georgia. He recently became engaged to his longtime girlfriend, also a second lieutenant in the Army, serving as a nurse, Lucy Zaharko (Class of 2020 Case Western Reserve). Lucy and Kevin met while attending JCU and Case Army ROTC. Congratulations and thank you both for your service!

2020 | Kendall Miller
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It is hard to imagine that, in just a few short months from now, it will be one full year since the class of 2020's graduation from John Carroll. I often find myself feeling very nostalgic, missing the crowded quad on a sunshine-filled day, cheering on fellow Blue Streaks as they wore their uniforms proudly, and simply

seeing smiles and sharing laughs with the many faces of John Carroll; however, it has brought me so much joy to be able to celebrate all of the new and wonderful adventures of our classmates!

Here's what they're up to...**Mark Grabowski** is sticking to his Blue Streak roots. He became the graduate assistant and resident minister in the Campus Ministry department, and is currently pursuing his Master's in Nonprofit Administration from John Carroll. **Colleen Grombala** also decided to return to John Carroll this past fall to pursue her Master's degree in innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as play an additional year of lacrosse. Colleen is currently working as an applied behavioral analysis therapist at Building Blocks Therapy in Highland Heights, Ohio, and will begin physical therapy school at Oakland University in Michigan in the fall of 2021. **Sarah Kadas** (pictured) is in her third semester of the physician assistant program at Lake Erie College. She is working hard to achieve her big dreams!



Clare Tirpak started with OMNOVA Solutions as an HR generalist. In September, she relocated to Pennsylvania to work at one of their plants in Auburn, PA. Working in a manufacturing plant amidst the pandemic has been quite an experience for her, but Clare says she is learning something new every day and enjoys living on her own and having the opportunity to explore a new area.

Emily Kadas is working as the campus recruiting specialist for Park Place Technologies headquarters in Mayfield, Ohio. She works with colleges and universities, like John Carroll, to recruit talent for different career opportunities that they offer.

Natalie Bens (pictured) was offered her dream job as a second-grade teacher at Notre Dame in Chicago. She teaches 15 lively students and, even in the midst of the pandemic, she has been teaching in-person. Although the school year has been anything but ordinary, she has loved every second of it. Natalie credits the staff, parents, and students for being so kind and welcoming—she could not ask for a better first job!

In June, **Lauren Kensinger** started working at Amazon as an area manager, and in November helped launch the new Amazon Robotics Fulfillment Center in Akron, Ohio.

Love is in the air! It is with great pleasure that I announce the marriage of **Victoria (Webinger) Langton**. Victoria shared the exciting news of her engagement back in May, and she and her husband Trevor officially tied the knot on January 9, 2021. Although Trevor is not a John Carroll graduate, Victoria has shown him enough of JCU and what it means to be a Blue Streak that he loves it too. To celebrate, Victoria and Trevor traveled around the southwest for their honeymoon. Victoria also passed all four sections of the CPA exam on the first try, and she will be an official CPA in March. What I'm sure is a mutual feeling for many, Victoria is extremely thankful for the preparation JCU provided.

As for me, I have been teaching the most energetic, loving, and faith-filled third graders at Lakewood Catholic Academy. I am so grateful I get to learn alongside them every day. The sense of community at LCA resembles that of John Carroll, making me feel like I always have a piece of our "home away from



Have news to share?

Contact your class columnist with your updates or email journal@jcu.edu.

home" with me. Missing you all and wishing you a happy and healthy 2021. I look forward to hearing all of the incredible things waiting to be accomplished from the class of 2020. Until next time...



In Memoriam

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



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| Thomas Martin | 1949 | 8/8/2020 | Robert Keefe | 1962 | 8/10/2020 | Gary Mack | 1970 | 2/22/2021 |
| Richard Hamlin | 1949 | 2/23/2021 | Paul Kelly | 1962 | 8/15/2020 | Carol Kuhner | 1971 | 7/17/2020 |
| Vincent Francioli | 1950 | 10/17/2020 | Philip Doran | 1962 | 9/18/2020 | John Smalley | 1971 | 8/14/2020 |
| Robert Knotek | 1950 | 11/17/2020 | Raymond Bath | 1962 | 10/3/2020 | Robert Sullens | 1971 | 8/20/2020 |
| T. Leonard Terry | 1950 | 1/14/2021 | Robert Schubach | 1962 | 11/12/2020 | Patricia Jackson | 1971 | 2/1/2021 |
| John Rice | 1951 | 7/4/2020 | Joseph Campbell | 1962 | 12/25/2020 | Edward Urbanek | 1972 | 1/31/2021 |
| Matthew Dolenc | 1951 | 8/21/2020 | Clare McGuinness | 1962 | 1/3/2021 | Eugene Novak | 1973 | 11/24/2020 |
| George Stybel | 1952 | 10/7/2020 | Robert Dodd | 1962 | 1/12/2021 | Margaret Bruening | 1974 | 1/17/2021 |
| Neil Raleigh | 1953 | 9/11/2020 | Paul Peebles | 1963 | 9/16/2020 | Eula Barber | 1975 | 11/11/2020 |
| Francis Schilling | 1953 | 1/1/2021 | Harold Clancy | 1963 | 10/6/2020 | Lois Weissberg | 1976 | 3/3/2021 |
| John Beringer | 1953 | 2/5/2021 | Carl Zucker | 1963 | 10/9/2020 | Midge Newman | 1977 | 10/13/2020 |
| Richard Keeney | 1954 | 11/28/2020 | Charles Hauck | 1963 | 11/20/2020 | James Wallenhorst | 1978 | 9/21/2020 |
| Richard Trivison | 1954 | 9/22/2020 | Edmund Thomas | 1963 | 12/6/2020 | Terry O'Brien | 1978 | 2/28/2021 |
| Benjamin Anthony | 1955 | 8/4/2020 | James Mertes | 1963 | 2/23/2021 | Dennis Paul | 1978 | 2/25/2021 |
| John Keshock | 1955 | 9/2/2020 | Augustine Van Lan | 1964 | 7/21/2020 | Lawrence Repicky | 1979 | 11/2/2020 |
| Thomas Rusk | 1955 | 9/8/2020 | John Fusco | 1964 | 7/24/2020 | Patrick Bowen | 1980 | 7/22/2020 |
| Robert Bruening | 1955 | 10/26/2020 | Michael Weigand | 1964 | 9/23/2020 | Ellen Kolman | 1980 | 1/25/2021 |
| Joseph Andrasak | 1955 | 11/9/2020 | Kevin Coughlin | 1964 | 10/21/2020 | J. C. Hoenigman | 1981 | 12/7/2020 |
| Lawrence Carelli | 1955 | 1/2/2021 | Anthony Lux | 1964 | 1/23/2021 | George Antoon | 1982 | 8/25/2020 |
| Donald Schuele | 1956 | 12/19/2020 | C. Jay Sweet | 1964 | 3/3/2021 | Gregory Morse | 1986 | 9/21/2020 |
| Gilbert DeGrave | 1957 | 12/26/2020 | Manrico DeAngelis | 1965 | 7/14/2020 | Fenton Moore | 1987 | 2/18/2021 |
| Richard Donahue | 1957 | 11/28/2020 | Edward Gutman | 1965 | 2/2/2021 | Donald Moracz | 1988 | 9/25/2020 |
| Salvatore Felice | 1957 | 2/6/2021 | Donalene Poduska | 1966 | 11/17/2020 | Judith Grown | 1988 | 1/25/2021 |
| Philip Grushetsky | 1958 | 9/23/2020 | William Scheffner | 1966 | 1/1/2021 | Mildred Tibbs | 1989 | 10/19/2020 |
| Lawrence O'Donnell | 1958 | 2/21/2021 | Donald Chenelle | 1966 | 1/26/2021 | John Westropp | 1990 | 1/22/2021 |
| Joe Harrison | 1959 | 6/14/2020 | Harold Aubry | 1966 | 2/19/2021 | Shawn Gannon | 1992 | 2/14/2021 |
| Michael Tracy | 1959 | 7/10/2020 | Paul Becka | 1967 | 11/22/2020 | Daniel Piotrowicz | 1999 | 7/5/2020 |
| Denis Meder | 1959 | 8/1/2020 | Thomas Fahey | 1967 | 9/18/2020 | Ann Bratka | 2000 | 11/5/2020 |
| Robert Martin | 1959 | 8/6/2020 | Patrick Zeller | 1967 | 2/24/2021 | Linda Putney | 2003 | 8/14/2020 |
| John Szuch | 1959 | 10/8/2020 | Thomas Brennan | 1968 | 7/16/2020 | Michael Smolinsky | 2005 | 12/28/2020 |
| Virginia Cirino | 1960 | 8/6/2020 | Winston Bachmann | 1968 | 11/23/2020 | Jaimie Magee | 2012 | 9/20/2020 |
| Charles Schilling | 1960 | 12/22/2020 | John Babington | 1968 | 2/7/2021 | Benjamin Hudson | 2018 | 8/19/2020 |
| Peter Pucher | 1960 | 1/3/2021 | Daniel Perhay | 1968 | 2/24/2021 | | | |
| David Hils | 1961 | 12/29/2019 | Thomas Waligorski | 1969 | 7/6/2020 | | | |
| Michael Caton | 1961 | 11/15/2020 | Robert Heltzel | 1970 | 8/17/2020 | | | |
| Jerry Ramusack | 1961 | 12/31/2020 | J. Rickey Gibson | 1970 | 9/11/2020 | | | |



Have you moved or changed your email address in recent years?

Have you celebrated a marriage or welcomed a new child to the family?

Have you received a promotion at work or decided to enter the world of retirement?



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