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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

At John Carroll University, we often speak about forming leaders inspired not just by success, but by purpose. In the spirit of that mission, this issue highlights alumni across industries and across the country who live out their calling by forging paths uniquely their own.

Some of the Blue Streaks featured here you may already know, while others might be new to you. What makes them unforgettable is that they were not surprised by the future. Instead, they were the ones who did the surprising.

For example, take Gabriella Kreuz '14. A former All-American runner turned media personality and nonprofit founder, Kreuz is one of Cleveland's most recognizable and uplifting voices. Whether she's energizing fans at Progressive Field or leading relationship education

workshops in local classrooms through Love Doesn't Shove, the nonprofit she launched as a John Carroll senior, Kreuz brings heart, humility, and purpose to everything she does. "I've had so many people pour into me," she says. "I'm just a reflection of all those who've lifted me up."

Or consider Harley Magden '98, a versatile entrepreneur whose career proves that opportunity is everywhere for those bold enough to pursue it. After co-founding Window Nation and building it into one of the country's largest home improvement companies, Magden has continued to find success across a wide range of ventures. From leading an automotive business to co-owning a neighborhood deli, directing marketing for a solar company, managing venture capital investments, and helping run a Cleveland

speakeasy, his path reflects both entrepreneurial energy and a willingness to embrace the unexpected. It's a mindset that has guided him through both growth and uncertainty.

"Looking back, what really set us apart was being opportunistic, proactive, and staying positive," Harley said. "During challenging times—whether it was a recession or the pandemic—most companies pulled back and played it safe. But we took the opposite approach. We asked ourselves, 'How can we use this moment to move forward?'"

This issue of Onward demonstrates where a John Carroll education can lead—to places where curiosity is essential, empathy is expected, and leadership requires both character and conviction. In a world shaped by complexity and change, our alumni continue to answer the call as professionals and as people for and with others. Thank you for serving the greater good.

With gratitude,

Alan R. Miciak, Ph.D.
President
John Carroll University

Around *the* QUAD

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Meet The Press Legacy Continues

John Carroll graduate Tate Farinacci '25 has been selected as the next NBC Meet the Press Fellow. Farinacci graduated this past spring with a degree in Political Science with a concentration in Legal Studies and minors in Philosophy, Communication, and Peace, Justice, and Human Rights. Tate is the 17th JCU student to earn this opportunity since the Fellowship began in memory of long-time Meet the Press host Tim Russert '72 in 2009.



New Faces On Campus

CATHERINE CAMPBELL, PH.D

was named the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

SEAN HANSEN, PH.D

was named the John M. Boler Dean of the Boler College of Business.

DREW POPPLETON '04, '06G

was named the new Assistant Vice President for Student Success.



Marcello Hernandez Launches Scholarship Fund

In May, John Carroll University announced the creation of the Bo & Tom - Marcello A. Hernandez '19 Scholarship.

Made possible by a generous donation from "Saturday Night Live" cast member and John Carroll alumnus Marcello Hernandez '19, the annual scholarship will support one senior student interested in a career in comedy, entertainment, or content creation.



Entrepreneurial Streaks

A group of JCU students have launched a startup called Sleep Hypnos, an acupuncture-based technology designed to naturally promote relaxation, improve sleep quality, and aid recovery.

Leading the efforts are Quincy Unger '28 (Chief Executive Officer), John Raguz '26 (Chief Financial Officer), Pat Bohan '28 (Chief Operating Officer) and Danny Villa-Alcaraz '28 (Chief Marketing Officer).



DAY OF GIVING 2025



The 7th annual Day of Giving took place on April 10-11, 2025. Held in conjunction with the annual Founder's Day celebration of JCU's inception, this year's Day of Giving set new records for the University. More than 75 campus partners participated to raise \$686,111, thanks to the help of 2,231 unique donors, eclipsing the goal of 1,886 donors by over 18%.

Thank
You,
Father
Bernie!



Fr. Bernie McAniff, S.J. has been missioned to serve as Assistant to the Superior at Colombiere Center in Clarkson, MI after 15 years of devoted service to John Carroll University. Through his diverse contributions to the Dean of Students Office, Campus Ministry, the Office of Mission & Identity, and University Advancement, as well as his meaningful liturgies, his ministry has resonated with countless individuals. We deeply appreciate his commitment to pastoral care and his generous willingness to go to great lengths to support our students, their families, and our alumni.



JCU Among Best Value Colleges

John Carroll University has been named one of the Princeton Review's "Best Value Colleges" for 2025. JCU was one of 209 institutions recognized for their academic rigor, affordability, career outcomes for graduates, and positive institutional & student survey data.



Reunion 2025 A Success!

On June 6 & 7, John Carroll University hosted more than 600 alumni and guests for Reunion Weekend 2025. Highlights included a screening of Tim Russert: The John Carroll Years documentary, multiple happy hours, Continuing Education Sessions, Reunion Mass celebrated by Bishop Neal Buckon '75, Class Dinners, and a wild dance party under the stars!

A DECADE OF DOMINANCE



With the conclusion of the spring season, John Carroll's time in the Ohio Athletic Conference has come to an end. After 35+ years of membership, the University has reflected on its success in the OAC and prepares for the road ahead.

In 1989, the administration at John Carroll decided to leave the President's Athletic Conference and rejoin the OAC - having first been in the league from 1932-1949. That choice would set the stage for one of the most important and decorated periods in the history of John Carroll athletics. Over the next three decades, Blue Streak programs would win 177 OAC

championships and 18 individual national championships and produce 382 All-Americans. The athletic department was a model of consistency, routinely finishing at or near the top of the league standings. John Carroll won the Tim Gleason OAC All Sports Trophy 14 times - including 10 consecutive on the men's side. The University is grateful for the partnership with the OAC member institutions and will miss the collaboration and competition.

Now begins a new era for John Carroll athletics as we formally establish our membership in the NCAC - the North Coast Athletic Conference. This is an exciting moment in the university's history as the John Carroll brand hits the national stage. The partnership with our NCAC peers will only further that growth. We are looking forward to establishing new rivalries and introducing John Carroll to new audiences while continuing our relentless pursuit of competitive excellence.

JCU IN THE OAC BY THE NUMBERS

After 35 years, John Carroll University will depart the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) on top, winning it's 10th straight Men's OAC All-Sports Trophy and finishing a close second for the Women's OAC All-Sports Trophy. As JCU enters competition in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) this fall, we look back on a decade of dominance, and a legacy of athletic excellence.

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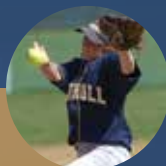
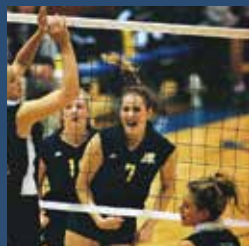
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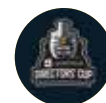


ATHLETICS ROUNDUP

Grand Finale

Both the John Carroll University Men's Basketball and Men's Golf teams concluded their tenure in the Ohio Athletic Conference by winning the conference championships in their respective sports. Men's Basketball qualified for the NCAA tournament for the 3rd year in a row and Men's Golf finished in 15th place in the NCAA Tournament, the program's best finish since 1997.

JCU Finishes 39th in Learfield Directors' Cup



For the fourth consecutive school year, the Blue Streaks rank as a top 40 athletic institution in Division III. JCU ranks in the top 9% of the 425 schools in Division III, finishing as the highest-ranked OAC institution and the 2nd-highest-ranked NCAC institution, behind Denison (20th).



SCHWEICKERT & BRACKEN FIELD RENOVATION

The baseball and softball teams ushered in new eras for the 2025 season, thanks to a turfing project completed on Schweickert Field and Bracken Field. The project helped provide a more reliable playing surface for the baseball & softball teams, while also providing additional practice space for all sports.

STANDOUT STREAKS

Basheer Alramahi, a junior runner from Westlake, Ohio, earned All-American honors in both the indoor & outdoor 400m and was part of JCU's 4x400m All-American outdoor relay team. He also received the Elite 90 Award for the 2024-25 indoor track season, awarded to the student-athlete with the highest grade point average at the NCAA championships.

Dakota Houston, a first year sprinter from Beachwood, Ohio was named an All-American four times in 2025. She earned All-American recognition in the indoor 60m, outdoor 100m, outdoor 200m, and was part of JCU's 4x100m All-American outdoor relay team.

Luke Frazier, a senior guard from Mentor, Ohio, was named a Second-Team All-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and was named the OAC's Most Outstanding Player.

GINA STEPHAN Named Inaugural Field Hockey Coach

After field hockey was announced as JCU's 25th varsity sport, the Blue Streaks have named Gina Stephan as the Blue & Gold's first head coach of the program. Field hockey will start as a club team in 2025 before transitioning to a varsity sport in 2026. Stephan comes to University Heights after a five-year stint with Bridgewater College (VA), where she doubled the program's win total from 6 to 12 across four seasons as head coach.



HALL OF FAME NEWS

Molly Ridenour '99
Volleyball

Thomas Jon "TJ" Kolba '04
Men's Soccer

Janine Solomon '06
Softball

Frank Ross '10
Football

Caitlyn Walton '10
Women's Soccer

Blake Furgerson '10
Men's Golf

Chet Lauer '14
Baseball

Brian Potocnik '15
Men's Soccer

1968-69 Men's Golf Team

Additionally, the Athletic Hall of Fame will be named after **David Rastoka '90** (HOF Class of 2000). The Hall of Famers and Rastoka will be honored during Homecoming Weekend this fall, set for October 24-25, 2025.



GABRIELLA KREUZ '14

FUELED BY
PURPOSE
POWERED
BY HEART

by Heidi Sacko Walters

Gabriella Kreuz—known simply as Gab—isn't just one of the most engaging voices in Cleveland sports. She's also one of its most inspiring.

You won't find this 2014 John Carroll grad toiling away in a typical 9-to-5. Gab's career, like her energy, rewrites the rules. A collegiate All-American runner turned full-time freelancer, she makes her living juggling multiple roles: talking sports on Big Play Sports Network, serving as the in-park host for the Cleveland Guardians, and creating fresh, original content that's been featured by the Browns, Cavaliers, and the I'm From Cleveland Instagram page. She's also the founder—and the heart—behind Love Doesn't Shove, a nonprofit she started in her senior year at John Carroll that brings relationship violence education and healing conversations into schools.

Her schedule is intense and unpredictable—and that's by design. One day might find her editing an episode of her YouTube show Krezuzin' Cleveland, the next filming a segment for her gym, Fitworks. In between it all, she

squeezes in spin classes at Harness Cycle in Ohio City and still makes time to play fetch with her blue heeler, Blues. Wardrobe changes in her car help make it all possible: "I can do three or four outfit changes a day—my car looks like a gypsy lives there," she laughs. "But it's just the Gab way."

That kind of warmth and humility is what makes Gab stand out—not just in Cleveland sports media, but in everything she does. "I knew right away I didn't want a traditional career," she says. After earning a master's degree in broadcast and digital journalism at Syracuse University's acclaimed S.I. Newhouse School of Journalism, Gab took a full-time job at a news station. "I lasted two months," she admits. "I felt suffocated. I'm a free spirit and I knew right away that I had to do it my way."

That meant following her instincts, taking a chance that her creativity would see her through, and trusting the right opportunities would come. It isn't always easy. "Every year there are gigs that get cut. But somehow new ones always show up," she says. "God always has my back."

Even as her media presence grows, she's anchored by something far more personal. Love Doesn't Shove, the nonprofit she started in 2014 as a John Carroll senior, was born out of her own painful experience with relationship violence. With the support of friends and John Carroll faculty, Gab turned that pain into purpose, launching a one-woman campaign that educates teens to

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recognize abusive behavior and empowers them to reach out for help.

Since then, Love Doesn't Shove has become a vital program in classrooms across Northeast Ohio. The workshops can be transformational. She's had students tell her they feel seen for the first time, and many even share their own stories of personal hardship. "I've walked out of classrooms in tears," she says. "You can't un-hear some of the things students go through. I know I can't change their home environments—but I can do my part by listening and hopefully easing their pain just a little bit."

Love Doesn't Shove has grown almost exclusively by word of mouth. "It's probably the most purposeful thing I do," she says. "It feels divine, like I'm just the vessel."

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She's thought about taking Love Doesn't Shove full-time, but for now, she'll continue to balance the emotional intensity of that work with the creativity her sports work provides. "All the things I do play off each other," she explains. "Some students already know me from the Guardians or Cavs, and that helps build trust. It all connects."

One of her proudest achievements came last year, when she was inducted into the John Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of her remarkable athletic career. As a senior, Kreuz led John Carroll to its first OAC Cross Country title in 22 years and qualified individually for the Division III NCAA Championships, where she earned All-American honors. On the track, she capped her career with eight school records and eight OAC titles, spanning events from the 3K to the 4x400m relay.

Gab's path has been marked by a willingness to follow her heart. "I just want to live a full, colorful life," she says. "And one day, when I'm too old to do all of this, I'll be able to say I really lived it."

Asked if she considers herself inspirational, she deflects. "I've had so many people pour into me," she says, naming mentors like her first boss the late Chris Wenzler '90, the beloved leader of John Carroll's Sports Information Department who passed away in 2020, her mid-distance track coach Mo Banton, and Gridiron Club leader Dave Rastoka '90, who has been a long-standing champion of Love Doesn't Shove. "I'm just a reflection of all those who've lifted me up."

Still, there's no denying the ripple effect she's creating—for students, for young men and women, and for Clevelanders who see in her a rare authenticity. "I'm a storyteller more than an influencer," she says. "I just want to tell stories in a way people can feel."

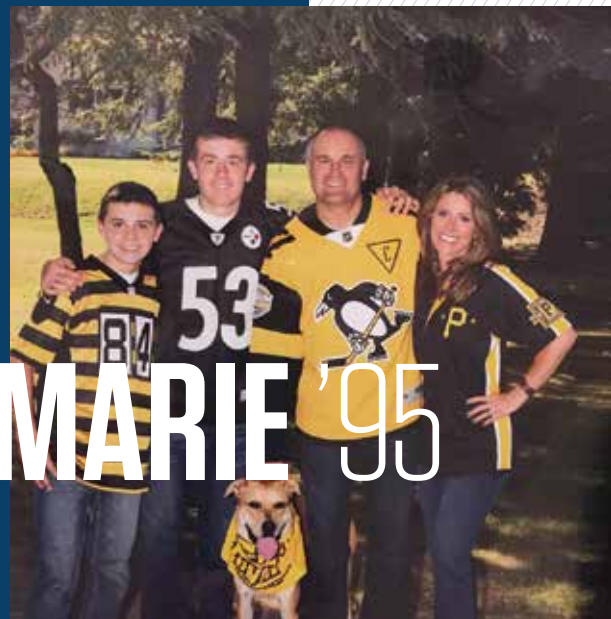
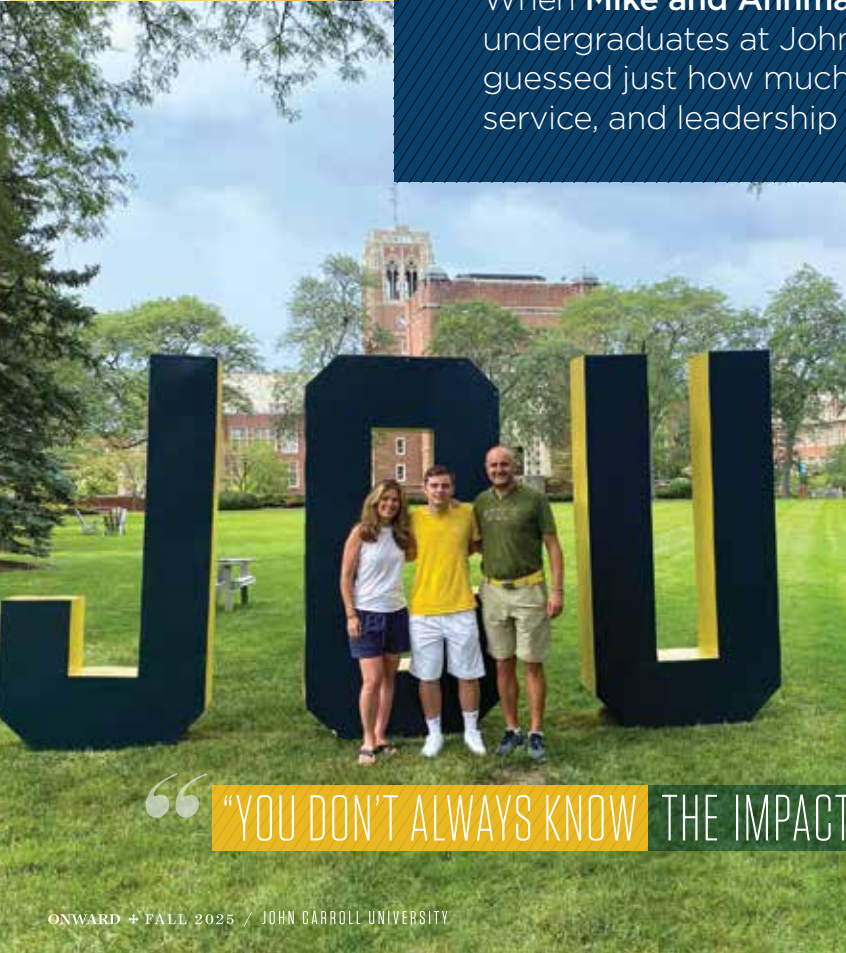
Music, modeling, and singing are all part of her world too—some on the back burner, some still on the bucket list. Top of that list: To sing the national anthem at a Guardians game.

Gab is proof a career can be more than just work; it can be a calling. And whether she's holding a mic at Progressive Field or helping a teenager recognize their worth, every day she's knows that she's doing exactly what she was born to do.

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MIKE '95 AND ANNMARIE '95 LYONS

LIVING THEIR VALUES EVERY DAY

When **Mike and Annmarie (Pascale) Lyons** met as undergraduates at John Carroll University, neither could have guessed just how much the school's values of community, service, and leadership would shape their futures.

Mike, a Pittsburgh native, arrived at John Carroll with a passion for history and a plan to play sports. He still remembers how the soccer and baseball coaches made him feel during his campus visit. "They were so welcoming," he says. "It just felt right." That sense of connection helped seal his decision to commit to John Carroll. Annmarie, a sociology and human services major, immediately felt at home on campus, too. She appreciated the beauty of the campus, and, like Mike, she was moved by the sincerity of the people she met.

Ultimately, their John Carroll experience laid the foundation for two very different—but equally inspiring—careers.

Mike has spent the last 29 years as a high school history teacher in North Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he teaches juniors and seniors courses like *Honors American History from Truman to Trump* and *Honors American Foreign Policy*. He works hard to bring the connections

between the past and present to life, with activities like an annual field trip to the Flight 93 National Memorial in nearby Shanksville. "I spend a whole day teaching about Flight 93, and then we go out there and the kids get to see it firsthand," he says. "It's always a really emotional day and it's very rewarding to see the kids experience it."

"I have the greatest job in the world," he continues. "I love history, and I love making it matter to my students." Matter it does. One former student, now an astronaut, even gave a shoutout to Mike from the International Space Station, crediting him with sparking an early interest in world events. "That was a proud moment," Mike admits. "You don't always know the impact you're making until much later."

Annmarie has carved out an equally inspiring path in healthcare administration. As Vice President of Women's Health at UPMC, she oversees strategy, innovation, and operations for women across UPMC's 40-hospital footprint "We deliver 25,000 babies a year," she says. "We have to make sure every woman, in every community, gets the same high-quality care, no matter where they live."

Her work spans maternal health, women's health specialties, women's cancer research, and social advocacy. "I'm not a clinician," she explains. "My job is to understand community needs and then build systems that meet them—responsibly, efficiently, and with empathy." She's particularly proud of helping launch a breast cancer vaccine trial and developing programs to reduce maternal mortality.

One of her biggest professional accomplishments—and also her greatest challenge—was leading the launch of UPMC East, a hospital built from the ground up in Pittsburgh's eastern suburbs. "We had no license, no staff, no patients—nothing," she says. "Just a vision of what the community needed. It was terrifying, but we built it together. We filled that hospital faster than anyone expected."

And service isn't just limited to their professional lives. Eighteen years ago, they started an annual benefit gala for Autism Speaks that has raised more than \$778,000, making their team the top fundraiser in Pennsylvania. "It started as a small event," Annmarie says. "It's still going strong after all these years."

The Lyons' have also given back to their alma mater in big ways. Mike and Annmarie both serve as regional ambassadors, welcoming prospective students and speaking at John Carroll events in Pittsburgh. They've established two endowments—one for the College of Health and another for the men's soccer program. Annmarie plays an instrumental role on the university's Board of Directors and as a co-chair for the College of Health Task Force. "It's incredibly rewarding to shape the next generation of healthcare leaders," she says. "Especially at a school that shaped me." Mike is an active committee member of the Blue-Gold Club after his induction into the JCU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2019.

The love for John Carroll runs in the family. Their son Matt graduated from the university this past spring,

leaving behind his own legacy—as the face of Lobo, the school's newly revived mascot. Their older son, Tommy, is also thriving, with a career in cybersecurity at BNY in Pittsburgh.

Despite all they've accomplished, Mike and Annmarie remain deeply grounded. "We don't set out to be inspirational," Annmarie says. "We just try to live authentically, to follow our values, and to help where we can."

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That commitment to authenticity is what makes them so special. Whether in a classroom or a hospital boardroom, this Carroll Couple lives their lives

in service of others—shaped by the values they embraced at John Carroll and strengthened by the community they found there.

The pair is so well matched that it's hard to imagine that they almost didn't become a couple. "We met early on, but we were always just friends," Mike says. "It wasn't until our senior trip that we really started talking." Those conversations almost didn't happen. Mike played for the John Carroll baseball team, and playoffs were scheduled the same week as the senior trip. He wasn't planning on going—until his team lost the final game they needed to qualify.

What felt like a major disappointment turned out to be a life-changing stroke of luck. "If we'd won that last baseball game," Mike says, "I wouldn't have gone on the trip. And I wouldn't have ended up talking to Annmarie. So losing that game? That was the biggest win of my life."



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JIM MASON '60

A LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP

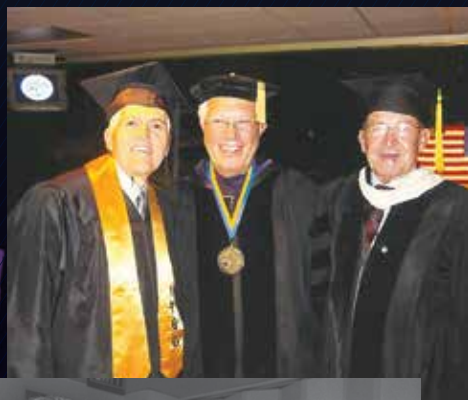
Though Jim Mason's life has been defined by leadership, it's never been about being in the spotlight. It's been about living a life defined by service, humility, and commitment to his family and community.

From his early days at John Carroll University in the 1950s to a 30-year career at the Eaton Corporation, Jim's life has been shaped by his parents and a deep loyalty to the people and the institutions that helped guide him. Born in Joliet, Illinois and raised in Illinois and Northwest Indiana, Jim graduated from Bishop Noll High School in Hammond, Indiana. Jim first learned about JCU after a Jesuit, Fr. Weber, S.J., visited his high school while he was on a recruiting trip for prospective students. After his presentation and a subsequent campus visit, Jim felt that it was the place for him and JCU could help shape his life.

Shape him it did. The jewel box of a campus that Jim attended half a century ago was markedly different from today's modern institution—it was just a few buildings clustered around the main quad—but Jim quickly found a home at John Carroll. He lived in Pacelli and Bernet Halls, attended classes in what is now St. Ignatius Hall (formerly the AD building) and grew close to classmates from Cleveland, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Detroit, and New York. "Our class was tight-knit," he says. "Whether you played sports or not or whether you lived in a dorm or were a day-hop, we all connected. There was a lot of respect, a lot of bonding."

Jim spent four years immersing himself in campus life. He ran track, was a member of the Iota Chi Upsilon fraternity (it was called "the Boosters" back then), joined ROTC, and has fond memories of student traditions like Stunt Night, an annual theatrical competition of satirical skits that helped boost school spirit. But what stayed with him wasn't just the social experiences—he was deeply shaped by John Carroll's academic rigor and Jesuit values. "Philosophy was a mandatory minor. We

Jim receiving the Alumni Medal from Alumni Association President Jim McCrystal '70



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learned how to think, how to write, how to reason," Jim says. "It prepared me for everything that came after."

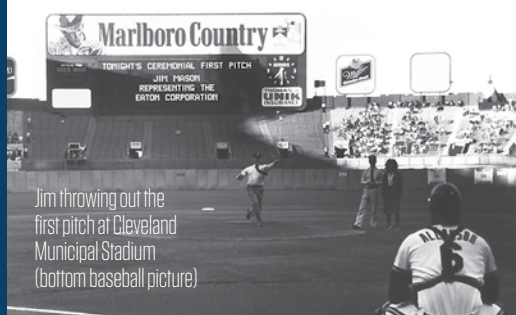
After graduating in 1960, Jim joined the U.S. Army Transportation Corps, rising to the rank of Captain and serving as an aide to General Edward W. Sawyer at Fort Eustis in Newport News, Virginia. He spent eight years in the military and credits the Army's discipline and leadership training as an essential part of his success as a civilian.

When he left the service, he found himself back at John Carroll—this time in a professional capacity. At the invitation of then-president Father Hugh Dunn, Jim served in the university's alumni and development office, helping to grow what was then a small, Cleveland-based alumni association into a national network of connected and committed graduates. Core to their efforts was a group of World War II veterans, who had come back from the war and finished up their schooling at John Carroll. "They were so welcoming. It wasn't just my class of '60 peers, but these other people who were working so hard to help Carroll succeed," he recalls. "Their

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welcomeness made it hard not to want to get more involved." That experience, he says, was his first real foray into organizational leadership. "We were learning how to engage people beyond events, and to build community and purpose."

Jim went on to earn his MBA at Case Western Reserve University and made the transition to the private sector, joining Eaton Corporation's management training program. Over the course of a 30-year career, he rose through the ranks, holding key roles in operations and public affairs, and was promoted to Vice President of Government and Community Relations.



Jim throwing out the first pitch at Cleveland Municipal Stadium (bottom baseball picture)



Eaton sent him to Washington, D.C., in 1977 to manage its government affairs office. "It was a different world then," he says. "We were helping our executives understand how government and industry intersect." He helped establish Eaton's first political action committee, coordinated visits with lawmakers, and represented the company in major policy discussions, including the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Despite his demanding career, Jim still found time to stay involved with John Carroll. He served as president of the John Carroll Alumni Association and helped lead a national expansion of alumni outreach. "When I came here, it was an all-male campus. Now it's co-ed, vibrant, and national in scope," he says. "And I've been proud to be part of that evolution."

As accomplished as Jim has been professionally, his personal life has been just as rewarding. His commitment to family (he and his wife Melinda raised five children and now enjoy spending time with their six grandchildren), his decades of civic leadership with organizations such as United Way, Boy Scouts of America, the YMCA, and the Diocese of Cleveland, and his loyalty to his alma mater all point to a life well lived.

When he's asked what motivated him throughout his career, Jim's doesn't hesitate with his answer: "The friendships. The people who pulled me in and believed in me. That started at Carroll and stayed with me for life." Now in his 80s, Jim is still active, still reflective, and still deeply connected to the university he credits with launching him. "John Carroll gave me the foundation," he says. "The confidence to try, the discipline to stick with it, and the relationships that carried me through."

PROMOTED -- After being promoted to First Lt. James L. Mason (right) son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold G. Mason, 337 Grant st., receives the silver bar denoting his new rank from Brig. Gen. Edward W. Sawyer, Assistant Commandant and Ceremonies, U.S. Army Transportation School in recent ceremonies at Fort Eustis, Va. Lieutenant Mason is an aide-de camp. He is a 1956 graduate of Bishop Noll High School, and received his B.S. degree from John Carroll University.



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CAITLIN HUEY-BURNS '09

FRONT ROW TO HISTORY

by Heidi Sacko Walters

Being present, listening deeply, and paying close attention are core values of a Jesuit education—and if you ask Caitlin Huey-Burns '09, they're also the foundation of good journalism.

Huey-Burns describes journalism as more than a job: it's a way of understanding the world and helping others understand it, too. As a political correspondent for CBS News, she's covered presidential elections, traveling the country and sitting down with some of the most powerful people in the world. But when she's asked about her work, she starts with where it began: a busy college newsroom at John Carroll.

While Huey-Burns had always loved politics, her interest in journalism took root when she walked past The Carroll News office one day and decided to give it a try. That split second decision ended up setting her on a course for life. "We'd be up until four or five in the morning," she remembers. "It was everything you picture in a college newsroom—pizza boxes everywhere, people editing on the fly. And I loved every second of it."

“[AT JCU] WE WERE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, DOING SERVICE... THAT STAYED WITH ME. IT'S HOW I TRY TO APPROACH MY WORK...”

Those late nights in the newsroom with her fellow student reporters and faculty advisors gave her more than great memories. They gave her the confidence to pursue a career in a hyper-competitive field. And the support she received from her professors didn't just boost her confidence; it equipped her with the ability to read critically, think clearly, and write with purpose. "For my job I have to read legislation, dig into policies, and try to present all sides clearly," she explains. "I use that foundation constantly."

Graduating during the Great Recession wasn't easy. She moved back home, started grad school at Georgetown, and took every internship she could find, including stints at NPR, CNBC, and U.S. News & World Report. Eventually, she landed a job as a reporter for RealClearPolitics. "That's when I really got started doing my own reporting, covering campaigns, elections, Congress, the White House, everything politics. And it was just really cool," she says. "The first campaign I covered for them was the 2012 Romney-Obama campaign. The whole time I was pinching myself that I got to do this." Her reporting caught the attention of cable news outlets, who invited her on-air for guest appearances that ultimately led to her current role at CBS News.

During the recent presidential election she was assigned to the Trump campaign and crisscrossed the country following him at rallies and public events. In 2024, she landed an exclusive interview with him—one of the biggest moments of her career. "There was a lot of pressure," she says. "I had to ask tough but fair questions, stay focused, and cover a lot of ground in a short amount of time. It was definitely a milestone for me."

Over the course of her career, she's also sat down with Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Mike Pence, and nearly every major political

figure. But in true Ignatian fashion, the conversations she finds most meaningful aren't with politicians—they're with voters.

"I love traveling and talking to people," she says. "People are incredibly generous with their stories. They tell you about their struggles, their hopes, what matters to them. That's what keeps me going."

That commitment to telling people-centered stories goes back to her days at John Carroll. "We weren't kept in a bubble," she says. "We were out in the community, doing service and meeting people with very different life experiences. That stayed with me. It's how I try to approach my work, looking at how policies affect real people."

Recently, that approach took her to West Virginia, where she reported on how proposed Medicaid cuts could affect nursing home residents. "Those are the kinds of stories I care most about," she says. "I think of it as giving a voice to people who don't have a national platform."

Along with the demands of being a political correspondent for a major national news outlet, she's thriving in another important role: parenting. She and her husband, Matt Rodak '07—also a John Carroll alum—live in Washington, D.C., with their two young children, and juggling deadlines and drop off isn't always easy. "I always knew I wanted to be a journalist," she says, "but I also knew I wanted to be a mom. Trying to do both well is incredibly rewarding and incredibly hard."

That reality hit hard the week she interviewed Donald Trump. It just so happened that the interview

was the same week her son was starting preschool. While she made it home in time for his first day, she missed meet-the-teacher night. "I was prepping for one of the biggest interviews of my career," she says, "and all I could think about was the moment at home that I was missing. That push and pull is always there."

Still, she wouldn't trade it. "The hours are long and the mornings are early, but most days it doesn't feel like work," she says. "I really can't imagine doing anything else."

And as for the place where it all started? The values that John Carroll instilled in her are still strong, and she and her husband are still close with many of their classmates. "There's something about that place," she says. "The community, the friendships, the professors—it all left a mark."

“THE CONVERSATIONS SHE FINDS MOST MEANINGFUL AREN'T WITH POLITICIANS—THEY'RE WITH VOTERS.”



Caitlin reporting from the U.S./Mexico border



Caitlin with husband Matt Rodak '07 at the 2025 White House Correspondents Dinner



HARLEY MAGDEN '98

ALWAYS BUILDING NEVER COMPLACENT

Harley Magden '98 had a straightforward plan:

after becoming the first in his family to graduate from college—and soon after, graduate school—he would apply that knowledge and, together with his brother Aaron Magden '02, lead the next chapter of their father's window business.

It made sense. He'd gained hands-on experience working 30 hours a week at the family business while still a full-time student at John Carroll, and it was a path Mikey Magden had envisioned for his sons since they were children. In fact, the window industry ran deep in the family—Mikey's own father had worked in the business as well, making Harley and Aaron the third generation to step into the field.

However, everything changed when one day out of the blue, to the surprise of both brothers, their father decided to sell the company.

"At first we didn't know what to do—I mean, I invested ten years of my life preparing for something that was now not going to happen," Harley said.

Though as time passed, he slowly came to the realization that what at first appeared to be disappointing news was actually an opportunity hiding in plain sight.



"I told my brother this could actually be a better outcome," Harley said. "If we took over the company, we couldn't be sure how involved our dad would still be, and if things went well, people might think it was simply because we inherited it."

And so, after staying with the company for a year and helping both sell the company and find a new CEO, their father retired, and the two brothers decided to start their own business from scratch—a decision that, in hindsight, would come to define Harley's entrepreneurial spirit and mark the beginning of a career shaped by bold action, smart execution, and a special ability to turn challenges into opportunities.

BUILDING WINDOW NATION

Harley and Aaron combined their John Carroll business education with years of hands-on experience in the industry, and in 2006, they founded

Window Nation—a residential window and door replacement company—opening their first showroom in Baltimore, Maryland.

"We started our business with \$60,000 – that's it," Harley said. "There might be this misconception that because our dad sold his company that we had a ton of startup money. But that just wasn't the case—we built it ourselves."

The business enjoyed immediate success, thanks in large part to the values instilled in both brothers from an early age—especially the importance of earning trust through exceptional customer service.

"Literally growing up in windows, we quickly learned that everyone has a choice," said Aaron in an interview with Baltimore Jewish Living. And to earn someone's business, you have to demonstrate that you deserve it. ... So our goal every day is to make our customers feel good about their decision and show we're on their side throughout the entire process and beyond.

Harley and brother
Aaron '02

by Aaron Bennett

“ DURING CHALLENGING TIMES... WE TOOK THE OPPOSITE APPROACH. WE ASKED OURSELVES, 'HOW CAN WE USE THIS MOMENT TO MOVE FORWARD?' ”

To achieve this, the company follows a strict policy against cold calling or door-to-door sales. Instead, they invest heavily in marketing and advertising, encouraging potential customers to contact them directly. Once a customer reaches out, a consultant visits the home to educate them on which products would best meet their needs.

By continually developing and refining innovative sales and marketing strategies, Window Nation has maintained strong momentum. Sales representatives are required to complete 100 hours of training before interacting with clients—ensuring a knowledgeable, customer-focused experience from the start. As a result, the company has enjoyed remarkable growth and now operates in 36 markets across the country, with over 3 million windows installed to date.

"Looking back, what really set us apart was being opportunistic, proactive, and staying positive," Harley said. "During challenging times—whether it was a recession or the pandemic—most companies pulled back and played it safe. But we took the opposite approach. We asked ourselves, 'How can we use this moment to move forward?'"

DRIVEN TO SUCCEED, COMMITTED TO GIVING BACK

Window Nation's private equity journey began in 2018, when the company sold a majority stake to Cortec Group. In 2021, it took another big step by selling additional shares to AEA Investors LP. After this second transaction, the brothers retained a stake and have remained on the board,

continuing to help guide the company's growth and success.

Rather than stepping back, the brothers have continued to channel their entrepreneurial drive into a wide range of ventures—from owning and actively investing in seven restaurants, to launching an exotic car business, to serving as managing directors at a private investment firm.

While the nature of each project is different, what remains consistent is Harley's drive and deep commitment to the success of everything he's involved in.

Take Mikey & Mel's Famous Deli, for example—opened in 2020 and named for the brothers' father and grandfather, and inspired by the Jewish delis the Magden family frequented while growing up in Cleveland. Earlier this year, the brothers expanded the concept with a second location in downtown D.C.

To navigate the growing pains of launching the new spot, Harley spent significant time working in the kitchen himself—doing whatever it took to solve operational issues firsthand.

"Just a couple months ago, I was in the kitchen to help my team figure out a set of problems," he said. "So I said, 'I'm going to go in there, be hands-on, and figure it out.' I'm probably the worst person to have in a kitchen—I can't cook, I have no patience, and half the food I don't even want to look at, let alone eat. But sometimes, you've just got to get deep."

Increasingly though, Harley has found great purpose and satisfaction in advising other fledgling entrepreneurs and using his experience to reduce their learning curve and navigate challenges that he's had to overcome.



"If people follow through, it feels like you win too," he said. "It feels like you're paying it forward."

In the spirit of giving back, during a recent visit to John Carroll's campus, Harley spoke with a student who asked for advice about choosing a major.

"I told him what matters is figuring out what fits your skill set—and then going all in on it," Harley said. "If you're confident and committed, you'll do well. In the grand scheme of things, the classes themselves aren't what define your future. It's about your drive, your mindset, and the people you surround yourself with."

Harley's success is no accident but rather the result of grit, focus, and a relentless drive to keep pushing forward. That mindset has guided him through every challenge and venture he's pursued.

"There's opportunity everywhere," he said. "You just have to be willing to go after it."

“ ...THE CLASSES THEMSELVES AREN'T WHAT DEFINE YOUR FUTURE. IT'S ABOUT YOUR DRIVE, YOUR MINDSET, AND THE PEOPLE YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH. ”



BOB STEIN

SERVING STUDENTS IN THE JESUIT TRADITION

I joined the Boler College of Business as the Executive in Residence focusing on leadership development in the Fall of 2018,

after selling the global tech company that I was the CEO of. After 38 years in the corporate world, my desire was to work in higher education to offer my professional experiences, insights, advice and worldwide travels to aspiring young business professionals in college. I made inquiries at several Northeast Ohio colleges but the clear choice for me was John Carroll University. I was inspired by the Jesuit mission of cura personalis, care for the whole person, and the idea of graduating men and women for others. My three kids attended Walsh Jesuit High School before graduating from Boston College, Marquette and Loyola Marymount University respectively so I knew and appreciated the Jesuit mission quite well. Secondly, I love the extensive and supportive alumni network at John Carroll, which boasts many executives in the Northeast Ohio business community that I know personally. Lastly, there is an incredibly high standard in the Boler College of Business. Everything from the curriculum, to the faculty and staff, to the relationships employers and alumni have with our students operates at a high level.

My primary responsibilities have been to oversee the Boler Professional Development Program (BPD), which prepares all undergraduate students in Boler for entering the workplace. And today, after 7 years serving students, I also provide career coaching to alumni who are seeking new opportunities or changes in their professions. I have prided myself on being a servant leader



throughout my entire business career, which is no different today at JCU. I often communicate to our 896 Boler students that I see them as my “customer” who I am honored to serve on a one on one basis to understand their specific needs, therefore customizing my advice and coaching for the individual. On average I meet one on one with approximately 400 students each semester, which is another example of the high touch personal attention that the JCU community provides to our students. This past semester I also met with approximately 50 alumni seeking advice for their careers. After working in five different industries and changing professions at least 9 times, I take pride in helping guide Blue Streaks dealing with the same challenges that I dealt with in my career.

I continue to be amazed and appreciative of the strong global alumni base that we have. A big aspect of BPD is to prepare and encourage our students to network with our alumni. This is a tremendous asset for the John Carroll community, especially our alum’s pride and willingness to help our students in developing as young professionals as well as hiring them for internships and jobs in their companies (throughout the US). I often meet with students to search on LinkedIn in order to identify alumni who may be helpful to them and I am thrilled to see how responsive Carroll alumni are to our students. We have many events on campus for our students to prepare for the workplace, my favorite is the Network for Success. This involves 50 to 60 alumni coming to campus to meet, coach, and advise our 200



EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

sophomore students on how to deliver an effective elevator pitch and develop good networking skills. Our students love this event and our alumni do too, especially as we celebrate its success afterward at Pizzazz.

BPD is a comprehensive four-year program which highlights the tools and skills necessary to succeed at a very high level as a business professional. The curriculum is packed with things that make a difference in our students’ careers; how to build an effective resume, how to create a dynamic & appealing LinkedIn profile, how to deliver a compelling elevator pitch, best practices in interviewing on the phone, on zoom, in person and for a case study, how to make a project plan to search for an internship or job, how to execute an effective informational interview with an alum, and continual encouragement to network, network, network! We make it fun too! Our workshops are hands-on and interactive with students, we have an active social media presence to present professional development tips in a fun manner often with music and dancing. I even perform music videos to highlight certain topics and create visibility for the BPD program, also to show how to be approachable in life; anything to engage our students. The students call me “BPD Bob”, I don’t think most of them even know my last name!

I love my job at John Carroll. I feel that the past 7 years have been a wonderful gift provided to me to be able to serve over 2500 students and engage with over 1000 alumni. I have been fortunate to have had many successes and accomplishments throughout my business career and my experience here at JCU ranks at the very top! I now actually consider myself a Blue Streak!

Feel free to reach out to me anytime, rstein@jcu.edu if I can be of service to you. Onward.

“AFTER 38 YEARS IN THE CORPORATE WORLD, MY DESIRE WAS... TO OFFER MY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES, INSIGHTS, ADVICE AND WORLDWIDE TRAVELS TO ASPIRING YOUNG BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS IN COLLEGE.”

FUTURE BLUE STREAKS



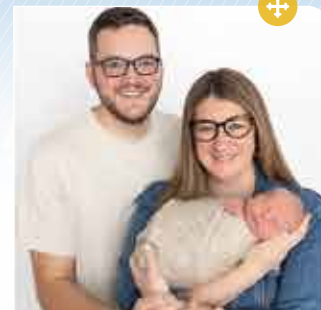
Missy (Spahar) Ertter '14 and her husband Ben along with big sister Everly welcomed daughter Millie.



Jenn Gore '07 welcomed daughter Larkin Margaret.



Tony Grego '06 and his wife Lacey welcomed daughter, Liv Monroe.



Tim '16 and Olivia (Ruse) '16 Schifferle welcomed son Noah.



Brittani Natale '13 and fiancé Daniel Tufariello welcomed daughters Alena Lucia and Leila Rose.



Mecca Madhun '13 and husband Danny Ghalayini welcomed daughter Zeena Danny.



Taylor (Holan) Grillo '13, husband Alejandro and big brother Benito welcomed Santino Giovanni Tomas.



Mary (Lutter) '15 and Rich Mazzola '13 welcomed daughter Harper Rose.



Karlee (Robinson) '13 and Spencer Roule '14 along with big brother Jackson welcomed son Mannix.



Celin Caraballo '13 and wife Kaitlyn welcomed son Collin Raymond.



Keti (Sulaj) Dubow '13 and husband Daniel welcomed son David Archie.



Kevin McCall '13 and wife Nikki welcomed son Owen Patrick.



Angela (Cardena) Spengler '15 and her husband Christopher welcomed daughter Olivia Marie.



Greg Schwab '14 and his wife, Amanda, welcomed son Rory Thomas.



Molly Wagner '14 and her husband, Jeremy Macon, welcomed their baby boy, Jay.



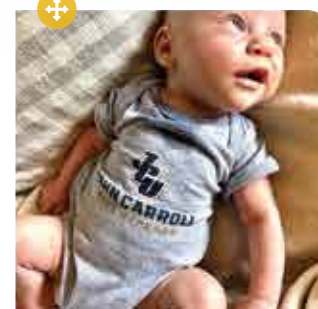
Megan (McCall) Geyer '14 and husband, Andrew, welcomed their baby boy, Connor.



Sara Schoonmaker '14 and her husband Matt Sokolich, welcomed their son, Theodore Matthew.



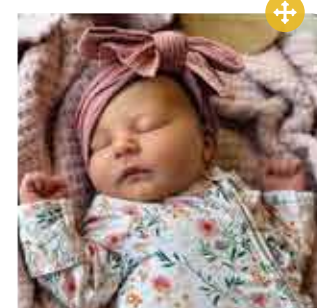
Andrew Yadon '14 and Natalie (Lichtman) Yadon '14 welcomed twins, Cosmo Martin and Mabel Suzanne.



Christin (VanAtta) '14 Coughlin and Owen Coughlin '13 welcomed son Owen Michael Coughlin III.



Sam Lane '14 and his wife, Barbara, welcomed their second child, Emma, joining big brother Billy.



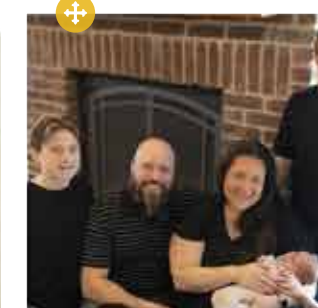
Catherine (Engel) '16 and Ryan Donegan '16 welcomed daughter Lucy Catherine.



Antonietta (Bovenzi) Liccardi '16 and husband, Dom welcomed son Enzo.



Megan (Betz) Angus '06 and husband Adam welcomed daughter Addison Harper.



Angielique (Lokaj) Moss '06 and Nathan Moss '07 and five proud older siblings welcomed son William Charles.



Nikki (Keller) '15 and Adam Tome '15 along with big sister Abigail welcomed Charlie James.



Marissa (Golem) Buttazonni '19 and her husband Dino welcomed son Lino Benjamin.



Joe Ginley '16 and his wife Jill welcomed daughter Ireland Gayle.

 Denotes **Carroll Couple**



Amy Awadalla '17 married Botros Shenouda.

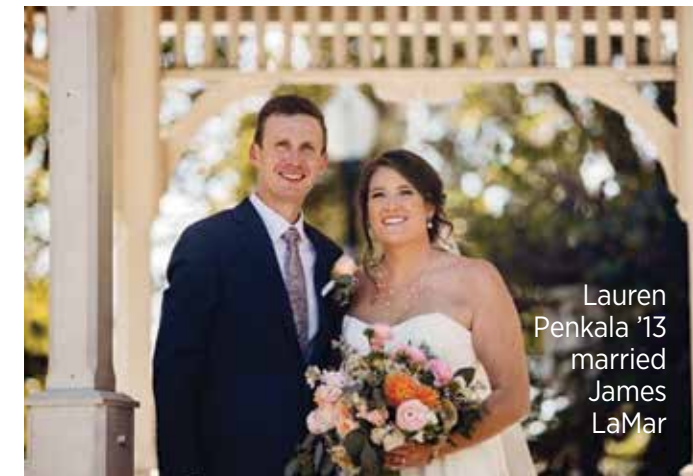


 Sarah Foley '19 and Rich Jenkins '18



Rachel Collins '22 and Corbin Anthony '21

Denotes **Carroll Couple** 



Lauren Penkala '13 married James LaMar



Caroline Marcus '19 married Greg Shozda



Theresa Kaschak '09 married Will Keizer, celebrating with fellow Blue Streaks Katie (Nowak) Srsen '09, Kerry (Keyes) Jonke '09, Lisa (Ugran) Pacconi '09, Cassie (Larson) Seccombe '09, Andy Pacconi '09, Theresa (Kaschak) Keizer '09, Will Keizer, Gibby (Daniels) Bittman '89, Laura Pinter '09, Stephanie (Colangelo) Bartolone '09, Marie Daher '09, Desiree Hagen '10, and Melissa Lucak '09



Sara Needham '14 and Eric Benzino '11, '12G

WEDDINGS



Renee Thompson '20 married Mike Wickowskii



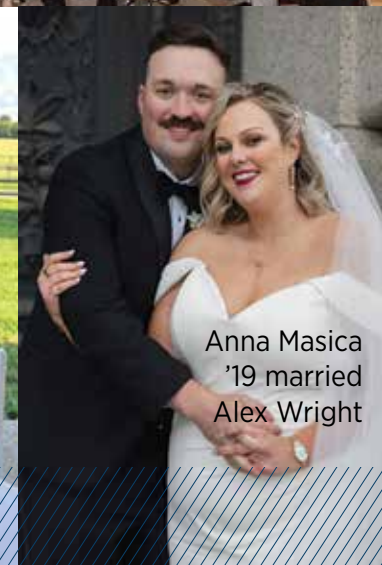
Kristin Brack '91 and Thomas Harrington '90 were married 



Sean Freeman '19 and wife Scarlett Chepke.



Luke McCall '13 married Mollie Adami



Anna Masica '19 married Alex Wright



Caylie Robis '21 and Jimmy Desmarteau '20 were married.



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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 THROUGH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

ALUMNI EVENTS

Thursday, October 9, 2025
**CHICAGO ALUMNI AND
FRIENDS RECEPTION**
Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
Chicago, IL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025
**PITTSBURGH ALUMNI AND
FRIENDS RECEPTION**
PPG Paints Arena
Pittsburgh, PA

Thursday, October 23, 2025
**GRADUATES OF THE LAST
DECADE HAPPY HOUR**
Brewpub Room
Great Lakes Brewing Company
Cleveland, OH

*Friday, October 24 -
Saturday, October 25, 2025*
**HOMECOMING
WEEKEND**
John Carroll University

Saturday, October 25, 2025
ALUMNI AWARDS
John Carroll University

November, 2025
**COLUMBUS ALUMNI
HAPPY HOUR**
Columbus, OH

Saturday, December 6, 2025
LIGHTING OF THE QUAD
John Carroll University

Saturday, December 13, 2025
**MURPHY'S BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**
Union League Club of Chicago
Chicago, IL

Saturday, December 13, 2025
**NYC ALUMNI MASS
AND BRUNCH**
St. Patrick's Cathedral
New York, NY

Thursday, February 26, 2026
**NAPLES ALUMNI &
FRIENDS RECEPTION**
Naples Grande Beach Resort
Naples, FL

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✚ DENOTES REUNION YEAR

1950

journal@jcu.edu

Gene Kray proudly represented our class accompanied by his daughters Laura & MaryBeth. He saved the night Friday by discovering that the bartenders had not fully stocked the hospitality tent. He also forgot his tie, and Rory O'Neil '06, Executive Director of Alumni Engagement came to the rescue. JCU President Al Miciak presented Gene with a challenge coin.



Emmett 'Bud' Feely called and reminded me of his ROTC battle cry of Faulhaber, Feeley, Feeney, Feldman at ROTC summer camp at Ft. Eustis, Virginia. Bud has vast JCU and Jesuit connections. His deceased brother, Tom Feely, graduated from JCU in 1957. His niece, Sister Katherine Feely, a Sister of Notre Dame, has been on the Staff of JCU for many years. He also reported that one of his six children, Colleen, is married to Rob Manfred who is the current Commissioner of Major League Baseball. Colleen is a LeMoyne Jesuit College graduate and has served on LeMoyne's Board of Trustees for 9 years. Two of his other daughters are also LeMoyne graduates. His son is a Xavier University graduate and EACH of his six children is Jesuit educated! Bud himself is very active in the Detroit Diocese and is involved in fundraising events and activities. He has had a very busy retirement from General Motors, being involved in numerous church related activities. He serves on the Detroit ArchDiocese School Board, the Catholic Youth Organization Board, the Marian High School Board, and Saint Vincent DePaul Committees. He Volunteers at Colombiere Jesuit Retirement Center and the Oakland County Jail Ministry. Bud is also an active member of The Cardinal Club of Detroit.

Fr Leo Cachat, S.J. sent me a note that he has moved from Manresa Jesuit Retreat Center to Colombiere Center in Clarkston, Michigan. The Alumni office reported that **Bob Micco** has moved into a Retirement Community on the east side of Cuyahoga County I keep in touch with a second cousin from Mayfield Heights who finished his BS and Masters in International Law at Georgetown. He passed the US Bar Exam, and in now working for a Law Firm in Frankfort, Germany! MORE TO COME!

1952

journal@jcu.edu

We regret the loss of our basketball star, **Bill Perusek**. A 6'6" center, Bill averaged 6.1 points a game. Bill was a personnel manager for G.E., and he moved to Florida in the early 70's. He was active in local Catholic Charities projects and services, and he was a supporter of Florida Gators basketball.

Looking over the list there are widows of classmates listed, men and women who were in the JCU Graduate School, and some who would have graduated in 1955 if they had not dropped out of school before actual graduation. It looks like about 40 are actually classmates that JCU considers active.

There is a limit of 500 words to each column, so I decided that I would feature information on all of those I had some contact with during this 70th anniversary over this year's future columns. These stories are listed somewhat in the order that I made contact. WATCH FOR MORE NEWS IN FUTURE ISSUES!

Molly Sweeney sent me an email that she appreciated that the Class Column was continuing so she could continue to keep track of JCU '55 class friends. She reported that reading the ONWARD had been one of George's most favorite things to do, and it gave him a reason to connect with old friends.

Cindy and **Art Dister** are planning a 2025 New England Viking Cruise in August and Caribbean Island Cruise in 2026. They will have taken over 20 Viking Cruises! Art is feeling pretty well but is selling his boat because it is too much for he and Cindy to handle.

1955 • LARRY FAULHABER

faulhaberl@aol.com

The June 2025 Reunion is history as is the "Wise Old Owls" 70th Reunion Year!

According to JCU, no one from the great class of 1955 attended! With mostly all of us 90 years old or better, it was not a surprise.

As I was gathering information for my next Class of 1955 Column for Onward Magazine, I did hear from or called a couple who I have some regular contact with. It was wonderful to get caught up with many and get information on their families, careers, significant activities, or just chat about the "good old days."

The Alumni Office sent me a list of 135 names that are still active and have some connection with the class of 1955.

✚ 1956 • ALBERT KNUTE OBERST, JD

knuteoicp@webtv.net

Save the date for our upcoming reunion, scheduled for the weekend of June 12 and 13, 2026! All of us should have many stories to share, so hopefully we can come together for a special celebration. Please mark your calendars. If you are interested in helping to plan our 70th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

1957 • BART MERELLA

bmerella@gmail.com

Yes, I still have enough wits to write this class note and I am still an active deacon, having baptized four children on a Sunday this June. That noted, I must admit that an alumni column at this point frequently includes the passing of our class members. But this time, I want to include in my class recollections a note about a different passing closely associated with many members of our class. I refer to the announcement a few months ago of the closing of Notre Dame College, our neighbor a few blocks away and one that frequently provided "dates," if not wives, for members of our class. Some of you still present will remember one or more of the classic "adventures" involving both of our senior classes. NDC's closure is also somewhat more personal to me since my son-in-law, a JCU alum of '93, was an executive at NDC. On a similar note, another local college frequently associated with JCU socially, namely Ursuline College, has now become a part of Gannon University. These are a sign of the times facing many Catholic schools of higher education. One final note: If I have the energy, I may email you sometime in the coming months for any news you might wish me to include in this column.

Finally, let's hope JCU does well in their new athletic conference. Happy birthday to all of you who celebrate your 90th! Save the date for our next Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of **June 11th & 12th, 2027**. If you are interested in helping to plan our 70th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

1958 • SEEKING CLASS COLUMNIST

journal@jcu.edu

1959 • JERRY BURKE AND JOHN BREZNAI

1959column@gmail.com

Our classmates continue to receive recognition. This past April 19, **Frank (F.X.) Walton** was inducted into the University of South Carolina Rugby Hall of Fame. Frank played in the early 70s while getting his PHD. The student newspaper referred to him as "The Big Gun" because he was usually the high scorer. His wife, Kathy may have attended more games than any other fan during that period. F. X. is also a member of the JCU Hall of Fame for his days on the football field. He was a leader on the first JCU undefeated team. Frank retired from teaching and consulting in psychology in 2023. He did a lot of work internationally, teaching and consulting in North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, China, Japan and South Korea. Frank and Kathy live in Chapin, S.C, and are able to spend time with their 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

1960 • JERALD RACHFAL

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What a great 65th Reunion we had! Wonderful for all of us to catch up. Attendees included (* denotes planning committee member) **Joe Bellian, Bill Bifano, Jim Bowers, Peter Conboy, *Greg Fisher, Joe Klemens, Ron Klepetko, Don Kucera, *Tom Lewis, *Jim Mason, John McDonough, Dave Nichting, *Jerry Rachfal, Bob Schayer, and Tom Wasserbauer**. Unable to attend because of last minute conflicts were **Joe Rini, *Jerry Schweickert, and Dan VanBellegghem**. With the help of modern technology, we were able to engage with **John Slosar** via video chat. As you recall, John stole the show in 2021 with the combined 1960 & 1961 reunions when he hopped



between tables and made everyone smile. A highlight of the reunion dinner was the singing of the original Alma Mater led by **Don Kucera** with sheet music provided by JCU. We closed the evening with a special presentation to **Jim Mason** (pictured above) for his continued leadership and collaboration with the JCU administration. He was gifted a mint condition 1956 freshman beanie, which he then donated to the archives.

Finally, Thank you to all who generously contributed to the class gift. We raised over \$71,000, including a donation from Lynne Magnotto in memory of **John Magnotto**.

Greg Fisher provided an update - he has 5 children, two boys and three girls, 12 grandchildren and (so far) 3 great-grandchildren. The children live in Philadelphia, Atlanta, Cleveland, Piqua, Ohio and one in the Cincinnati area. The grandchildren range from the oldest who is a physician and doing a fellowship in endocrinology to the youngest who will be a sophomore in high school.

He officially just retired last December 2024 from doing any medical work. Greg & Jeanette spent three months on the east coast of Florida and loved every warm minute. Unfortunately, his balance has been bad due to a motor neuropathy in his left leg. He now has to use a cane all of the time, and has had to give up



The Wasserbauer Family of Blue Streaks

golf! Greg loved the reunion and hopes he will be able to be at our next one. He feels that John Carroll gave him so much and he attributes his success in life to what he learned at John Carroll.

Jerry Schweickert reports that he is very happy with his namesake - in 2024, Schweickert Field received a massive upgrade with beautiful new turf.

Tom Wasserbauer provided this update – this is a picture taken at his grandson Alex’s high school graduation party. The picture includes family members connected to JCU: grandson Jack ’28 entering sophomore year, Alex ’29 entering freshman year, brother David Wasserbauer ’74, David’s wife Beth Wasserbauer, brother Joseph Wasserbauer, two nieces, and me. Brother Charles Wasserbauer ’55 and niece Noreen (Wasserbauer) Norka ’82 are deceased.

Please continue to send updates for the class column. Until next time, be well. God Bless.

Jerry Rachfal aka “Falls”

+ 1961 • JACK HEARNS

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Congratulations to our distinguished classmate, **Ed Parks**, who will be a recipient of the John Carroll Alumni Medal. He will receive the award Homecoming Weekend. Ed’s unwavering dedication to education, and his mission to provide opportunities for education to disadvantaged students has earned him the title of (per the author Mitch Albom) “The Heart Of Detroit”. You are invited to join and celebrate with Ed for this well-deserving award the weekend of October 24th and 25th.

The class of 1961 Scholarship Market now exceeds over \$330,000. **Gerry O’Connell** and the late **Dick Murray** co-chaired the scholarship committee from its founding days and have published the background of the scholarship winners each year and have encouraged classmates to give whatever they can afford – percentage of participation is equally important. The first student selected to receive tuition assistance for the upcoming school year is an accounting major, on the Dean’s List, and writes for student publications, while assisting other students in the writing center. **Mike Urbanek** is about to embark on his 51st cruise which will include the

Baltic capitals, the Fjords of Norway, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, and Lucerne. The cruise will include visiting waterways, cities, and countries for twenty-eight days. **John Blake** and his wife Kay are from Middletown, OH and recently celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. John has volunteered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society for over 15 years at his parish (Holy Family). The society is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church which addresses local needs for social services. **Bob Witt** from Northfield, IL retired from the advertising business and entered into a new career as a teacher in the Winnetka schools – he also plays pickleball now instead of tennis and enjoys what he refers to as being “A Lucky American.” His latest plans are to travel to the Yellowstone National Park accompanied by his two adult daughters. Joanne and **Tom Gerst** have been married for 62 years. In 1975 they moved to Akron, OH and started a business, Management Recruiters, which he operated until retirement. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren – a daughter Kathy is a ’09 JCU grad. Judy and **Gerry O’Connell** have 21 grandchildren (11 girls and 10 boys) and are looking forward to identical twin great-grandchildren arriving in several months. It has been brought to the Magazine’s attention by family members that two classmates have passed on – **Martin Lauer** and **Gerald M. Burns**. Martin, from Rochester, MI served in the U.S. Army and then earned a law degree from The Ohio State University. He married Carol Thompson in 1965 – they were married for 60 years. Marty had a distinguished career with the F.B.I. in New Orleans, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Detroit. He and Carol enjoyed traveling the world together and she reported “he absolutely enjoyed his 24 healthy years of retirement from the F.B.I.”. **Gerald M. Burns**, 85, of Florence, SC, passed away on June 1, 2025. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot and served in active duty for six years, including a year in Vietnam with the First Air Cavalry Division. Gerry worked in the contract office furniture industry for 57 years and was a Fourth-Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, 4 children, and 8 grandchildren.

Save the date for our upcoming Reunion, scheduled for the weekend of June 12th and 13th, 2026! Please mark your

calendars. If you are interested in helping to plan our 65th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

1962 • TERRY LEIDEN

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This is a tough column to write, as we lost more class members in the last six months.

Terry Lyons passed January 14, 2025. He was a retired airline pilot living in Del Mar, California. He was my classmate for many years as we graduated from Benedictine High School in 1958 together. Because his name and mine were similar, I was always doing something wrong, but he was always getting blamed for it. Terry passed after a long battle with cancer. I am sorry to have seen him go. God love you, Terry. Onward.

Our next classmate is **Gerald “Gerry” Brandt** who passed away February 14, 2025. A very sharp business school student who was a very good intramural basketball player at Carroll. His daughter Teresa has notified us of his passing. Gerry is an “Ignatius Alumni”. He met his wife Peggy at an Ignatius dance during his senior year.

Gerry served in the Ohio Army National Guard for six years. He worked at American Greetings for 32 years. He had his hands full with seven grandchildren. He also tended to his daughter Margie’s garden right up until the end. Way to go Gerry! We also lost **Jeffrey Buehner** on November 26, 2024. Jeff was a student of the classics. He worked for the Carroll Quarterly literary magazine and was a member of the Southwell Literary Society.

Last on my list is **Gary Mishaga** who passed away March 1, 2024. Gary was not a graduate of the class of 1962. He did not graduate until 1965. Gary was a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School class of 1958. He attended Carroll during our freshman year where he played on the freshman football team and did a good job. He went to work on the lake freighters, and while juggling both the job and school. He attended all the 1962 class reunions and was a big hit at the 1987 25th reunion. Gary had a very distinguished career in real estate.

I close out as always, with my Nemesis, age 16 ½ with a driver’s license. He wanted to chauffeur me around for

driving experience. We traveled about 1 mile when he blew right through a stop sign. “Hey, did you see the stop sign?” I said.

“Don’t worry. Nobody saw me.” said the Nemesis.

“Cops are the least of your worries. What about a truck driver of a five-ton asphalt truck?”

“Oh, is that why I should stop at a stop sign?” said Nemesis.

“Might be something to mull over.” said I.

Silence...sixty seconds.

“Grandpa, were you really worried about me or just about yourself?” said the Nemesis.

I lost again.

On the lighter side, Nemesis is approaching her fifth birthday.

“Pop Pop, are you going to have a 529-foot race on my birthday?”

You know where you put \$500 in my college savings account = if I win?”asked the Nemesis.

“I don’t think I can run. I’m not very fast with a cane.” Said I.

“Well then, you lose. Give me the check.” said the Nemesis.

“Okay, we will race but you have to use a cane as well.” I said.

We had the race. She just carried the cane and won by 100 yards. At least I made her run for it. I handed her the 529 savings check.

“Don’t worry, Pop Pop. I will have straight A’s and get a full scholarship to college. I will spend the 529 money on a brand-new Tesla convertible.”

Save the date for our next Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of June **11 & 12, 2027**. If you are interested in helping to plan our 65th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

1963 • PETE MYKYTYN

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Hope y’all ‘are doing well as 2025 will be coming to a close by the time this column is published. Just a few items to pass on this go around. I erred in the last column in Spring 2025 by omitting a note from **John**

Zvolensky. He and Rachael celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 27. They had a premature celebration in Barbados between Christmas and New Year’s where all 14 family members were present.

John also pointed out that the JCU golf coach presented him with a framed scoresheet from the 1963 Presidents Athletic Conference Golf Tournament. John’s scores were not much better than the way he’s playing today. Mea Culpa John, in not including these notes in the spring issue. **Jim Kline** along with Sandi and **Tom Ging**, and **Joe Vitale** and his wife Joyce and others attended an alumni reception in Naples, FL in February. President Al Miciak spoke about the Gateway North Project as well as the partnership with the Evans Scholars program. The Dean of the College of Health, Melissa Cole, made a presentation about the Nursing Program and the College of Health. Lots of good things. **Mike Holt** and his wife changed their approach to vacations. Rather than deal with the hassles of flights, hotels, etc., etc., they did a food vacation. They went to different restaurants a couple of times a week all summer (2024). They went to places that they had never been to in the past. If bad weather appeared, they just went the next day. With lots of great places in Baltimore/Washington, Mike said they couldn’t hit all of them in a lifetime. In my spring column, I basically wrote about funny things around campus when we were there as students. One of my notes talked about my roommate in Dolan Hall for two years, **Tom Napoli**. Not long after the spring column appeared, I received some emails from Laura Napoli who is Tom’s daughter. I learned at that time that Tom passed away in July 2022 and that his son, Christopher, passed away 8 months later in 2023. Tom was a great friend of mine as evidenced by the fact that he and I spent two years together in room 117 in Dolan Hall. It was rare to find two guys spending two years together as roommates. Laura and I talked about a



number of things related to her father, and I appreciated her reaching out to me about his passing. My wife, Kathy, and I have cut back on our travels, but we still make it to Sandals Royal Caribbean in Montego Bay, Jamaica each March. March of 2025 was our 24th year in a row with 25 trips as we made two trips one year. We have taken our three adult kids with us the past 6 or 7 years.

Many of our classmates meet in Cleveland each year for a Christmas luncheon. Inclement weather cancelled their 2024 gathering, so **Jim Farrar** organized a ‘Half-Way to Christmas’ lunch on June 25th. In attendance were **John Sullivan, Don Lennon, Bob Cermak, Fred Misischia, Ed Stevens** and **John Hay**. The group met at Collision Bend Brewing Company in Cleveland, joined by Alumni Director, Rory O’Neil ‘06 and University Chaplain Fr. Bernie McAniff, S.J.

Until next time. Let me hear from you.

1964 • FRANK KELLEY

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The first year report from the committee leading our Class commitment to raise \$1M for the construction of the main entrance to the new Grasselli Library and John Breen Learning Center shows that our effort is off to a very promising start, achieving \$630K in twelve months. A recent Wall Street Journal article highlighted the strategic importance of our efforts to help secure JCU’s future and ability to fulfill its mission into the future.



Titled “America’s College Towns Go From Boom To Bust” the article features the demise of Western Illinois University and starkly states “across the U.S. colleges are faltering and so are the once booming towns around them.” Locally in greater Cleveland, Notre Dame College closed and Ursuline College was forced to merge with Gannon University to survive. Even mighty Penn State has closed 7 of its 20 campuses. Is JCU up to meeting this challenge?

One year ago at our 60th reunion we attended a very professional and comprehensive presentation of the University’s five year plan to stay ahead of this alarming trend of declining enrollment leading to unsustainable financial losses. The plan specifically focuses on enhanced recruitment, the economic development/student housing project at Fairmount Circle, increasing meaningful academic offerings like our Nursing School, and extensive campus expansion and renovation, of which our project is a major element. Are these efforts paying off you ask? A recent report reveals very promising trends: In 2024 Carroll welcomed our largest incoming class in five years. We also recently hosted a record-breaking Admitted Student Celebration for 2025 including 420 admitted students and 1200 guests attending. The freshman class for 2025 shows early confirmations exceeding the past five years by more than 60%, receiving nearly 5,000 applications and admitting 3600 students from 40 states. Hats off to this powerful follow through by the administration validating our substantial commitment to the effort.

Joanne and I have recently returned from a delightful 10-day bus tour of Scotland. Our bus tour featured a boat cruise on beautiful Loch Lomond, a ferry ride to the Isle of Skye, a tour of the fateful battlefield at Culloden, and many delightful miles through the fabled Highlands - at times foreboding stark craggy mountains, at times gorgeous green forests. We toured many castles, St Andrews, a Scotch whisky distillery, were entertained several times by bagpipes, and enjoyed a demonstration of border collies herding sheep that was simply amazing in the variety and complexity of the commands and responses. We can dispel two common misbeliefs: the food was absolutely

delicious and we had no trouble understanding the native Scots, who were uniformly friendly and courteous. It was a wee delight.

I note the passing of two classmates of whom I was particularly fond, **Tom Moore** and **John Kent**. Tom was always the coolest guy in the room, charming, humorous and outgoing. He was a very successful financial wizard and renowned for his one-of-a-kind cocktail concoction, the wappatoula. His most famous undergrad exploit was smuggling watermelons which had been syringe-injected with his joy juice into the Military Ball. John Kent was very quiet, unassuming, and thoughtful. He was quite witty, issuing very funny one-liners, but always quietly under his breath. John and his brother are credited with the creation of one or more computer programs that drove the rapid advance and success of sports wagering centered in Las Vegas. Two great Blue Streaks that strongly supported JCU. RIP men.

Jim Corsica has remained quite busy on the Naples, Florida entertainment scene, most recently starring as the governor/inn keeper in *the Man of La Mancha*. Jim says this role was at the top of his bucket list. Next up is the role of George Aaronow in *Glengarry Glen Ross*, a role played so brilliantly by Alan Arkin. Naples is extremely fortunate to have our creative and witty classmate performing so often.

Lastly, a couple of flashbacks. First is a **Dave McClenahan** tale brought back to me by the recent U.S. Open returning to Pittsburgh’s famed Oakmont Country Club. In 2016, the last time Oakmont hosted the event, a group of us gathered in Myrtle Beach for a golf weekend. Mac showed up with ten official U.S. Open golf hats, one for each of us. He embellished the gift with a rich tale of fighting rush hour golf traffic both ways to accomplish this mission. The gesture became somewhat tarnished when, somewhat over-served the second night, he admitted that it was his wife Carol who braved the traffic and fought the golf crowds to get the hats.

Thanks again, Carol.

Second flashback is a **John Kovach** classic. Joanne was talking of how she treasures our reunions. Our discussion reminded me of a story John told on

himself. During a particularly tense moment one season Coach John Ray called a closed door coaches meeting. Curious, John hid in the large laundry basket in the corner under a pile of dirty uniforms. Later, making a particularly strong point, Coach forcefully kicked the uniform basket. He was quite startled when the basket cried “ouch.” “Kovach, what the hell are you doing in there?” I’m laughing out loud while I’m typing this. Postscript: we beat Ohio Northern 14-0.

Send me your input. God bless all Streaks! Frank

1965 • SEEKING CLASS COLUMNIST

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Our class shared a private space for dinners with the Class of ‘60 for Reunion Weekend. In attendance for our 60th Reunion was: **Jim Kaplar, Garry Rupp, Charlie Prochaska, Bill McGrath, Alan Westendorf, Jack Kenesey, Jim Herak** and **Ken Esper**.

Bill Otter wrote that he and Jo are taking the Viking Grand European River Cruise from Budapest, Hungary through Austria and Germany to Amsterdam in July 2025, celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary last year.

+ 1966 • TOM GIBBONS

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Larry Henry, our ex-Class Correspondent (whom I’m desperately attempting to lure back. Bribes have not worked, nor has blackmail.) left JCU and headed to Ohio State to pursue a Master of Arts in Accounting. After that he and **Tom Rudell** visited former roommate **Tom Madden** in Chicago and fell in love with the City of the Big Shoulders; he’s been there ever since. He worked for two entrepreneurial companies; jobs he said, “were perfect.” They also paid him so well he took early retirement and spends a lot of time golfing. He attributes his business success to “dumb luck” and an ever-increasing relationship with God, something that had fallen by the wayside in his younger days. He has a daughter and enjoys life with his wife Ruth, who has shared four step- kids and 15 grandchildren with him. He is willing to offer classmates free advice on just about any topic, adding “it’s worth it at twice the price.”



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. Consider a move to Des Moines, Bob, you’ll be midway.

John R. “Sammy” Schwartz earned his law degree at Albany Law School of Union University.

He worked in Rochester, New York before becoming a judge immersed in a movement. After presiding over trials where he saw the same addicted people repeatedly, Schwartz became involved in drug treatment courts; in fact he became chair of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, now a national organization of over 3,000 courts. Rather than prison, those suffering from addiction are offered treatment supervised by the courts. The recidivism rate for these courts has decreased by 40%, thanks in part to our own Sammy Schwartz, now happily retired at his waterfront home on Lake Ontario.

Make plans to attend our upcoming reunion, scheduled for the weekend of June 12 and 13, 2026! All of us should have many stories to share, so hopefully we can come together for a special celebration. Please mark your calendars. If you are interested in helping to plan our 60th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

Classmates have contacted me to say, “Write about yourself, Tom; you never

do.” So, here goes: Mega-billionaire, chick magnet and Brad Pitt look-a-like Tom Gibbons went into the...oops, that’s the phone; sorry, I have to take it so I’ll finish this next issue.

TJG

1967 • SEEKING CLASS COLUMNIST

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Paul Dillon is an adjunct instructor at the Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University. He delivered the commencement address to the October, 2023 graduating class of the Washington, D.C. campus of The Chicago School, where he served as a Trustee for 9 years. He was awarded a Doctor of Humanities degree, Honoris Causa.

Bill Beak writes that he is enjoying retirement while living in Charleston, South Carolina.

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1968 • JEFF HAWK

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John Carroll University is our family. We are John Carroll’s family. Jenny and I send our best wishes and love to all of you!!! Please remember and pray for all our deceased and their families. Attention ALL Pershing Rifles PRs Company M1 John Carroll University - a dinner is in the planning for the Reunion 2025 75th Anniversary of Company M1 Pershing Rifles, please PLAN to attend.

Thank you for your letter, notes, emails and calls - keep them all coming. YOU are what the column is all about.

Congratulations to our class’s Beaudry Award recipient, **Phil Giacinti**, who will be a recipient of the 2025 John Carroll Alumni Medal. He will receive the award Homecoming Weekend. Phil’s service to our Alma Mater, his community, and our country have been a clear example of living his life as ‘A Man for Others’. You are invited to join and celebrate with Phil

for this well-deserving award the weekend of October 24 and 25. Just received a great letter from **Ron Sten** rstenpa@yahoo.com. Ron was on campus in ’64 and ’65, then in the Army for 3 years before returning to JCU and graduating in 1971. Thank YOU, Ron for your SERVICE, congratulations on your graduation from JCU & for becoming an alumnus.

Mike Bushi and his wife, Rita have been married for 56 years. They have 2 beautiful granddaughters and just welcomed their first great-granddaughter - Olivia - 6lb., 4oz., born to their granddaughter Brianna and her husband Victor. He shares that life is good for the Bushi Family - so grateful, blessed and thankful! CONGRATULATIONS!

Al Maragliano shares - the years have been good; a great marriage of 48 years, a wife and friend he continues to love and experience life with, 3 awesome sons, daughters-in-law and many grandchildren. Al, his lovely wife, Lynne and their family just returned from an 11 day trip through France, Belgium and the Netherlands - the people from those counties are wonderful . Traveling with 2 sons and daughters-in-law, who handled the

logistical arrangements made the trip less challenging. During this adventure, they had occasion to visit Normandie, and later Bastogne, Utah Beach, Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, and the scene of the Battle of the Bulge. The Mardasson memorial in Belgium commemorates the Ardennes Counteroffensive which happened between 16 December 1944 to 16, January 1945, during which many people and soldiers died. Per Al, “These experiences detailed the relationship democratic countries have with each other and the effort/ cost in lives and effort to dislodge dictators . Bastogne, in particular, impressed us with the Allied fight and effort against the Nazis - because we learned how many battles and how much sacrifice it took to dislodge Hitler’s force. We may take more sojourns; this we will not forget: Democracy in action!” Thank YOU Allen and Lynne and family for sharing your trip and critical history for the world and democracy. Long Live Freedom!



On August 31st, Jenny and I celebrated 57 years of wonderful marriage, she is my PRINCESS. She is also a Blue Streak, prior to our wedding, she enrolled in 2 summer sessions at John Carroll, 18 hours each, with an A in all. While in University Heights, she lived with a family as a nanny for their 6 young children. She then returned to Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, Ohio, graduating Summa Cum Laude. After our marriage, she didn't slow down. We went to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. We moved on Labor Day weekend with the clothes on our backs, her Corvair car and \$125 in my pocket, but we are the blessed and happiest people. Jenny was a full time 5th grade teacher. I was a graduate student, and wonderfully, our friend **Donna (Wiecek) Nelson** was at MU too. I had 6 years of Military Service as a First Lieutenant in the US Army. After my Army service, I earned my Ph.D., then spent 26 years with the DoD Career Civil Service and 55 years as a Professor of Speech Communications and Director of Speakers Bureaus for several universities until I retired. I want to commend these several life-long friends, teachers and mentors from JCU who contributed to and impacted my life beyond belief: Dr. Vincent Klein, Chair of the Department of Speech; Dr. Joe Miller '59, Department of Speech and LTC US Army Donald Mensch, Asst. PMS, Military Science Department. I want to share about some very special BROTHERS of mine from John Carroll who are very special to my Jenny and I. They are all Pershing Rifles: PR Robert 'Bob' McFarland '67, my PR Big Brother, **Erine Hollo**, **Dennis McGraw**, Michael Bobinski '71, George Vourlojianis, Ph.D. '70, David Burdelak '67, **Andrew Jurchenko**, Dan Jurchenko '70, **Frank Wardega** and the late **Frank Canda**. If you read on and think about it, EVERY one of my brothers from Company MI John Carroll University are my special Brothers and will always be Jenny's and my lifelong friends and Brothers.

For all of you and John Carroll University, Jeff

1969 • SEEKING CLASS COLUMNIST

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We are sad to relay that our classmate and longtime columnist, Ed Christy, passed away in the middle of August. At the time of his passing, we are going to press, and we will pay tribute to Ed in our next issue.

Nick Fina sends greetings. He says you won't find his picture in the graduates section of the 1969 Carillon ("I must have missed the photo session"), but he is indeed a fellow graduate. Like several other John Carroll classmates, he was a member of the Cleveland Benedictine class of 1965. He has lived in Delaware since marrying his wife Barbara in 1981. For most of his career, he did information technology work for Hewlett-Packard and its spinoff company Agilent Technologies. Since the mid-1990s, he has been involved in public sector work as an advocate for people with disabilities. Nick has graduate degrees from Brown University (Sc.M., 1971), the University of Virginia (MBA, 1978) and the University of Delaware (Ed.D., 2009). These days he is working on voting rights and as a paralegal staff member of his daughter Eva's law firm. Nick welcomes hearing from others. nickfina@verizon.net.

Rich Romboletti and his wife JoAnn Murphy had their third grandchild, and first granddaughter, Josephine in May. She of course is a beautiful joy and addition to the family. He hopes you all enjoy the summer. Regardless of the politics.

James McConnell writes that he figured this was his last chance to witness the Habemus Papam announcement in person in St. Peter's Square. He flew to Rome, and was there to see the white smoke and the introduction of an American Pope!

Milt Roney was thrilled to attend the Hall of Fame celebration for Radio Station WJCU last October. WJCU was an accomplishment of the Class of 1969,

but Milt is in awe of the people who kept it going and made it prosper since then. Milt also celebrated his 50th anniversary this year and sends congratulations to all the 1969ers, married or otherwise, who are still on the right side of the grass.

1970 • TOM BOYHAN

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It's time to share some more news about the class of 1970. It's remarkable to realize that we graduated 55 years ago. In the recent notes I received, several of our classmates indicated that they plan to attend the reunion. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to be among them. I rented a house on a beautiful lake in Arkansas, and my family joined my wife, Nancy, and me for a week. Thankfully, the rain forecasted for Reunion Weekend managed to hold off until Sunday morning, so everyone was able to enjoy beautiful weather, catching up and seeing all of the updates on campus. In attendance were: **Peggy Supp Connell, Gerry Laures, Stephen Nypaver, Frances Ulrich, Bob Faught, Sue Eagan, Jim McIntyre, Frank Brady, John Casper, Ed Sandrick, Don Brown, Jim McCrystal, George Vourlojianis, Ph.D., Jim Collins, Jim Connell, Bob Faught, Gary Kelley and Gerri Hura**. Friday night kicked off with a Happy Hour on the Quad. Saturday included some informational sessions, and tours of the new Nursing and Exercise Science labs. Campus tours offered a look into the almost finished Athletic Wellness Center. Saturday afternoon and evening started with the President's Reception and Mass, followed by a wonderful dinner.

I have a sad note to pass along. **Jack O'Connell** emailed me that **Bill McGuire** died after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer. Bill and Jack spent their junior year abroad at Loyola Rome

I received a fair number of other notes from fellow classmates, but I'm not sure that I can get all the information I received in this issue. I apologize if you don't make but rest assured you'll be in the next issue.

James Collins, M.D. sent me a note, and Jim, yes, I do remember you from Dolan Hall. I'm terrible with names, so I had to look you up in the yearbook, but once I saw your picture, I definitely remembered you. James is looking forward to the reunion and hopes to see classmates he hasn't seen in over 50 years. Jim also wanted to acknowledge John Carroll

University as a very special place that guides its students from adolescence to adulthood.

I also heard from **Bob Faught**, who still lives in Charlottesville, Virginia with his wife Melissa. One of his daughters is living in Birmingham, ML., and was expecting. Another daughter is getting married in October. At the same time, Robert and his wife are moving to a new house, still in Charlottesville.

Frank Brady and his wife Cindy had a great time at the reunion this past June. They enjoyed reconnecting with so many classmates, especially his old roommate **Jim Connell** and his wife Peggy. Frank & Cindy are doing well, they continue to live in the Detroit area but have moved out of their townhouse and into a ranch. (I'm assuming that Frank is talking about a ranch house, but I could be wrong. If I'm wrong, I'd love to know what Frank is raising). Anyway, their new home is located on a small lake. They love the winter when the weather precludes them from working on "projects." They like to read, watch old movies, and open the bar earlier than they do in the summer. They are looking forward to a trip to Greece in July, where they will be on a small sailboat with Cindy's daughter Carrie, her husband and two kids for a week. Then they will hopefully return to their routine of regular visits to their cottage in the western part of Michigan. Frank says, "Our thoughts and prayers are with our fellow classmates wishing everyone all the best."

Jim Horvath checked in to let me know that John Carroll's 1968 and 1969 golf team was being inducted into JCU Athletics Hall of Fame. That is awesome. This note made me realize how clueless

I was in college. I didn't even know that John Carroll had a golf team. My golf prowess is such that after many years of playing, I finally broke 100, but Unfortunately, the second hole wasn't as good. But seriously, that is a tremendous accomplishment. Jim told me that **Dave Dornheggen, Greg Kaltenbach**, and he were members of this team. All of them were members of the class of 1970. They helped win the Presidents' Athletic Conference and the Cleveland Collegiate Championships in 1968 & 1969. All three are retired now, with Greg living in central Ohio, Dave in Georgia, and Jim in Cape Cod. Congratulations guys!

Russ Elliott also reached out to me. He was one of those physically fit students who stayed in ROTC rather than risk the draft. The big advantage of staying in ROTC was that if you had to go to Vietnam, you went as an officer instead of a "grunt." Fortunately for Russ, he was never sent to Nam as he opted for longer Active Reserve Service to stay stateside. Russ lives in Asheville, North Carolina, with his wife. His children are grown and living elsewhere. He and his wife suffered the wrath of Hurricane Helene. I tracked Helene out of the Gulf, across northern Florida, up through Georgia, into Tennessee. I was concerned because I have friends who live in north Florida, two daughters who live in Atlanta, and a granddaughter who is going to UT. However, I never thought that Helene would do much to North Carolina because it looked like they would only be getting tropical storm winds.

My wife and I have lived in South Florida since 1973 and have experienced numerous hurricanes and tropical storms. We only get nervous if a hurricane is threatening to strengthen

to a category 4 or 5. So, I was stunned by the devastation done to North Carolina. However, as I thought more about it, I began to understand that the mountainous terrain and remote areas, combined with the extremely heavy rains, caused unbelievable amounts of damage. And while things are better, there is still so much devastation.

Don Burkhart retired from the Wyoming House of Representatives after 14 years of service to the people of his District and Wyoming. This followed his retirement ten years ago from the petroleum industry. During his time in the Legislature, he was privileged to serve as Speaker Pro Tempore for a term, was Chairman of three different committees, awarded the Patrick Henry Award by the National Guard Association of the United States, was given a Special Award by the American Nuclear Society for work in bringing the nuclear energy industry to Wyoming, and represented Wyoming on national and international committees. Don and his wife, Mary, remain in Wyoming enjoying the great outdoors the state offers and he continues to operate his two businesses.

Finally, I heard from **Charlie Crawley**, and he's had a fascinating career. He joined the Air Force as a pilot. He initially flew a C-141 all over the world. Later, he switched to helicopters, flying such aircraft as the "Jolly Green Giant" HH3 as an air/sea rescue pilot. He also flew an S-61 helicopter to all the New York airports, and he even landed on the Pan Am building. Altogether, Charlie has flown 28 different types of aircraft.

Additionally, he spent 38 years as an airline reinsurer, insuring aviation companies worldwide. Charlie has three sons: Chip, a commander in the SEALs, Pete and Drew, both in the financial field. He has one grandchild and three on the way. Charlie also let me know that he has kept in touch with three members of the class of 1970: **Frank Mitchell, Jack O'Connell**, and **Drew O'Kane**. Frank is the president of the family business. He has two sons, a daughter, and a grandson named after him. Charlie didn't share any information about Jack or Drew, but they had lunch in New Haven, CT.



I really appreciate all the information shared with me this time and hope other members will continue to let us know what they’ve been up to. Now for a little humor.

An arrogant IRS agent showed up on a farm one day. The farmer questioned why he was there. The agent pulled out his badge and said, “Do you see this badge? When I show this, I can go anywhere I want and talk to anyone I want. And everyone has to do what I tell them. The farmer shrugged his shoulders and told the agent he should stay out of the pasture behind him. The agent waved his badge at the farmer again and said,

“I told you when I show this badge, I can go anywhere and talk to anyone, and everyone has to do what I say.” The farmer shrugged his shoulders again and went off to do some more chores. After about fifteen minutes, he hears the IRS agent screaming for help.

The farmer rushes out and sees the agent racing across the pasture with an angry bull charging after him. The farmer runs to the fence and yells out, “Show him your badge!

Show him your badge!”

Thanks for reading, and I hope you all will continue to send me information about what you’ve been doing over the last 55 years. Even if you’ve sent something before, if something new has happened, please send it on to me.

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Rick Welchans reports he has kept up with his involvement in community theater. I was reminded of the time years ago that Tom and I watched Rick perform in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor DreamCoat*. He and his wife Marj will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on an Alaskan cruise.

Also celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary on July 19 is **Mary Jane Strauss Riddlebaugh** and her husband Stephen.

After retiring twice working with nonprofits, **Bill Lavezzi** earned credentials as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian. He is now finishing a three year term as president of the North Coast Unit, a local affiliate of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

Ted Shalek retired in August, 2023, after 10 years as CFO of Pennybyrn, a continuing care retirement community in North Carolina. Now, like many of us, he’s volunteering in various activities: K of C, Men Can Cook fundraiser, and SCORE. Ted has successfully become cancer free after 4 months of treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Great news, Ted!

Paul Gange has some fans at Reliance Orthodontic Products, Inc. where he is president. I received an email from one of his employees who tells us that he is one of the first non-orthodontists to be awarded the Outstanding Contributions Award from the American Association of Orthodontists. Paul started the company in his basement in 1981 and has grown the company into one of the most recognizable names in the industry. Congratulations, Paul!

Virgil Stroymeyer is a retired foreign service operator with a very interesting and unique career. After a history degree from JCU, Virgil met Professor Greppin at CSU who encouraged him to learn Greek and Armenian. This led to Virgil majoring in Armenian at UCLA, which led to working with the monks and the Armenian diaspora at Ca’Doro. Virgil’s daughter Anna also has become a teacher at the summer Armenian Institute at Ca’Doro.

Dave Henry (*pictured top right*) and his wife Patte (Salmon ’73) wrote about attending a JCU Founder’s Day event with several other alums living in the Jacksonville, Florida area hosted by JCU’s Daniel Fields. Dave has had a career in advertising and marketing, though his JCU degree was in classics. This dinner led to him visiting Dr. Tina Facca-Miess, chair of the JCU Marketing Department at the Boler School of Business, by Zoom. He was invited to address several of her classes and meet with students. Dave also had lunch with faculty and met with President Miciak. He loved visiting the campus after so many years and seeing all the changes and advancements JCU had made. Dave remarked that the visit brought back so many memories. Though there were so many changes on campus, but so much remained the same. He and Patte are so grateful for all those who helped to make this visit possible.

I think Dave’s story reminds us that we are all welcome to come back to campus,

not just to see the changes, but to relive some memories from over 50 years ago. This might be a time to think about returning for our 55th reunion next year, scheduled the weekend of June 12th & 13th, 2026. Please mark your calendars. If you are interested in helping to plan our 55th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

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I sent out an SOS to the class for news and got inundated with stuff ... so, in a departure from the normal smarmy innuendo and embellished stories, you get what I call the USA TODAY headline treatment.

Mark Blanchard and wife Mary Hutar Blanchard ’74 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. Mark retired from Argo Tech/ Eaton. Interesting note: Mark and his son received the Champion Shield from JCU for saving a father and son caught in a South Caroline riptide in 1996.

Vince Marino retired after 45 years of general dentistry, many of which were spent with the US Army Dental Corps (which begs the question: was he a drill sergeant?) In December of 2024, Vince and his wife Deborah welcomed their 3rd great-grandchild, Gabriel, to the family.

Intrepid traveler **Anne Conway** took a break from her fitness trips and instead took her grandchildren on a Disney cruise to Rome, Sicily, Mykonos, Athens and Naples.

Paul McGurr also has the travel bug, last year travelling to Dublin, London and Amsterdam, then this year to Scandinavia, and German and Austrian Christmas celebrations. Next up: an African safari in ’26.

Don and Patty (Simoson) “Around the World in 80 Days” **Farrell** are traveling to Norway and Iceland in July. This after a three-month cruise to Asia two years ago, and last summer’s trek to Antarctica (where Don forgot to pack his “woolies.”) They report that they will have “touched all seven continents.”

Neil Conway writes that his son Liam is a hockey and assistant lacrosse coach at Colgate University. Meanwhile, his



professional hockey playing son Declan (former JCU player) has been traded to the Mississippi Sea Wolves.

Meanwhile, Gerri Gianpetro decided NOT to trade her husband **Gregg Gianpetro**, and they just celebrated their 50th. Peeps claims he’s the saint!

Joe Formica recently made the move to Florida ... but gave up riding motorcycles. He wrote, “riding a motorcycle in Florida is a challenge down here with all the old people.” Love the spirit, Joe!

Also relocating to sunny FL is **Bill Freeman**. Bill sold their home in PA and is now full time in the PGA Village in Port St Lucie, FL. And speaking of the PGA, **Jim Myers** travelled to a U. S. Open qualifier in Columbus to watch his grandson compete, and met up with **Jack Matyas, M.D.**

Tim “I never met a joke that I didn’t like” **Franzinger** was at a Mexican restaurant in Pittsburgh babysitting two of their grandkids. There he ran into fraternity brother Mike Magulick ’69. Tim also wrote that he, **Tom Narducci**, and other footballers: John Boland ’70, Bobby Madden ’74 and Mike Soeder ’76 visited their old coach Jerry Schweikert ’60. Coach Schweikert and his wife live in an assisted living facility in Louisville, Ohio. Coach “... was in good spirits with tremendous recall of athletic achievements,” wrote Zing.

Class president **Bobby Longo** recently had lunch at the Pittsburgh Field Club with **David O’Brien**, Ty Freyvogel ’70, Al Dick ’70, and **Mike Magulick**. He, **Jack Bertges**, **Bill Petrovic**, **AJ Cianflocce**, **Craig Roach**, **Tom Joyce**, and with occasional visits from **Dennis Quilty** and **Frank Maggio**, have a monthly Zoom call to “solve the problems of the world.” No word yet if it is working.

Don Farrell also reported that **Mark Pacelli** organized a lunch last winter in Tarpon Point, FL. Besides Don and Patty, Mark and Laura hosted **Ray Connaughton** and wife Arli, **Pat Hogan**



and wife Ginny, **Sir Francis Palamara**, JCU basketball captain **David O’Brien**, **Larry Ray**, and **Ron Smith**, and former JCU classmate Ellen (Wasmer) Brackett

’73. Don wrote that there were “Lots of lies, laughs and lunacy.” Which is good, but **Bobby Longo** is wondering why no invite was sent to the former class president. Quoting Bobby, “Pacelli must not have forgotten that I beat him in the class president election.” And I must admit, that as class scribe, my feelings were crushed that my invite was also “lost in the mail.”

Finally, the tough part: **Mike Nienstedt** reported that we lost our classmate, **Bob Ulas**. Bob had been suffering from cancer. That said: Keep up the travels, keep up your active lifestyles ... and give up motorcycles!

Save the date for our next Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of **June 11 & 12, 2027**. If you are interested in helping to plan our 70th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

Till next time ... take care! JM

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Ed Echan had recently watched his grandson pitch on the mound at LSU in Baton Rouge, LA. for Rhode Island Univ. in the 2025 NCAA regional baseball tournament. Nate Fletcher, a tall freshman left hander from Aurora HS in Ohio, contributed as a reliever for the Rams who won the Atlantic 10 conference championship. It brought back memories of playing on JCU’s first baseball team in Spring ’73 under Coach Jerry Schweickert ’60. Teammates included: Al Altieri ’74, **John Ambrosic**, Gary Anguilano, **Alan Benander, Ph.D.**, Keith Hoover ’75, Dave Sokolowski



’76, Mike Soeder ’77, John Simon ’76, Ken O’Keefe ’75, Ed Salamone ’74 and AJ Zdesar ’74. **Maureen Connare Pavella** passed away April 15, 2025. She was one of the original “Murphy Girls”, the first women to live on campus in Murphy Hall. Maureen was married to her beloved JCU soulmate, Michael Pavella ’74. She was the cherished mother of two sons and five grandchildren. Update from **Bill McVey**. Bill has been married for 46 years. After 4 years teaching HS with an advanced degree from Fordham University and 38 years as a NY state licensed General Adjuster (Fire and Allied lines) - much of it self employed. He is now retired and has spent the last few years substitute teaching in area school districts and visiting his 6 grandchildren. I caught up on old times with **Tom “Cous” Tardio**, my old roommate and AKY bro. I attended a few fun activities for the ’75 Golden Reunion on campus along with my wife. **Gerry Patno** ran into Kristine (Feltes ’74) and **Reed McGivney** at St. Raphael church in Bay Village where their son, Jim was celebrating his first public mass since his ordination as a Jesuit last week in Chicago.

Thanks for all the updates and keep ‘em comin’!

Rock On! Bob Larocca

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Congratulations to our distinguished classmates, **Linda Meglin** and **Dan Sansone**, recipients of the John Carroll Alumni Medal. They will receive the award Homecoming Weekend. Linda and Dan have been ambassadors of and served the university in a variety of roles since they graduated. Most recently, they have been members of the University’s Board of Directors. You are invited to join and celebrate with Linda and Dan for this well-deserving award the weekend of October 24th and 25th.

In April, Linda joined the JCU Fans of Pete Williams at the Cleveland City Club. In



June, she hosted a free showing of her documentary “Tim Russert: The JCU Years” to a packed house in the JCU Donahue Auditorium.

Awards, recognition, and celebrations continue for our classmates:

In May **Joe Tasse** received the 2025 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award at Cornell’s Sloan Program in Health Administration. His award during the Sloan Program’s 70th anniversary celebration reflects his distinguished

professional career, and his commitment to shaping the future of healthcare leadership. Most recently Joe completed a two-year term as Executive-in-Residence at Cornell’s Sloan Program, where he mentored students and contributed to curriculum

development. Joe has held top executive roles across major health systems, including serving as interim President and CEO of Trinity Health System in Ohio and President of St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital in Michigan. In addition, Joe has consulted on hospital development projects in Kuwait and Beijing. He has also served on boards of nonprofit organizations in Detroit in support of education and community health services.

In June of 2024 **Don Kuratko, Ph.D.** was honored for his global contributions to entrepreneurship research in Munich, Germany with the Lifetime Achievement Member Award at the Babson Entrepreneurship Research Conference. The banquet was attended by 360 scholars representing 42 nations. Don was also honored this past May by the Indiana University Kelley School of Business with the Distinguished Career Research Impact Award (the highest research honor bestowed on a faculty member) and this October he will be honored with the Indiana University Tracy M. Sonneborn Award. “This honor is bestowed on a faculty member whose career epitomizes exemplary research

and exemplary teaching. Dr. Don Kuratko, better known on campus as Dr. K, is The Jack M. Gill Distinguished Chair of Entrepreneurship and Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Kelley School of Business, at Indiana University in Bloomington. Each spring Don oversees Kelley Business School capstone Entrepreneurship Program for seniors. Its nickname “Spine Sweat” comes from the intense, real-world challenge of pitching a business plan to a panel of actual angel investors and venture capitalists. It is meant to simulate the high-stakes environment of startup funding. Over 15 weeks, Kelley Senior students develop and refine a business idea, build a plan, and prepare a pitch. It is not just theoretical! The final pitch is evaluated by a panel of distinguished alumni, including successful entrepreneurs and investors who fly in from across the country.” Our own **Terry Dwyer** has been one of the panelists for the last 10 years. Terry says “It is really a broad experience for the students since it gives them real world experience in an intense setting, but it is also a great experience for the judges to meet and get to know the high potential talent who represent tomorrow’s leaders. This is one of the reasons Don’s program is number 1.” Terry reports that Global Prep Academy (GPA), an Indianapolis inner city charter school celebrated its 10th birthday this year. GPA is a dual language, full immersion school dedicated to providing better learning opportunities for students in the inner city. GPA was 200 students in 2015 and will be 800 this Fall, with plans to grow to 1,000 students when a second campus (a reconditioned factory) comes online in Fall of 2026. Terry was the co-founding chairperson of GPA in 2014.

Van Conway was inducted into the Detroit Athletic Club Hall of Fame for racquetball. He is one of the seven

members in the Club’s 130+ year history to receive the prestigious award. His daughters, Carly and Molly, are married and blessed his family with two wonderful sons-in-law. He is grandfather to seven

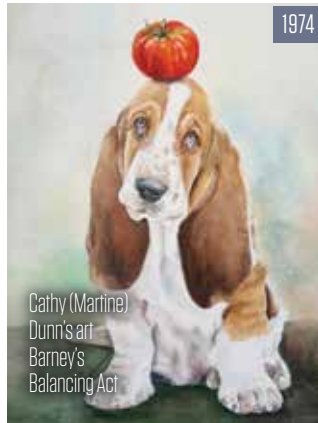
amazing grandkids with two more due in November and next January. Carly graduated from Wayne State University Medical School and is an Emergency Room doctor at Beaumont in Royal Oak, Michigan and Molly is the Chief Administrative Officer & General Counsel for Van Conway & Partners / The Young Conway Group, in Birmingham, Michigan. In March, Van took a

memorable trip to the Florida Keys with several of his U Club brothers including **Ron Deneweth, Chris Schuba, Honorable Mike Bergerson, Sean McNicholas, Jim Cannan, Ed Kelly, Dan Conrad, Roger Hull, Joe Samuelson, and Bob Mangan.**

Cathy (Martine) Dunn continues her watercolor art journey. She has been accepted for the 2nd year in East Nashville’s Tomato Art Fest. The annual festival attracts people from all over with fun themed art, local music, delicious food, costumes, wacky contests, shopping and more. This year she is exhibiting 3 pieces including Barney’s Balancing Act.

Kathy (Crowley) and Kenny Kelly ‘73 welcomed grandson Henry Kenneth Conroy on 3/21/25. Henry is their 5th grandchild, under 5. Their oldest son, Kenny is the ultimate single uncle to his siblings Maddy; Kelly Howey & her husband Harrison with their three kids Penelope 5, Fitzzy 3, and Vivi 2; and Kate Kelly Conroy & husband Andrew, and their two children Piper 3, and newborn Henry. All of them live in Charlotte where Kathy and Kenny recently went to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

On a personal note, I am pleased to share that our son Keenan joined the Cleveland Browns Health and Performance Department this spring as Manager of



Recovery Services and our youngest daughter Macklin was recently promoted to Associate Director, Client Experience and Growth at Golin in Chicago.

Hope to see many of you at Homecoming in October. In the meantime, email, text or call me with any family or professional updates. Onward On!

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A great weekend was enjoyed by a big crowd celebrating our 50th Reunion. The Alumni Office, Rory O’Neil and Molly Romanowski, pulled out all stops for us. Attendees included: **Bishop Neal Buckon**, who concelebrated the Reunion Mass with University Chaplain, Fr. Bernie McAniff, S.J. **JoJo Bertolone**, who has officially retired from school counseling and wife Susie. Jojo experienced a stroke last summer and is working on getting healthy and spending time on the beaches. Three of **Bill McNamara’s** sons attended JCU. **Paul Seaburn**-Host of the What in the World Podcast, Editor and Head Writer of Mysterious Universe website, former writer for The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Author of What Would You Say to a Naked Alien? attended with wife, Donna. **Joan (Konewecke) Ursic** and Joe ‘74, will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They have taken over 50 cruises and visited 70 Countries. **Eileen Phillips Cataldo** and Pat Cataldo ‘76 visit Waikiki every year and reside in Burton, Ohio. **Tom Novak** retired after 35 years as Controller for the Richard Jacob Group. Tom’s wife of 48 years passed away in 2024 so he’s adjusting to life as a widower. **John Nocero** is a member of the Holy Name Society, went to Jubilee Pilgrimage in Italy, golfs twice a week and he and his wife, Awilda are taking the Ignatian Spirituality course at JCU. **John Dinallo** is semi-retired from executive recruiting. **Marianne Corrigan Davis** had a 28-year career with American Greetings then was President of Saint Joseph Academy, her Alma Mater. In her “spare time” she globe trots with friends and family. **Bryan Fritz** has spent 45 years in the press box on JCU football stats. **Fran Gillen** retired after a 45-year career in Human Resources at technology companies in the DC area. **Joe Duffy** met his wife

Suzanne (Kirby ‘74) and best friends from wrestling and football at JCU. **Dan Kelley** married Eileen Cunningham ‘77 and 3 of their 4 children graduated from JCU. **Larry Lowes** attended with wife Karen, he retired from Ohio Industrial Commission as Hearing Officer. His daughter Megan Lowes Bolin ‘13 teaches at JCU and his son, Daniel is a Scientist at Columbia University. **Bob Zotti** is working on his golf game and is looking forward to attending the Tony DeCarlo golf outing with JCU Football players and Wrestlers. **Donna Fergus Sell** met her husband while they were students. Sadly Mike passed away in 2020. Three of their five children graduated from JCU. **Pat Farley Vail** remembers leaving the Rathskeller for the 2am Mass. **Frank Magliochetti** enjoyed seeing roommates **Mike Murphy** and **Ed Donnelly** and his ROTC buddies. He and his wife, Bonnie, will be traveling to Europe in the fall. **Peggy Prunty McSherry** remembers her roommates **Anne Marie Carey Pecon** (who spends half the year in Fla. And half in West Lake, OH), **Annette St. John O’Brien**, **Karen Schaefer Sinning** and **Sue Calihan** (who passed away in 2012). **Mary Pat Gavin** also remembers the fun in Murphy and on Hillbrook. **Mary Fisco Cangelosi** currently lives in North Carolina. **David “Skates” Chrien** has sold his patents and 2 companies after 50 years. He is a consultant in his area of expertise which is critical power generator fuel systems for hospitals and data centers. He will remain on the industry board of advisors for the committee, writing recommendations. Others in attendance were **Vic Cook, Tony Dorsch, Jack Metzger, Tim Barrett, Mark Donovan, Ben Hunsinger, Kevin Kane** (our own coffee guy), **Kevin Stitak, Rick Rudnicki, Mike Messina, Nancy Nelson, Mike Pawlak, Mary Kay Hutchinson Malone, Barb Varone Norris, Carol Kovalak Martin, Ken Laino, Cathy Primuth Lombardo, Larry Lowes, Bill Healey, Ben Carlozzo, Susan Doyle, Mark Frederick** (who can still sing), **Brian Fritz, Catherine Swanson Schuba, Pat Farley Vail, Ann Paskert Teubel, Jim Teubl, Ed Moran, Tom**

Novak and **Ellen Murphy O’Hanlon**. If I missed someone, let me know for next issue and please send news.

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Make plans to attend our golden 50-year reunion that’s been scheduled for the weekend of June 12th and 13th in 2026! All of us should have many stories to share, so hopefully we can come together for a special celebration. We know JCU class reunions are fun, and our class is bursting with so many great people. Please mark your calendars. If you are interested in helping to plan our 50th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

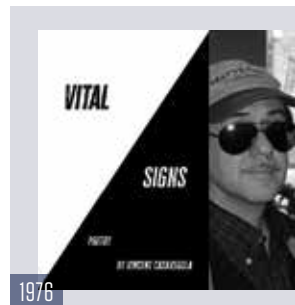
Cheryl Price Morgan and her husband John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year where they reside in CT. John’s uncle, Fr. Arthur Morgan, S.J., officiated the marriage which was the very first wedding on the JCU campus. Cheryl has also published her memoir (photo right) An Unfolding Journey, a reflection on the unexpected twists and hurdles she has faced in her life.

Vince Casaregola, Ph.D. is a professor of English at St. Louis University, and he published a poetry collection that is now available from www.finishinglinepress.com.

The book (pictured left) is Vital Signs, and it explores the experiences of illness, health care, trauma, and loss.

Tim Hourihan retired after 40 years as a commercial real estate broker in Buffalo, NY. He is planning to attend the reunion and is looking forward to seeing everyone.

Dave Gedrock and his wife Christie recently marked their 46th wedding anniversary. He likes to remind the world that Bob Hope was our commencement speaker! Dave practices law representing good people on bad behavior, as well as bad



people on good behavior! They live on a farm in Litchfield, OH.

John Cunningham was blessed with a second granddaughter, Avery, joining big sister Shea. Speaking of the reunion, **Debbie Utlak Cook** is planning a family trip in 2026 but wants to attend the reunion. **Mike and Mary Cay (Powers) McConnell** said it was a happy coincidence that **Al Salvatore** and **Nancy Nista Salvatore** recently bought a place in the same Naples, FL golf community where they have a condo. Shortly after learning that, **Kathy Walter D'Amato**, and her husband Ernie also bought in the community. It was a fun winter getting together for golf, dinners and stories.

Tom DeBlasis is looking forward to attending the reunion. He says he's been back on campus a few times over the years, such as the Tony DeCarlo golf invitational each year. His family is up to 7 grandkids, four in Nashville, TN and three in Novi, MI. Last year they attended a family reunion in Transylvania (yes, that Transylvania) along with visiting the village from where his grandparents originated: in Italy... that was a special trip. For a throwback to 50 years ago, attached is a photo of his Blue Streak football senior teammates **Jay Rigali, John Simon, John O'Brien, David Wolfe, John Wicinski, Jim DiBenedetto and Tom DeBlasis**. Missing is **Al Baucce**, whom Tom believes was on his way to the Rat Bar.

Tim Wallenhurst finds it hard to believe it has been 50 years since we left JCU. Tim and his wife Mary Lou visited her hometown of Scenery Hill, PA, and spent a night at the historic Century Inn (on US Route 40) where they joined the list of famous patrons that included many US presidents along with Dolly Madison.

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This will be my final Class Notes, so if anyone is willing to give it a shot, please let me or the Alumni Office know . It's been great – thanks for sharing all your news these past five years!

Liz Flando McClain: I finally retired

at the end of 2023. Dale retired at the beginning of COVID! I downsized to a small house in Lake Forest. We have 3 sons, all married, all living in the Chicago area - 8 grand kids (7 girls and 1 boy). It is truly a blessing to have them all so close. I spend my time traveling, France and Turkey this summer, and playing pickleball. I am having rotator cuff surgery in August. So, I will be grounded for a while. I love reading the updates!

Mark McMullen: I retired as SVP Membership for Knights of Columbus in August of 2023, conduct virtual leadership training sessions for K of C global leaders monthly, and am a member of the K of C Name and Emblem Committee. I am also a Partner at AAR Partners (marketing search consultancy) and an Adjunct Faculty member at the University of South Carolina. I have written three books in the last two years: Effective Leadership - and Leaders, Integrated Marketing in a Modern World and Book of Cases - Advertising and Brand Communications.

Bill Gagliano shared some photos he received from Amy Payne (JCU Assistant Director of Student Engagement for the Arts) from the renovation of the Marinello Little Theater. It is being renovated to return it to Mr. Marinello's original design.

Katherine Ledwith Benson: After 37 years of living and working in NYC, I retired from my most recent job at New York Public Radio & Podcasts (WNYC & WQXR) in May, after working as Director of



National Radio and Podcast Sponsorship Sales for 13 years. Before that I spent 8 years at The Disney Channel, 13 Years at Bravo (pre-Housewives), and 2 years at Scholastic. I have been married for 31 years to musician Stephen Benson whom I met when I took guitar lessons from him at a community music school in the Turtle Bay section of Manhattan, and he asked me out at the last lesson. He has played guitar in the orchestra for The Lion King on Broadway for 25 years. I have 28-year-old twins, both live in NYC; one in Manhattan and one in Queens. I live in the Morningside Heights section of Manhattan. My retirement plan is to enjoy at my leisure all the arts and culture available at a discount (or free) in NYC, volunteer for meaningful causes and enjoy my family in NYC and in NJ.

Kathleen Berry: Just wanted to share that **Diane Carey Sharpe's** husband, James died of a heart attack at their home in Young Harris, GA. Please keep Diane and her family in your prayers.

Virginia Beyer Ivec: Jon and I vacationed in June of '25 at Pictured Rocks National Seashore on Michigan's Upper Peninsula with fellow alums **Michele Angelotti Raeder, Bill Raeder, Sharon Straka Voyten** and her husband Larry.

Save the date for our next Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of **June 11th & 12th, 2027**. If you are interested in helping to plan our 50th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

Have a great summer everyone!
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Classmates, here's the latest.... after a 40 year career in higher education, Public Transit, Market Research and National Security, **Dr. Ed Gillen** retired. His last stint was at the US Naval War College. Ed's career achievements (with colleagues) include discovering a firm's competitive advantage through research, opening a new transit hub in NY, securing Federal higher education grants to better serve underserved students and using data and analysis to improve the educational enterprise. Ed is keeping future consulting and volunteering options open....Mea Culpa! My apologies to classmate **John Bundra** for getting his name wrong in the last Onward issue (7 times!). Thanks to **Mike English** for defending his JCU roommate and Notre Dame HS classmate... In the Fall of 2024, **Fr. Dan Fickes** had a 3 month sabbatical from his priest-chaplain duties at St. John Medical Center in Westlake to go to Rome's Pontifical North American College to study the Council of Nicaea (325). He also travelled to see some of Rome's Churches and Basilicas, and hiked in the Dolomite Mountains. In October, Dan took the 30 day Ignatius Spiritual Exercises in Omaha. He enjoyed a couple visits with **Carol Rotterdam Ebdon** during retreat breaks. Annually, Dan joins forces with **Carol, Gerry Reilly, Pete Ruffing** and his



'78 LIFELONG FRIENDS
Jack Schufreider, Julie Donnelly Hattrup, Bruce Luecke, Cathy Monaco Hogan, Rob Herald



wife Jeannine, Jeff Piening '80 and his wife **Rose (Knuff)**, and Mike Woods '79 and his wife **Mary (Scharte)**. Their recent four-day excursions have included Pittsburgh; Harpers Ferry, WV; and Hocking Hills State Park, in Hocking County, OH...**Rob "Marz" Marczynski** is enjoying retirement in Nashville,TN with his wife, Beth. They celebrated their 39th anniversary in June. Marz is known as "Pappy" to his 4 grandkids, including twins. Grandchild #5 is expected in September. Rob has been working as a reading interventionist assisting students with reading difficulties. He also volunteers as a Eucharistic Minister to "shut-ins" at Christ the King Parish and at St. Thomas-Ascension Hospital West... **Ara Bagdasarian** celebrated Solon Community Living 's ribbon cutting ceremony at Solon Community Living on June 7, marking the official opening of the nonprofit's inclusive neighborhood for adults with developmental disabilities. Congratulations!

A favorite '78 student experience was the Rathskeller. The Rat was managed in 1977-78 by **Ed Gudenas** with Assistant Managers **Tom Keir** and **Julie Donnelly Hattrup** and a team of bartenders. Tom's bartender team included **Fran Twomey, John Baran, Mark McGinley, Mary Scharte Woods** and **Dan Patalita**. Bartender's 'breaks' were often spent playing in the Game Room next door. A few memories from Tom Keir (with input from John Baran and Mark McGinley): 'Close your eyes and transport back to the Rathskeller. Picture the hallway, plaid carpet, TV room, jukebox and the bar itself. Remember the Rat Bar signature aroma! The Rat Bar was the place to socialize, commiserate, gossip and scheme over a soft drink or 3.2% beer. The juke box offered the best of the 70's - Springsteen, Doobie Bros, Bob Seger, the Eagles and more. The place would erupt at 'Born to Run' with everyone singing/yelling '1, 2', 3, 4'! A fantastic place to meet friends, look for a ride, look for a date, or look for a classmate to help with homework. Most of all, the Rat Bar was a gathering place. The Rugby team brought raucous energy to the Rat Bar after their matches. The ROTC members would meet in the TV Room. Most fraternity, sorority

and club members would gather at the Rat before or after their weekly meetings. Actors and musicians would appear post rehearsal. Intramural games spilled over into the Rat Bar. Halloween parties were held; players of the Powder Puff Football game made peace with their foes; commuters often ended their day at the Rat. Thursday nights were the best! We were kept on our toes by Fire Marshall visits who could and would shut down the Rat for overcrowding. Faculty members would stop by to interact with students; ID checks since high school students always tried to enter. Tom's

memory sees '78 in the Rat: **Bob Burak, Jim McGrath and John Manilla** hanging out; Murphy Hall classmates enjoyed the Rat, including **Vickie Weires Horvath, Cathy Monaco Hogan, Laureen Sullivan Coughlin, Joyce Hallahan Blackburn and Laura Simens Fasano**. **Earl Hamlin** laughing with **Dan Weitzel** and **Tom Horvath**;

Ray Dalessandro and **John Martin** discussing WJCU. Closing time: lights out, juke box off, collective groans.' Thanks, Tom!...**Julie Donnelly Hattrup** and **Bruce Luecke** remember fun working at the "Rat," a great way to see everyone, visit and drink 3.2 beer. Julie remembers the snowstorm in January our senior year. 'It seemed as if we kept the bar open the entire time. **Jonathan Manilla** said we needed to get back to school as it had been a little too much fun having that time off.' **Joyce Hallahan Blackburn**: 'never worked at the Rat bar but I do have memories (and the beer stein) - the songs on the jukebox for sure (Bennie and the Jets, Changes ...) the plaid carpet; a hypnotist performed on the Rat Bar 'stage'; **Joanie Carroll Snyder** asked him to hypnotize her and asked for help to quit smoking. He did and it worked!...What are your favorite Rat Bar memories? Thanks for writing!



Ara Bagdasarian cutting the ribbon at Solon Community Living, joined by Bill Russo '76 and Jason Nedley '14



1979 • NANCY AGACINSKI

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Hi friends - I hope you're doing well. Would love to hear some news from people that we don't hear from very often or at all! Let us know what's new! Where do you live? Are you retired or still loving what you do? ... heard from **John Taormina** who retired from Duke University as the Curator of Visual Resources on July 31 of this year, after working there for 25 years! John plans to return to Columbus, Ohio in the spring of '26 to live, where he previously worked at Ohio State for 13 years. John looks forward to reuniting with JCU alumni living in the Columbus area, as well as visiting the excellent art museums in Cleveland, Toledo, Cincinnati and Columbus. John also plans on enjoying the beauty of Lake Erie along the shores of Cleveland and his hometown, Erie, PA... **Beth Maher Rinz**, **Cathy Dinkel Newell**, Jack Mulhall '76 and I enjoyed the wedding of Jim and **Theresa Ptak Buiel's** son Alex in Logan, Ohio on June 13. It was wonderful for Theresa to catch up with grade school, high school and college friends. Cathy, Jack and I enjoyed hiking for a couple of days in the Hocking Hills area. Such a beautiful place... what have the rest of you been up to? Any news to share? **Andrea Thompson**, where are you? **Grace Laast** what is going on in your world? **Barb Nagorny**, are you still in Florida? **Anne Harrington** still working? Living in Florida? **Mike Brier**, what's new with you? **Steve Carlino** anything to share? **Rick Ryzner**, how have you been? **Laura DiCillo Giammaria** and Greg DiCillo '78 - I think of you every time I drive down Prasse! Hope you're well! ... Everyone - Please please DON'T FORGET TO WRITE!!! Every five,

Nancy

1980 • MATT HOLTZ '80

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Greetings class - I trust everyone has had an exceptional Summer with Fall on the way.

Here is the news since our last column....

I had an opportunity to visit the Naples, Florida Alumni reception and bumped into Naples resident **Mark Wysocki** who moved down to the sunshine state 5 years ago. The host committee included **Mary Ann and John Mastrantoni**. I also had the opportunity to enjoy the company of Maureen Reilly Sluga '89 and spouse Brian along with Theresa Wohlgemuth Weinberg '89 and spouse Alan at this event.

Ted Grabowski dropped a note that he retired after a 48 year career at Key Bank and PNC. Ted and spouse, Rita, live in University Hts. where he can visit the campus often and see all the new buildings and updates. Ted's son, Ryan, attended St. Ignatius HS then the University of Cincinnati and currently is working for Kroger & living in Cincinnati. (And hopefully is still a Browns fan). Ted beat me working 48 years at the same company versus my working 39 years at Medical Mutual.

Reunion weekend proved to be a memorable time to reminisce and renew friendships. Props and a hearty thank you goes out to **Beth McChesney Wright** for her taking charge and working with the Alumni Office planning for the weekend. The Rat Bar Revival worked out great as it provided a good place to gather with ample food and drink. Beth has lived in Charlotte, NC for 41 years. She has 4 kids and 2 grandchildren. During the holidays she has been decorating homes and country clubs for 20 years. Beth is also active during elections running her precinct and early voting site.

Over 30 made the trek back to campus... All-American wrestler **Stephen Batanian** came up from Florida where he owns a painting company. **Rosanne Dwyer** - also a Floridian - made the trek and enjoyed seeing friends. Perhaps I

will see her at the next Alumni bash in Naples, Florida??...**Beth Graham** retired after working at various universities - Ohio University, Kent State and the University of Akron where paths crossed with **Maureen Gaffney Katanic** who also worked at the University of Akron. Maureen is also a member of an investment club like myself. Let's hope for Green arrows all the time! Maureen, when not checking the stock market, is involved in numerous volunteer opportunities and future travel. Heard **Kevin O'Neill** missed his first reunion with the arrival of his first grandchild... **Laura Tarantino Hussey** recently retired from Progressive and now has all the time to keep her 6 grandkids happy....Former Bernet roommate **Bob Kasper** retired as an Army doctor. Bob and his spouse, Beth (Koenig '81), live in Clarksville, TN where they will have time to travel and handle volunteer opportunities. **Tom Cua** took time from his busy home building business to venture up from Columbus. **Fr. Mark Summers** has been the pastor at St. Agatha for the past 6 years which is located in the Columbus area. Local University Hts. resident **Jim Donnelly** visited the Rat Bar Revival. He currently works at Heinens...**Chris Clauson Rosinski** lives in the JCU neighborhood also and enjoys walking around the campus noting what has stayed the same while witnessing the building boom that is transforming the campus. Former Bernet Hall resident, **Jim Antall** along with spouse **Susan Maney Antall** enjoyed catching up with folks and trading old stories.Enjoyed talking with **Mimi Schilling Luecke**. We chat every 5 years for updates. This time we found out that we both had sons that attended Xavier University in Cincinnati....I ran into **Mary Schnitzer** who recently retired from the Cleveland Clinic. Mary lives in Strongsville - we chatted about that city as I worked in it for a number of years while at Medical Mutual. I cannot think of a retail establishment that does not have a location in Strongsville & that includes Costco.

The Mayor used to say there is no reason to ever leave Strongsville - everything is there.

Mary Jo (Naples) Miller made the trip back to campus from the windy city of Chicago. We traded some Chicago stories as I have two kids living in Chicago. Myself and my wife, Mary (Knurek '89), will be in Chicago July 4th weekend watching the Guardians (Indians) play the Cubs at Wrigley Field - a very cool historical park to watch baseball....**Jim McFadden** is also from the Chicago area where he does work in Biochemistry...**Alex Koleszar** lives in the Cleveland area and works at the Cleveland Clinic....**Kevin Whalen** was holding court with his buddies and I reminded him of the old vintage orange and red Tampa Bay Buccaneer sticker he gave me which I still have somewhere in my sophisticated filing system. It's at least 45 years old. Kevin attended with his wife Suzanne (McChesney '82). **Shirley Novak** visited from Pittsburgh - the Steel City. My daughter, Rosemary, attended Pitt so I would get Pittsburgh info from Shirley. She keeps in contact with Reunion attendees **Mary Jo Miller** and **Chris Clauson** plus **Maureen McCarthy**, **Chris Bavola, D.D.S.**, **Cheryl (Kosak) Wilson** and **Beth Hammer**...**Don Rose** caught up with some classmates at Reunion. Anyone needing a car should contact Don at Classic Toyota in Mentor. **Gary Szelagowski** offered me some golf tips as he is a regular player at local courses. He came back to the JCU Reunion from an outing in memory of former classmate, **Bill Mahnic**. **John Ettorre** read off a list of deceased classmates as a tribute. The list seemed a bit longer than anticipated and I think those in attendance recognized a name or two that we did not realize had passed. I have the list if anyone is interested- contact me and I can provide. I heard **Patrice McCauley Hulseman** and Paul '82 recently moved to Rhode Island - a bit closer to the grandchildren!

Paul Kunzen came up from Columbus. He and Tom Cua knew each other from high school. John Ettorre threw me a bone that **Mary Cummings Mackey** was a volleyball player for JCU and was a set up person for taller players...Also serving volleyballs for the Streaks was **Kim Laidley Janaes** who made the trek back to JCU from Libertyville which is north of ChicagoFormer Garfield Hts. native like myself, **Rich Kawolics** and spouse, Suzi (Cicconi '81), live in Chagrin Falls. Rich is a science teacher and avid mushroom picker where he knows the good ones to eat and the obvious ones to avoid....**Winona Flynn** recently retired and lives in the Finger Lakes area of NY in Penn Yan. Nonie teamed up with **Judy Kostyo Alemagno** to sleep in the same Murphy room they lived in 45 years ago at Reunion. Nonie also has become an avid pickleball player winning in recent tournaments. Paddle Up !A lot of us have retired and that includes **Kelly Ellis Knight** who recently retired and is looking to go on a cruise (hope my notes are right??)...Sat at the Saturday dinner table with **Tom** and **Peggy (O'Hearn) Finucane**. Tom is the founder of Compass Payroll Services enjoying volunteer activities and golf. Peggy recently retired as the Chair of the Communications Department at JCU. In 2023, Peggy was honored with the Rev. Casey Bukala, S.J. Distinguished Achievement Award...**John Gulas** lives in Cleveland Hts. and is an active traveler visiting various European cities such as Bratislava, Slovakia. Heard **Jeanne Ann Wall Cannon** missed reunion due to attending the wedding of classmate **Meg (Towey) Rabal's** son.Overheard **Mike "Speedo" Borrelli** talking about his days as a JCU baseball player. **Mike Zaksheske** made the trek from Erie, Pa . Both Mike and Speedo roomed for 3 years in Dolan 106. They tried to enter but settled for a picture on the steps of Dolan...**Julianne Smiley Malloy** visited

to meet up with friends all the way from my hometown, Rocky River.**Peter Cimatori** is the CEO of AVAGO Foods, a Cleveland-based healthy, avocado-based food company. (Sounds delicious!) Good to see and bump into everyone...please send any corrections, additions or new information my way to mfh2885@gmail.com.

Onward, On John Carroll ! MFH.

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Hello to the Class of 1981! I hope you are enjoying your summer. It is beautiful here in Milwaukee as we close Summerfest, the world's largest outdoor music festival, this weekend. I will be seeing the famous group Chicago perform on one of the stages.

I am also looking forward to celebrating the 4th of July by driving a Lexus LC500 in the Brookfield, Wisconsin parade! I love working for Lexus of Brookfield, where I have been a Sales and Leasing executive for 5 years.

As your class columnist, I encourage you to send your articles and updates to me at soar1@aol.com or facebook.com/bob.hill.

Start planning to attend our Reunion next year - June 12th & 13th, 2026!! If you are interested in helping to plan our 45th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

1982 • KRIS KRESS

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Greetings to the class of 1982. I hope you all had a splendid summer and you're ready to transition to a restful Autumn season.

It was a wonderful surprise to hear from **Debbi Casini Klein**. She shared that there was a mini JCU reunion with her roomie, **Linda Besl Peters** in San Diego. These Murphy residents hadn't seen each other in a very long time. Joining the reunion were: Kathy Kramer Stibrick '83, Laura Piezer Becka '83, and Marge Braddocks Lang '83. Judging by the picture Debbi sent, it looks like it was a splendid gathering. How nice to see Debbi and Linda again

Barbara Nagel Rosene let me know she continues to sing as a jazz vocalist. Barb performs in NYC and Ohio and is currently singing with The Harry James Orchestra. Barb mentioned that JCU Alumni Paul Hulseman, Tom Alemagno and his brother, Mario, Tony O'Malley '80, John Zndarsic '83 have been to shows to hear her perform. Barb also mentioned that it means a great deal to her to continue friendships from her JCU days, like

1980



Matt Holtz, Theresa Wohlgemuth Weinberg '89 and Maureen Reilly Sluga '89 at the Naples reception



Blue Streaks at American Airlines! L to R: Jim Moses '80, Blake Booker '25, John Skrada '25, Billy Gluz '88 and Sean McEnry '22



Debbi Casini Klein '82, Laura Piezer Becka '83, Linda Besl Peters '82, Marge Braddocks Lang '83, and Kathy Kramer Stibrick '83



John Lavelle

1982

with her JCU roomie, Katie Grace Brandt. If you like Jazz and want to find where Barb is performing, check out www.barbrosene.com. Blue Streaks supporting each other – gotta love it

At the end of April, I was returning from a trip to New York and by chance, I bumped into Grace Carroll '78 at a rest area in Erie. Grace is now working at Cleveland Clinic in case management as a social worker. It seems being an RA on the 3rd floor in Murphy gave her valuable experience. For those who had Grace as an RA in our freshman year, she looks very much the same. It's always fun bumping into fellow JCUers. Paul Hulseman wrote to let us know he and Patrice (McCauley) '80 moved to East Greenwich, Rhode Island after their youngest graduated from JCU. They now live closer to their grandbabies in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Congratulations, Paul and Patrice! Sounds like you are going to have fun times on the East Coast.

What a delightful surprise to hear from **John Lavelle**. John shared that he recently retired from American Airlines after a 39-year career as a Pilot and Check Airman. John logged more than 36,000 flight hours and sent a picture of himself while in the cockpit. It seems that after graduation, John entered the USAF, graduated from OTS and received his wings at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, TX. While in the Air Force Reserve, he flew C-130's and while piloting for American, he flew multiple aircraft and was based out of JFK airport. John mentioned he is now living in Rocky River with his family and the love of his life – his wife, Kelly. Congratulations John! We wish you all the best and hope you enjoy your new “flight path”.

Unfortunately, there is some sad news to share...

Last November Mike Moses passed away. As **Joe Basar** shared, “We were all saddened to hear about the passing of our IBG fraternity brother **Mike Moses**. He was an officer in the fraternity and made us laugh with his pranks and humor. We will miss our brother ‘Mikey Mo.’”

This past January, **Kevin Coyle** passed away. Kevin lived and taught in Baltimore for many years. For those of us who majored in English Literature, we fondly recall Kevin's intelligence, kindness, and gentle ways.

If you'd like to update your contact information, please visit jcu.edu/alumni



and click on the ‘Update my Information’ button. If you'd like to share news for the next edition, you can send me an email to k2gardens@comcast.net or submit through JCU Alumni page on the website. We would all enjoy hearing from you.

Onward, Kris

1983 • MARK SCHROEDER

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How did summer treat you? Whether it was traveling somewhere fun and exciting or just having hours of laughs together at a family gathering at the house, I hope you and your family had the opportunity to spend time together. We had a visit filled with laughs when JCU baseball teammate Mike ‘Speedo’ Borrelli '80 and his wife Holly came to San Antonio to visit their daughter Sam who recently moved to the Alamo city. Speedo continues to illuminate his charismatic personality with everyone. The guy lights up the room and within seconds, makes friends with complete strangers. He never changes. If you reside in the Cleveland area, I hope you had the opportunity to take a drive to Madison this summer to spend a beautiful northeast Ohio afternoon and raise a glass of fine Grand River Valley wine at Emerita Winery. Experience a tasting or select a bottle of Reisling, Syrah, Merlot, Rosé, Zinfandel or Chardonnay from founder, owner and classmate **Ann Moore**. Ann's dream took years to build but now her winery is open for you and friends to share a fun experience. Take the short drive, see Ann and enjoy a gorgeous fall afternoon learning about and sampling about her wines. For the first time in the last few years, I missed the timing to be in University Heights for Reunion Weekend. We are nearly two years away now from 45 - so start making the plans. It's a great time and if you haven't been on campus in decades,

you won't recognize all the eye-opening developments at our alma mater. The new Athletic Wellness and Event Center (A.W.E.) will be completed this fall. What an asset for enrolled students! In May, I was in Cleveland to conduct a benefit auction for the Cleveland Play House and I made time to drive to Lake View Cemetery at the top of Little Italy to pay my respects at the final resting place of our classmate **Deb Solyan**. After years of battling pancreatic cancer, Deb passed a year ago. It is still so sad and hard to believe. Thirty-five years of the Blue Streaks being a member of the Ohio Athletic Conference has ended. JCU has left the strong Division III Conference for the mid North Coast Athletic Conference, whose colleges are located in Indiana and Ohio. The new membership with the NCAC commences this fall. **Suzanne (Schlichtman) Greenberg** continues to lead the Children Trust Michigan organization as its Executive Director. She is a passionate advocate for the care and safety of Michigan children by creating awareness, and welfare for children who are victims of abuse and neglect in Michigan's 83 counties. In May, I teamed with Suzanne to conduct her benefit auction at Michigan State University's Breslin Center. Together, we raised significant funds to support her organization and support programs to keep children safe. Be well, and I hope to see you in Texas or Cleveland this fall. Email me with family news, business updates and like and contribute to “JCU Class of '83” on Facebook.

1984 • DON D'AMORE

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After 41 years at last I must be legit in my position as your class columnist, as I now have an official JCU email address! Be the first to send in your news to my new email: 1984@JCU.edu ...Haven't heard from Bill Loftus in a couple of decades so I reached out! According to Bill: “**Bill**

“**Blade**” Loftus had his second oldest of 4 get married last fall to a lovely woman named Gloria. The wedding festivities were lovely, and the bride kept getting noticed in the street as she is a local Tik Tok star (Gloyoyo) who makes coffees and ice cream sandwiches on her videos. She is a full-time teacher in Philly and spreads joy in her video posts, and they are so happy to have her in the family. Bill has a son and daughter in North Arlington, VA and two sons near him in Philly, where he's been for 19 years. He was recently in Cleveland attending former JCU soccer Coach Tim Baab's Culinary Fights Cancer in honor of his late son, Joey. It was a great fundraiser during NCAA opening weekend and Bill got to spend quality time with some great JCU alums such as **Jeff Gangidine**, Tom Basista '82, Tim O'Callahan '82, David Pratt '85, Billy Sikora '85, Marty Joseph '83, Mark Maslona '86, and of course my former roommate **Mike Carswell**. “Apologies to anyone I may have missed as it was a great affair.” Great update Bill! **Tim Cavanagh** was installed as President of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) at their Annual Convention on June 13, 2025! Tim has served on ITLA's Board of Managers for more than 25 years. He says: “In my view, ITLA is the nation's preeminent trial lawyer organization, dedicated to protecting Illinois citizens' Seventh Amendment right to a jury trial against powerful corporate and insurance interests,” Tim and his wife, Stacey, are also preparing for a milestone at home: their oldest set of triplets will soon head off to college; two attending the University of Wisconsin–Madison and one enrolling at Miami University. Their younger set of triplets are in their senior year of high school.

NPR's Morning Edition on 4/21/25 interviewed classmate **Fr. Tim Kesicki S.J.** about his memories of the life of Pope Francis on the morning that he passed away. Tim said: “...He was the

first Jesuit ever to be elected pope. And the church really hadn't elected a pope from a religious order since 1830... The Jesuit order was founded by St. Ignatius Loyola in 1540, and largely for the care of souls, with a focus on the intellect. Pope Francis grew out of that. He served, had a great love for the poor in his native Argentina, but rose to become Archbishop of Buenos Aires. And when he was elected pope and he came out, he had this very humble demeanor ... So the first Jesuit, I think, is an opportunity to see the power of religious orders in the church and also a voice from a different continent.” Tim was interviewed yet again on NPR's Here and Now program 5/8/25 regarding the choosing of the new Pope Leo! Great to hear Tim's insights...

My new official JCU email address awaits your update! ~Don

1985 • DIANE NEREM WENDEL

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We missed you! A big shout out to the following class of 1985 reunion classmates who attended our fortieth reunion: **Wally Belleza, Jane Bunten, Ellen Titus Cannon, Anne Fallon Carney, Maya Prpic Chaille, Peggy Bertsch Currier, Janet Kosmerl Gaugler, Bob and Joan Knotek Hinkle, Teresa Isaac, Lisa Stevens Kerka, Norm and Laurie Barnhart Kotach, Jeff and Letitia Profenna Linker, Jeff Louis, Amy McKitrick Malloy, John “Captain” Marsh, Sean McAndrews, Sean McCauley, Maureen McCormick, Mike McCuen, Maureen Flaherty Menton, Marie Mozzi-Pageau, Marie O'Leary-Stark, Kevin O'Riordan, Carla Bernardo Robison, Diane Schaffstein, Dan and Vivian Brown Schodowski, Brian Schultz, Bill Sgro, Chris Skordeles, Diane Nerem Wendel, and Ann Kelly Zalla**. FYI Friday night is the “big” night to gather at Carroll with all the years attending! It was a blast catching up with everyone and the campus truly looks pristine! So much as changed yet the essence of tradition still stands. Thank

you, **Mike McCuen**, for being inspired after our reunion to drop a line! From Mike, “I am writing in from Cincinnati after my inspiring visit to campus on reunion weekend. It had been 20 years since my last visit. The Campus looked great and the new facilities were impressive. While I was not able to enjoy the whole weekend long enough to connect with any 1985 alumni, I did hear of an impressive showing by our classmates on Friday night at Murphy Hall from other classes who joined in.”

Congratulations to our classmate, **Tony Nader**, who will be a recipient of the 2025 John Carroll Alumni Medal. He will receive the award Homecoming Weekend. Tony has spent his career bringing the Jesuit core value of Cura Personalis to healthcare, and this has carried on to being part of building JCU's Nursing Program. You are invited to join and celebrate with Tony for this well-deserving award the weekend of October 24th and 25th

Because our next 5 year interval comes along when many of us may be or are comfortably retired (**Matt O'Connor**) I really hope we can make a strong showing back for that 45 year reunion. Especially the fellow Dolan Hall residents along with Piv and Krafty.

Megan and I have been in Cincinnati for 20 years and I am still in banking with First Commonwealth along with several Blue Streaks such as Jane (Schneeberger) Grebenc '82 and David Buckiso '92. Six kids. 2 married and no grandkids. This weekend inspired pride at being a JCU grad. I would love to share that with you in 2030 or sooner !!” Perhaps now you are inspired to drop us an update from you!

xoxo
DianeClass of '85

+ 1986 • JENNY LABUDA AND KAREN JUDY

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Hello again class of 1986 Blue Streakers! Here is a wonderful update from **Rich Gorman**: Hard to believe it's been nearly 40 years, and I'm still lucky enough to call this incredible group my friends including **Dan Tierney, Matt Kramer, Rob Marshall, Father Ed Gorman, Tom McDonald, Bob Tangredi, Tim McGrath**, and me. (see photo below). We



spent a weekend together in Wilmington, NC, soaking up the sun on Wrightsville Beach. The agenda? A little golf, some beach time, and a whole lot of reminiscing. Aside from the usual aches and pains that come with being 60+, everyone is doing great.

One of the weekend highlights was a private Sunday morning Mass, just for the eight of us. We turned the dining room table into an altar, and Father Ed Gorman—who didn’t graduate from JCU, but has remained a close friend—led a beautiful service. A Dominican priest and U.S. Navy chaplain, Fr. Ed travels the world supporting our troops. It was an absolute gift to have him with us. As for the rest of the crew: Drs. Tierney and Marshall continue doing meaningful work for patients; **Tim McGrath** is raising middle schoolers with his wife and living the lake life in Wisconsin; **Tom McDonald** remains in the Philly area working in pharma distribution; **Matt Kramer** is still cracking us up from Chicago; and **Bob Tangredi** is working in private equity while living in Lake Geneva, WI, as he awaits the completion of his new home in Chicago.

We have located our cute and sweet **Mark Lund** who works in cybersecurity as a Sales Director for Enterprise accounts with Trend Micro in Dallas, TX. Mark has been a soccer director for the Special Olympics in Texas for the past 31 years! Making us proud with his generous volunteering.

Mary Ann Isaac retired from her position as a Managing Director at Ernst & Young. She is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors at Akron St. Vincent - St. Mary High School.

We heard from **Karen Rogers** and her husband Kevin, who relocated to Hillard, OH in June this year so that she could begin working at Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus as a Laboratory Animal Veterinarian. Their daughter, Rebecca, has started an MD/PhD program at Indiana University in Indianapolis.

Here is an update on some of our classmate physicians:

Foxy **Dan Tierney, M.D.** studied medicine at Case Western Reserve and then did his Residency and Fellowship at the prestigious Vanderbilt University. He is a successful and prolific Nephrologist in Charlotte, NC and has authored many scientific papers.

Rob Marshall, MD also studied medicine at Case Western Reserve and then got his Masters in Nutrition, followed by a residency at Johns Hopkins and then a Cardiology Fellowship at Georgetown. He practices in Chevy Chase and Washington D.C.

Cathy Pero, MD, who attended “The OSU” for medical school and then Cincinnati Childrens for her Fellowship, is a Psychiatrist in Stow, Ohio. All three of her sons live in the Cleveland area and are graduates of JCU! Michael ’19, Joseph ’22, and Christopher ’24 (also pursuing medicine at Ohio University). Cathy is trying to locate **Bob and Marcia Pecek** and **Lori Szarwark** so please send updates when you can.

Peter Apicella, MD did his medical training at Washington University in St Louis and is a Radiologist specializing in breast cancer. He is Chairman of the Department of Medical Imaging at Salem Regional Medical Center in Salem, OH. He also has written many scholarly publications. He is A Rotarian in Salem and has received two Vocational Service Leadership Awards.

Ray Seballos MD left JCU to train at The University of Cincinnati and is now a self employed plastic surgeon in Strongsville, OH. He has 20 + years of experience in reconstruction and cosmetic surgery of the face, trunk, extremities and breasts. Is it true that Ray will be setting up a station at our 40th Reunion next year to consult for his female classmates? We hope so. Everyone - Start planning to attend our 40th Reunion next year - June 12th & 13th, 2026!! If you are interested in helping to plan our 40th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

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On behalf of the Alumni Office and the Alumni Association - welcome to our new class columnist, our very own ‘Piano Man,” **John deHaas**. Please email John with what’s going on in your world, per John, “I’d love to share your news with our fellow classmates”.

Save the date for our next Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of **June 11 & 12, 2027**. If you are interested in helping to plan our 40th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

1988 • SHARON BYRNES
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Hi everyone!

I hope you all had a fabulous summer - it went fast and now it’s sweater weather

and football season. Go Blue Streaks!

I have a few updates to share:

Mike Donnelly continues to make an impact in the Northeast Ohio community and beyond. In addition to speaking engagements and participating on various panel discussions, Mike is returning to Cleveland State University College of Law as a Leader-in-Residence and Adjunct Professor. Mike self-designed two courses: “Power and the American Justice System” and “The Ohio Court Watch Program” which will be offered this Fall 2025 semester! Through these unique electives, Mike will be inspiring future leaders in upholding the rule of law, transparency, and public trust in our courts — all vital pillars of our democracy. What an outstanding opportunity for CSU Law students! In February, Mike was the featured speaker for JCU’s Pre-Law Society’s collaboration with the Alumni Office for a talk to the Pre-Law students. Mike also was recently named a new Director for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Officers and Directors were recently sworn in at the CMBA Annual Meeting.

Congratulations, Mike!!

I had an awesome Memorial Day weekend celebrating the wedding of **Jeanine McGratty Lee**’s son, Liam, and his bride, Haley, in Turks & Caicos. **Colleen Connery Coyne, Kit Burgess Lau** and I had a great time with Jeanine and loved T&C - the beach and water were beautiful and spending time together was a perfect way to kick off the summer.

With Fall comes the start of the school year and I’m happy to share that **Lisa Verszyla Sieckowski**’s youngest daughter, Eva, chose JCU! Eva is a great addition to the Class of 2029. Here’s wishing Eva a fabulous experience and an easy transition to empty-nesting for Lisa and her husband, John.

That’s it for now. Enjoy the Fall and remember to drop me an email at loveparis513@gmail.com with any updates you’d like to share. I know there’s a lot happening... graduations, retirements, kids getting engaged and married, fabulous travels and also... many of you have become grandparents, some even multiple times (!) - **Dan and Sheila (Davis) O’Neil** and **Meg Sullivan Walters** and Brion Walters ’87 to name a few. I’d love to hear your latest and share it with our class. We have so much to celebrate!

And... many of us are starting turning 60 this Fall and next year so you can always

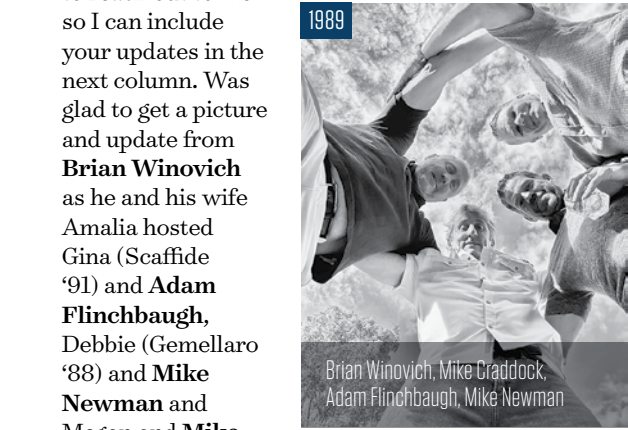
share with me how you’re waving goodbye to your 50s and starting a fantastic new decade!

All the Best,
Sharon

1989 • DAVID GASSMAN
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Greetings 89’ers and hopefully you are all enjoying another summer of love, laughter and making memories. The requests for class updates have not gone well and I only have a couple of things to report. I can only hope while you are reading this it will inspire you to reach out to me

so I can include your updates in the next column. Was glad to get a picture and update from **Brian Winovich** as he and his wife Amalia hosted Gina (Scaffide ’91) and **Adam Flinchbaugh**, Debbie (Gemellaro ’88) and **Mike Newman** and Megan and **Mike Craddoock** at Walloon Lake, Michigan where a weekend of waterskiing, boating, hanging with old friends and lots of laughs took place. Brian was nice enough to share a photo of the guys, maybe better halves should have been included? Thanks Brian, good to see and hear from your crew. Congratulations go out to a few of my friends as their children have recently gotten engaged: **Dan** and Julie (Kahl) ’92 **Weaver** were happy to see their son Joe propose



to wife to be Emily, in the early part of 2025 and **John** and Jennifer **Fox** enjoyed seeing son Daniel propose to his fiancé, during a recent overseas trip the family recently returned from.

Peace, Dave
Class of ’89

1990 • MELISSA RETTEW WENZLER
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Hello, Class of 1990! It’s hard to believe that our 35th reunion came and went. A big thank you to all on the Alumni Relations team for putting on such a great weekend. There is nothing better than getting together and reminiscing about our time at JCU – such a formative time in our lives that continues to have an impact on us all these years later.

We had a great turnout from the Class of 1990! While I did not get to chat with everyone, I saw so many of us either on the dance floor or mingling near the bar. These classmates are the ones I saw throughout the weekend: **Tom and Sandy (Sabol) DiSalvatore**,

Jane (Wagner) & Larry Nicolette, **Chris DeGasperis**, **Becky (Lacovic) Barnhart**, **Sean Fauston**, **Kathleen (Reichart) Laffey**, **Sue (Zurkovski) Swain**, **Shannon (Place) Martin**, **Lori Mika**, **Angela (Thiel) Sullivan**, **Tom and Janis (Vanis) Kundmueller**, **Eric Smearman**, **Chris Jamison**, **Holly Monahan**, **Mia Bernet**, **Lisa (Grisez) Shullick**, **Amy Jones**, **Mike and Colleen (McKale) Olszewski**, **Jean (Hetzer) Harsar**, **Katy (Ford) Bickert**, **Mark Perretta**, **Mary Beth (McNally) & Steve Tirpak**, **Sue (Lock) Ruane**, **Chris (Jurcisek) Johnso**, **Debbie (Yencer) Arcara**, **Maribeth (Brunn) Robinson**, **Kristin (Fornes) Connaughton**, **Beth (Cornelius) Nairn**, **Amy (Finke) Cook**, **Candace Martin**, **Chris & Linda (Holmes) Donnelly**,

Lynne (Rifugiato) Young, **Susan (Ayna) Carney**, **Kristin (Dickinson) Hogue**, **Michelle (Couture) Koester**, **Francesco DiGiannantonio**, **Jill DiNicolantonio** and **Rob Brdar**, **Karen Teeter** ’89, **Joe Koshay** ’89 (both are class of 1989, but we are happy to claim them as ours too)! If you were there and I missed including you on this list, please let me know! I will include that in my next column.

Because we were having so much fun, I did not worry about taking notes about who was doing what. So, your homework over the next few months is to drop me a quick note about what you are up to these days – job updates, family updates, travel updates, pet updates, or concerts you went to...you name it, we want to hear about it!

We did get an update from **John Queen, M.D.** John was recently honored with the 2025 Bill Hall Award for Service during the Ohio American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Annual Meeting for his substantial contributions. He has served on the Ohio ACEP since 2007, and he has also served as Associate Program Director for the MetroHealth/Cleveland Clinic/Case Western Reserve Emergency Medicine Residency program for 19 years.

Thomas Harrington married Kristin Brack ’91, joining the elite ‘Carroll Couples’ in December Of 2024

Here’s to you all, the Class of 1990!
Melissa

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Greetings 91’ers! By the time you see this, kids will be playing Frisbee and Hacky Sack in front of Sutowski again! But first let me take you back to last Homecoming and an interesting question that came up. What was your preferred late night indulgence? Polish Boy or “Fun In The Box” from Mama’s Chicken? I’ll be honest; I never had the Fun In The Box. It always looked gross to me. But it does have a clever jingle (IYKYK). So I thought I’d throw it out to you. Which was your pick?

1 Kristen (Dickinson) Hogue, Kristin (Fornes) Connaughton, Michelle (Couture) Koester, Maribeth (Brunn) Robinson, Susan (Ayna) Carney, Linda (Holmes) Donnelly, Amy (Finke) Cook, Debbie (Yencer) Arcara, Candace Martin, Lynne (Rifugiato) Young, Elizabeth (Cornelius) Nairn

2 Mary Beth (Brunn) Robinson & Susan Ayna Carney

3 Larry Nicolette, Jane Wagner Nicolette, Melissa Rettew Wenzler, Tom DiSalvatore

I can't think that anything would be better than the Polish Boy and its finger licking goodness, but email me and let me know.

If you read the last column you'll remember I was on the lookout for information about **Laura Broderick McGuinness** and I'm happy to report, she responded. Laura is married and lives in Mars, PA. She's an inside sales rep for a company called Marmon/Keystone, which is a steel fabrication company. She has three kids that are growing up fast. All three are out of college and two are married. And, Laura says, for fun she loves to go to National Parks.

Congratulations go to **Kristin Brack** who married Thomas Harrington '90 in December. From the pics I've seen, it looked like a beautiful wedding. (Yeah I may have snooped on her Facebook page to check it out.)

Erin (O'Loughlin) and **Rob Gauchat** live in Buffalo. They have two daughters who live in Chicago these days. Erin came to The Grand Resort with her company, Amgen, for a team meeting. She made the mistake of texting me on St. Patrick's Day to start to work on the details. How does someone named O'Loughlin not realize we don't talk about work that day? We only discuss how we're going to get home. Anyway they had a great time and it turned into...

Three Questions With Mike!

1. What would 2025 Erin tell 1987 Erin?

The fun is the journey, and every day is a gift.

2. What was your favorite class, and your least favorite?

My favorite class was Dr Smith's Chaucer. My least favorite was Calculus 2. (Editor's note: Did Calc 2 really help us in life? Why

did we need to know what stuff?)

3. What do you think of when you think of JCU?

When I think of JCU I'm filled with gratitude. I not only met my awesome husband but a lifelong group of dear friends that still get together every year and text each other daily. Lucky me!

Ok that's it for this edition. They're working on a new email address for our class, but I haven't cracked the code yet. I'll keep you posted. Until then, weigh in on the hot topic above and email me! (Polish Boy is my Ride Or Die) And, remember, Reunion is next summer - save the date for the weekend of **June 12 & 13, 2026!** If you are interested in helping to plan our 35th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

1992 • SEEKING NEW CLASS COLUMNIST journal@jcu.edu

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Tim Markle (*pictured bottom left*) is the director of the Youth Health Transition Initiative at the University of Wisconsin - Madison Waisman Center, and is the founder of the Forgiveness Factor. He received the 2025 Merle McPherson Family Leadership for Tireless Advocacy award in recognition of his longtime dedication to advocating for families and children with special health care needs.

1994 • KATIE (NIEHAUS) GERBA

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Greetings Class of '94! As I celebrate my oldest graduating from JCU and my middle child starting in the fall, we decided to take a family trip to Italy. I didn't think we would find a connection back to JCU all the way in Italy, but we did. Just so happens that the winery that was suggested to us to visit is owned by JCU grads. Il Molino di Grace in Chinati, Italy is owned by Frank '63 and Judy Grace. It is breathtaking!! The tour was very educational, and the wine tasting was delicious. I loved how they named each section of the winery after their grandkids. I didn't get to meet Frank and Judy but maybe I will catch them at a reunion or back at their winery.

I am sure there are many others also having high school graduations, but I did hear from **Nicole Duffy Mastropietro** that her daughter Millie graduated and is headed to Indiana University in the fall. Millie also celebrated by going to Italy and Switzerland. This was the year for Europe trips as **Jennifer Gubba Fisher** and **Bryan Fisher** '92 visited France and Ireland. Back in the states, **Moe McGuinness** has taken a job back in Pennsylvania as the Vice President of Student Affairs and Fritz Family Dean of Students at Bucknell University. She is still putting her RA and Student Union skills from JCU to great use!!! She also became a first time 'Momo' (grandmother) to a beautiful girl, Cleo last summer. If anyone is ever in the Lewisburg, PA area, she says the first beer is on her! I would love to be able to share more from our classmates so feel free to reach out for future publications. -Katie

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We had a great turnout for our 30th Reunion! In attendance were:

Vince Cannata, Bryan Davis, Gillian (Geeding) Cooper, Janelle (Albritton) Thoms, Katie (Powers) & Steve Vitatoe, Mark Adamczyk, Annmarie (Pascale) & Michael Lyons, Erin O'Malley, Maureen Leonard, Jennifer Daughtery, Gina (Hoover) Mee, Jill Patterson, Lauren (Colaizzi) Henzler, Mel Camouse, Beth (Szymanowicz) Pero, Jason Baker, Eric Boose, Jackie (St. Marie) Davis, Susie (Marsick) Martin, Becky (Lasick) Adamczyk, Mike Warbel, Ashley Blevins, Misty (Pomorski) Matin, Todd Guth, Rob 'Weak Boy' MacDonald, and John O'Block.

Hank Ebbott shared that over the Reunion weekend, a group of the Circle K (Sigma Delta Kappa) brothers got back together in Cleveland for another reunion. This group has been coming back to campus every 10 years, and this one was a real hit with the chocolate bars. Class of '95 alum (and where they traveled from): **Jesse Galloway** (Connecticut), **Pat Dorrington** (Philadelphia), **Tom Pestorius** (Atlanta), **Hank Ebbott** (Colorado), and **Matt Clark** (Cleveland) were joined by alumni **Charlie Loughheed** '92, **John Callahan** '93, **Mark Auburn** '96, and **Steve Voinovich** '97. Dorrington won the Euchre Tournament, Kendall won best costume(s), Galloway hooked it all up, Hank won the "Julie McCoy Cruise Director" award, Tom won the "why haven't I been doing these all along?" prize, and Matt Clark had the most pressing food pick up that led to waiting at the bar. They also met up with fellow '95ers **Lauren (Colaizzi) Henzler, Beth (Syzmanowicz) Pero, Suzy (Marsick) Martin, and Ashley (Maurer) Blevins**, and just like old times, they came back to the house after the bars to keep the party

going. Jesse and Hank continued their Greek Week Euchre Champions ('94, '95) form by defeating Beth and Suzy easily. He summed up that it was a great weekend on the east side of Cleveland, and all the strolls down memory lane were well traveled. They're considering meeting for a 35 year reunion to get together sooner than 40, as they want to maximize the time we have while Dorrington is still with us. Thanks for a great reunion weekend!!!

Thea (McAfee) Wilson, Ph.D. (G) is currently the Vice President for Children and Families at Step Forward. She has spent over 40 years in early childhood development in the public school system, and spent 11 years in administration. She has served as the Chair of early Childhood at The Music Settlement as well as the Executive Director of the Office of Early Childhood for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Thea has published a book - **13 Peas** - based on her 3 children, who hated anything green, and how she got them to eat their peas

Jennifer Conhan Keeler is teaching elementary school in Warrenville, IL. She now has a Blue Streak for a colleague in Morgan O'Brien '24. (picture is with the Class of '24 column.)

Dennis Percy currently serves as Director of Development of Miami Valley Hospital Foundation in Dayton, Ohio and is in the midst of a \$30M multiyear capital campaign which includes fundraising for a new CareFlight helicopter for the Premier Health system. He also serves in a variety of leadership roles in the Dayton community, including serving as Governance Chair and Board Member for Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley and the Leadership Dayton Board of Governors. He is also proud to share that his daughter, Diya was the 2024 Valedictorian of their shared Alma Mater - Archbishop Alter High School in Kettering.

Teresa Hurst, Ph.D. is the Director of the Baruch College Counseling Center in New York City, a center that provides social justice-informed mental health services to undergraduate and graduate students. She and her partner have a 16 year-old currently looking into colleges. (Possibly a future Blue Streak?)

+ 1996 • GENESIS BROWN

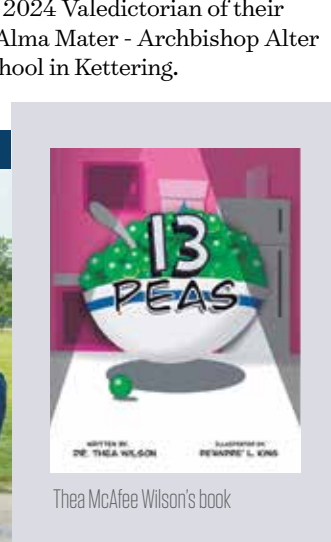
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First thing...our 30th year reunion is less than a year away. I am hoping to see many of you next June 12th & 13th, so start reaching out to old friends! If you are interested in helping to plan our reunion, please contact the Alumni office at alumni@jcu.edu.

Thank you **Angela (Reid) Worgull** for sending what is happening with your family!!! She & her husband, Jason (class of 95) just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. (That is so awesome & a real testament to love!) They have been living on the westside for 25 years & enjoying running into other Carroll Couples. She took a break from teaching & is enjoying time with the boys, volunteering, & planning events for school. Angela is taking classes to become an Infant Care Specialist to help families adjust to their new roles as parents. Also, after years of working as a local IP lawyer, Jason recently took a position as Senior Intellectual Property Counsel at Karl Storz Endoskope. Wishing them continued success!

Great news about **Laleh Shaibani** as she was honored with being featured in Auralis Magazine. The interview took her into a deep introspection of her past & helping her to reflect on her journey of self-discovery. This path has led to an expansion of her purpose & mission to empower women to reclaim their feminine radiance through embodiment. In the article, Auralis shares how Laleh began her journey of awakening into a Transformation Life Coach. It is a great interview that everyone should read. It is great to see a strong woman helping other women!

Deborah Turchek Wasylo was honored at Rocket Arena in March as the "Local in the Land" business (Baskets Galore) by UPS & Cleveland Cavaliers representatives. The award acknowledges businesses that have made a significant impact in our region, both





economically & personally. Deborah has taken her successful corporate gift giving business and coupled it with giving back to the community.

I also got a great update from **Viollette “Lil” (Doloricon) Menefee** about her visit with friends with a couple of pictures to see the joy in their faces!

Laura Gerken Lippe is living her best Hawaii life with her husband and son. They are enjoying the tropical weather as they educate some of the finest youth of Maui’s High Land area.

Lil also shared that **John Cox** is living outside of Chicago with his wife and triplets, who are about to be seniors at John’s Alma Mater, Fenwick High School. He’s delighted by how they are growing into unique and engaging young adults.

Kathryn (Kane) Beck, Sara (Strosinder) Cozzens, Katie (Crotty) Kretzer, Bridget (Luby) Fruin, Michelle (Hollands) Foley, Kathy (Benander) Kadlub, Viollette “Lil” (Doloricon) Menefee, Ellen (Luzer) Kruger, and Cara (Fiore) Furlong, recently gathered for their annual trip. This summer’s scene was at the Fiore Estate in Door County, Wisconsin. The weather, attendance and laughs were impeccable and the ladies are thriving coast to coast at their respective home bases.

Send more updates! Thanks GO

1997 • BRIAN SPARKS

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Joy (Malek) Oldfield is in her 14th year



as a judge. She serves in the Summit County Common Pleas Court General Division. This year, she was named to the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Judicial College. Of the over 700 active judges in Ohio, the Supreme Court’s Judicial College Board consists of only nine judges (seven from across the various judicial associations, two appointed by the Chief Justice), and one magistrate. She is the appointed judge through the Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association for which she serves as Second Vice-President and Education Chair. Joy says she is grateful to serve in this role and help with education for judges across the state. In other news, her oldest daughter is applying for colleges and was admitted to JCU. So stay tuned for that decision!

Kelli Kearns Haberman, Kristin Ecomus Caputo, Janice Radice Seebeck, Christine Leak and Elizabeth Rachfal Fullerman met in Naples, Florida for a girl’s weekend to celebrate their 50th birthdays.

Angelo Todaro and his wife **Susie** will celebrate 22 years of marriage this September. They have two boys, **Nathan**, a soon to be Junior at Bowling Green University and **Andy**, a soon



to be Senior at St. Ignatius, as well as two labradoodles, **Max** and **Willow** and live in **Hinckley, OH**.

Angelo is a Client Executive with **OneDigital**, a national insurance consulting and brokerage firm.

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I’ve started a JCU Class of 1997 page on LinkedIn, which you can find at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13160494/>. Feel free to check it out and sign up! It’s a great way to share both professional and personal updates.

1998 • MICHAEL GILDEA

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Hello everyone!

Congratulations to **Lisa Ann (Tekancic) Salamat ‘98G** on publishing her fourth children’s book **The Curiosity Adventures of Miss Alley ~ Case of the Missing Sphinxes** under her pen name

Lea Truman. To order a copy, visit Lisa’s website leatruman.com or Amazon.com. **Grant Varnum** shared some exciting news that his second removable base French press coffee/tea maker is out. For more information, please visit planetarydesign.com or contact Grant at grantvarnum@hotmail.com. I hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday season.

Mike



Lisa Tekancic Salamat’s book

1999 • CHRISTINE WEIMER PAPESCH

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2000 • LISA (FOSTER) SMITH & CLARE TAFT

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Our 25th Reunion is in the books. In attendance were: **Christina Garofalo, Mary Lembach Morrone, Mary Howarth Bibbee, Debbie Pagano Sichko, Gina DiDonato Kubec, Patrick Scanlan, Clare Taft, AnnMarie Murphy Hurley, Jack DiCello, Denia Glaros Lauer, Jessie McCullough, Tony DeStafano, Jane Howarth Vogelsberger, Tori Rendano Nook, Kelly Cipra Stringer, Bob Guillen, Shanna Stonebrook Botos, Sarah Gannon Garofalo, Jon Powers, Angela Susnjara Hoover, Bridget Lynch Kraft, Kethryn Yanus Wilosn, Justin Lauer, Fina Cannon Riddle, Mayann Vizmeg Dale, Beth Kulow Wilson, Carrie North, Mary Kapler-Ormiston, Mea Harris Rivers, Joanna Lecznar Schafer, Kelly (Richards) & Nick Mize, Jason Smith, Courtney Malon, Nate Botos, Taryn (Leas) & Scott Chmielowicz, Emily Shurilla Montgomery, Jonathan Wilson, Chris Kerr and Bridget Houlihan Kennedy.**

Melanie Shakarian recently retired from The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland after nearly 21 years of leading external affairs for them. She was recently named President of Just Action Advisors, L.L.C., a consultancy practice focused on business development and attorney coaching for the legal community. Just Action Advisors also provides fractional c-suite services for nonprofit organizations and consults on capacity building for justice-focused missions.

Dave Vitatoe was named the President of Akron St. Vincent - St. Mary High School in August of 2024.

Tori Rendano Nook is the Owner/Principal of Anchor Retail, a boutique retail and investment commercial real estate brokerage company in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio. She has received the following awards and recognition: CREi Summit ‘s 2025 Top Women of Influence Award; featured in ICSC Commerce + Communities as a standout



woman-owned brokerage: Ranked #14 by Crain’s Cleveland Business News among CRE Companies in Northeast Ohio—the only women-owned firm in the top 25; selected among GlobeStreet.com’s 2025 Women of Influence in the Broker-Tenant Representation category and was ranked #48 on CREi Summit ‘s 2025 LinkedIn Influencer. Way to go, Tori!

Renee Thompson tied the knot with **Mike Wickowski** on June 24, 2023

2001 • MAUREEN (FARIELLO) DEMERS

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Nish Vartabedian celebrated St. Patty’s season in the proud Chicago fashion - tipping a pint with fellow JCU alum, **Mike Killackey ‘07** (pictured top right)

Save the date for our upcoming reunion, scheduled for the weekend of June 12th and 13th 2026! All of us should have many stories to share, so hopefully we can come together for a special celebration. Please mark your calendars. If you are interested in helping to plan our 25th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

2002 • KRISTEN (MUOIO) MCVEAN

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After 20 years working for the Diocese of Cleveland in various accounting roles, **Justin Turk** accepted the role of CFO at Notre Dame Schools in Chardon, OH in October of 2024. He and his wife, **Laura**, have 16 year old twins (**Carter** and **Cloe**). In addition to his role at NDS, Justin is also the head boys basketball coach at Grand Valley High School in Orwell, OH.

Andy Halko has released a book on Amazon - **The Buyer Centric Operating System** (pictured right).

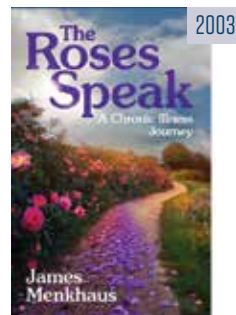
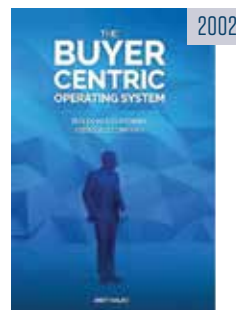
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2003 • LORI CULLITON

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Chris Maeder shared that he spent over 18 years in the Finance department at University Hospitals including responsibilities in Accounting, Strategic Planning and Operations Finance. He has spent the last three years with the Healthcare Industry Group of advisory firm Alvarez and Marsal. Chris is a director at the firm, responsible for leading accounting and finance engagements for clients throughout the country. Chris has also been dedicated to the field of healthcare finance and is currently serving as a Regional Executive for the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

We’re excited to share an update from **Dr. Jimmy Menkhaus**. Jimmy recently published his second book, **The Roses Speak: A Chronic Illness Journey**, (pictured above). through New City Press. In a generous gesture, he is donating proceeds from the book to organizations that support the cystic fibrosis community. Congratulations, Jimmy, on this meaningful and impactful work.





2004

2004 • KRISTEN HUDACH LYDECKER*kristen.e.lydecker@gmail.com*

Greetings, Class of 2004! We're excited to share some fantastic updates from our fellow classmates! **John Garber** (who is also '12G) was honored with the OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award for Girls Soccer in November 2024—an incredible achievement! This prestigious award is the highest honor given by the OHSAA SEI Committee, recognizing an Ohioan who exemplifies ethical behavior, integrity, and serves as a true role model for others. Since 2016, John has led the Varsity Girls Soccer team at Twinsburg High School, where he also teaches. John's passion for the game started at JCU, where he played soccer during his undergrad years.

Drew Poppleton has returned to campus! He is the new Assistant Vice President for Student Success at JCU.

We're also celebrating **Nikki (Spiezio) Shuck**, who recently launched Nikki Marie Copy, LLC! Please join me in congratulating Nikki on this exciting business milestone—and be sure to reach out to her for your writing needs!

Don't forget to join our class of '04 alumni LinkedIn Group! Contact **Kristen (Hudach) Lydecker** to join. Don't miss out on connecting, supporting, and celebrating! We'd love to hear from you! Be sure to update your contact info at jcu.edu/alumni today.

2005 • JENNIFER TOLHURST*jtolhurst@gmail.com*

Mary (Long) Muffy, Ashley (Zvosec) Basch, Anne (Ferry) Clark, Katy (Chrzanowski) Nycz and Emily Lyons, alongside their husbands and children rented a house for a weekend in Hocking Hills. The kids ranged in age from 6 months to 12 years old. It was great to introduce their kids to each other and see them become fast friends. They enjoyed the hiking, indoor pool, flag football games and the firepit while sharing lots of memories and laughs.-



2005

Our 20th Reunion was a blast! In attendance were: **Tom Ulery, Chinelo and Chineze Enwonwu, Kevin Conway, Beth Kovach Kennedy, David Kirallah, Birdie Chambers, Jackie LoPresti, Andrew Oswald, Rohan Rangel, Katie Reeder, Keira Pack, Julie Guyer Scanlan, Michael Costello, Christopher Sell, Andrew Donaldson, Anna Shakarian Iacovetta, and Monica (FERENCE) & Joe Orlando.**

Monica (FERENCE) Orlando, Ph.D is enriching young minds at Magnificat High School as an English teacher. **Joe Orlando** launched Joseph Orlando Law, a Cleveland-based boutique law firm focusing on estate planning and trusts, probate, and elder law throughout Northeast Ohio. Joe and Monica are a true Carroll Couple, who met on the first day they moved in freshman year.

Tom McNamara was recently elected to serve his 3rd term as the Mayor of Rockford, Illinois. He and his wife, Sarah, just celebrated their 14th Anniversary with their beautiful kids - Olympia Rose, 9 and Malachy John, 8.

2006 • ALLISON (MCDONNELL) KAUFMAN*allisonkkaufman@gmail.com*

Hello Class of 2006!

I'm excited to share some wonderful updates from our classmates. There is so much to celebrate. **Angielique (Lokaj) and Nathan ('07) Moss** welcomed their 6th child, William Charles, in February. Their growing family now lives in Buffalo, NY. **Tony Grego** and his wife Lacey celebrated the arrival of their first child, Liv Monroe, on St. Patrick's Day. What a lucky little girl! **Meghan (Betz) Angus** and her husband Adam also welcomed a new addition to their family. Their daughter, Addison

Harper, was born on April 3. Congratulations to all the new parents!

There are also some exciting career updates to share. **Jeffrey Nick** was recently promoted to Senior Global EHS Leader at Avery Dennison Corporation. **Patrick Althof** is now the CEO of David Berkley Insurance Group. He and his wife Sandra work together and live in Hudson, OH where they're busy keeping up with their two kids, Sullivan (11) and Paige (9).

In other fun news, **Loraine (Tamulonis) Wysmier, Molly (McLaughlin) Dausch, and Colleen (Curtis) Schenk** enjoyed a ski trip together this past February. It's always great to see friendships going strong after all these years!

As always, thank you for sharing your updates with the class. Our 20th reunion is next summer, so please make sure we have your most current contact information. Save the date for the weekend of June 12th and 13th 2026! If you are interested in helping to plan our 20th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

2007 • LISA IAFELICE CATALANO AND BRITTANY BUSH*liafelice07@jcu.edu / bbush07@jcu.edu*

This issue's column is short in length but not in good news!

Congratulations to **Jen Gore** on the arrival of her daughter, Larkin Margaret Gore on April 10th, 2025!

We are happy to report that **Kerry (Miller) Roets** has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Stitch Buffalo. Stitch Buffalo is a textile art center in Buffalo, NY that hosts programs geared toward



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Loraine (Tamulonis) Wysmier,
Molly (McLaughlin) Dausch,
and Colleen (Curtis) Schenk

community building, empowerment, and environmental stewardship for female artists. Among these programs is the Refugee Women's Workshop, where women from Bhutan, Burma, Nepal, Thailand, Egypt, Afghanistan, and beyond can sew handcrafted goods and sell them in the community. Kerry works at Lumsden & McCormick, LLP, a CPA firm, and has earned a Master of Taxation from The University of Denver.

Mike Killackey celebrated St. Patty's Day by tipping a pint with fellow JCU alum Nish Vartabedian '01 in Chicago this year.

Save the date for our next Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of June 11th & 12th, 2027. If you are interested in helping to plan our 20th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

2008 • ANN AWADALLA, D.O., F.A.C.O.I.*aawadalla08@gmail.com*

Hello Class of 2008! Big news in the John Carroll alumni world! Our very own **Emily Monteleone** is the recipient of the 2025 Young Alumni Award which is awarded by the JCU Alumni Association. Emily is the Director of Strategic Workforce Planning at the Cleveland Clinic. She's also very involved with Gigi's Playhouse as President emeritus which is a nonprofit that helps empower families and people with Down Syndrome. She will receive the award at a reception this fall. We're so proud of you, Emily!



2008

Lisa Judge is a Senior Philanthropy Advisor at Baldwin Wallace University. She is also the owner of Bluewater Originals, LLC and active with Bike Rocky River, a chapter of Bike Cleveland. Any 2008 grads who want a program from our Commencement all those years ago? Lisa has two extra copies!

Dan Wallenhorst recently accepted the position of Vice President of Advancement at Akron St. Vincent - St. Mary High School.

Lastly I wanted to wish everyone a happy 40th birthday as the majority of our class moves on to the next decade in the next year or so! I hope we all have a great time celebrating and cheers to another decade! Xoxo Ann

2009 • LISA (UGRAN) PACCONI*lugran09@jcu.edu*

February 22, 2025 was the perfect day to gather in Phoenix, AZ, and celebrate the wedding of **Theresa Kaschak** and Will Keizer. Theresa and Will were married in a beautiful ceremony at St. Francis Xavier Church. Afterwards, there was a lively reception at Encanto Park. JCU was well-represented at the wedding by Gibby (Daniels) Bittman '89, **Laura Pinter, Stephanie (Colangelo) Bartolone, Marie Daher, Desiree Hagen '10, Melissa Lucak, Katie (Nowak) Srsen, Kerry (Keyes) Jonke, Cassie (Larson) Seccombe**, myself and **Andy Pacconi**. Congratulations Theresa and Will!

Rebecca (Taylor)

Frank and her family moved to Michigan within the last year and Rebecca is beginning a new role with University Liggett School that allows her to return to the classroom after seven years of work in higher education. University Liggett School is an independent early childhood through 12th grade school in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. Rebecca's two children, Teddy and Adeline, will attend the preK program at Liggett. Rebecca will be working as the Director for the Institute for Innovation in STEM, developing this new initiative from the ground up. Rebecca will also be teaching in the upper school science department.

Share your good news, accomplishments, and photos by sending them to 2009@jcu.edu! It will be a pleasure to feature it in the next issue.

2010 • MEGAN O'KEEFE*megokeefe10@gmail.com*

Can you believe it's been 15 years? Our class reunion in June was a wonderful chance to return to campus, reconnect with old friends, and see all the exciting changes happening at our alma mater. Whether you made it back in person or joined in spirit, we hope you felt the love and nostalgia!

In attendance were: **Amy Marchlen,**



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Chris Sever, Bridget (Dolan) & Jurell Sison, Mike Joseph, Holly Girardin Curatolo, Greg Elliott, Brandon Sheil, Matt Hodges, Gina Fabian Lloyd, Jane Killian, Zia Sirabella, Natalie Terry-Haag, Shaylyn Mahoney Elliott, Courtney Maistros and John Terwood.

A big congratulations to **Jarred and Kelli (Cantwell) Bowman**, who welcomed their second child, Maren Maureen, on February 8, 2025. We're so thrilled for their growing

family!

We're also proud to share that **Amy E. Marchlen** has been named one of Pittsburgh's 50 Finest for 2025 by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Western PA Chapter. This honor recognizes young professionals who are committed to raising awareness and funds in the fight to cure cystic fibrosis—way to go, Amy!

After some time away, **Nikita Stange** made her way back to Northeast Ohio in 2023. She now lives in Painesville with her boyfriend, Steve Hennessy '09 G'11, and their dog, Oakley. Nikita works in community outreach with CASA of Cuyahoga County, helping advocate for children in the court system. We love seeing our classmates doing meaningful, impactful work.

2011 • MAURA JOCHUM*mfmjochum@gmail.com*

Eric Benzino and Sara Needham '14 were married in September 2024 in Ellicottville, New York. They were joined by many fellow JCU alumni, who enjoyed their signature cocktail dubbed the "Blue



Carroll Couple - Eric Benzino '11, '12G and Sara Needham '14

Streak”.

Save the date for our upcoming reunion, scheduled for the weekend of June 12th and 13th 2026! All of us should have many stories to share, so hopefully we can come together for a special celebration. Please mark your calendars. If you are interested in helping to plan our 15th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

2012 • EMILY HERFEL, D.O.

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Fall is here and it's the perfect time to catch up with some of the amazing things our alumni have been up to. In January of 2025, **Lauren (Halladay) Mastracco** stepped into the role of Manager of the Howard Hanna Rocky River office. In this role, she supports some of the top realtors in Northeast Ohio. She says “The JCU ties run deep at Howard Hanna - I'm lucky enough to have a handful of JCU grads in my office!”

Adventure was on the books for 2025! **Anna Barnes**, **Megan France '13**, and **Alex Egan** climbed the Via Ferrata at Amangiri during their annual girls trip!

On a personal note, I was fortunate enough to again join the undergraduate medical brigade trip to Honduras this May! I first went on the trip as a student at John Carroll and now have the honor to serve the Honduran people as a physician and provide mentorship to pre-health students. Fellow JCU alumni physicians and faculty joined as well - including Cindy Dorsey, M.D. '83, Liz Pawlowski, D.O. '14, Colin

Swearingen, Ph.D. (JCU Professor of Political Science), and Erin Johnson, Ph.D. (JCU Professor of Biology). It was a reunion of US and Honduran friends! Thanks for staying connected — we love hearing from you and can't wait to share more stories next time!

Save the date for our next Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of June 11th & 12th, 2027. If you are interested in helping to plan our 15th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

2013 • LARRY NAPOLI

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The Class of '13 has been busy! Travels, new babies, weddings....

Megan France, Anna Barnes '12, '14G, and Alex Egan '12 climbed the Via Ferrata at Amangiri during their annual girls trip.

We have a lot of future Blue Streaks!

Kevin McCall and his wife, Nikki, welcomed their first child, a son, **Owen Patrick McCall**, on January 30, 2025, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces. Mary (Lutter '15) and **Rich Mazzola**, welcomed their second child, Harper Rose Mazzola. Spencer '14 and **Karlee (Robinson) Roule**, along with their son Jackson (7), joyfully welcomed Mannix into the world on May 15, 2025. **Daniel and Ketj (Sulaj) Dubow** welcomed a baby boy, David Archie Dubow, on August 2, 2024. **Mecca**



Megan France '13, Alex Egan '12 and Anna Barnes '12, '14G

Madhun and her husband, Danny Ghalayini, welcomed their daughter, Zeena Danny Ghalayini, on January 20, 2025, in Orlando, FL. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 18 inches long. **Celin Caraballo** and his wife, Kaitlyn, welcomed their first child, a son, Collin Raymond Caraballo, on June 17, 2025. **Brittani Natale**, and fiancée Daniel Tufariello, welcomed twin girls, Alena Lucia Tufariello and Leila Rose Tufariello on April 3, 2025. **Taylor (Holan) Grillo** and her husband Alejandro welcomed their second son, Santino Giovanni Tomas Grillo, on June 8, 2025, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Big brother Benito is already proud to have him join the family! Christin (VanAtta) '14 and **Owen Coughlin** welcomed Owen Michael Coughlin III.

Luke McCall and Mollie Adami were married on August 10, 2024 on a farm in Saxenburg, PA. Many of Luke's JCU football teammates and alumni were in attendance from all over the country!

Lauren Penkala and James LaMar were married at St. Augustine Church in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood by Fr. Bill O'Donnell on October 5, 2024, followed by a reception at Collision Bend Brewing Company. The couple lives in Seven Hills with their dog, Marley. James works in finance, and Lauren works in medical billing.

Brock Rubesa and Jackie Columbro were engaged in March 2025. The couple will be getting married on November 1, 2025 in downtown Cleveland.



2013 Brock Rubesa and fiancée Jackie



John Swearingen, Ph.D., Cindy Dorsey, M.D. '83, Erin Johnson, Ph.D., Liz Pawlowski, D.O. '14, Emily Herfel, D.O. '12 and Honduran friend





Molly Wagner, Deirdre Byrne, Tina (Brzoska) Garba, Dana Kopas, Megan (McCall) Geyer and Gloria (Suma) Sinko '13.

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, X, or LinkedIn.

2014 • DEIRDRE BYRNE

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It is great to hear about all the exciting things in everyone's life.

This May, I visited Vienna, Ohio to attend a baby shower for **Dana Kopas**.

I caught up with **Megan (McCall) Geyer** and **Molly Wagner** who both introduced me to their future Blue Streak baby boys. Molly and her husband, Jeremy Macon, welcomed their boy, Jay, in September 2024. That same month, Megan and her husband, Andrew, also welcomed their son, Connor. While at the shower, **Tina (Brzoska) Garba** won several games, as well as the hearts of Jay and Connor.

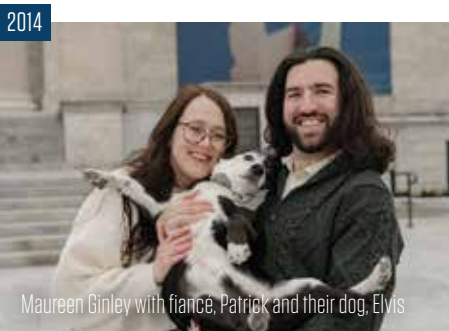
I saw **Sara Schoonmaker** in Cleveland this past May and since then her family has grown. In June, she and her husband, Matt Sokolich, welcomed their son, Theodore Matthew.

And there were even more Blue Streak babies who were born in May. That month, Murphy Hall legend **Greg Schwab** and his wife, Amanda, welcomed son Rory Thomas in Westlake, Ohio. Also in May, Carroll Couple **Christin (VanAtta) and Owen Coughlin '13** welcomed baby Blue Streak Owen Michael Coughlin III. He was born 7 pounds 2 ounces and 19 inches long, so he is tall like his parents.

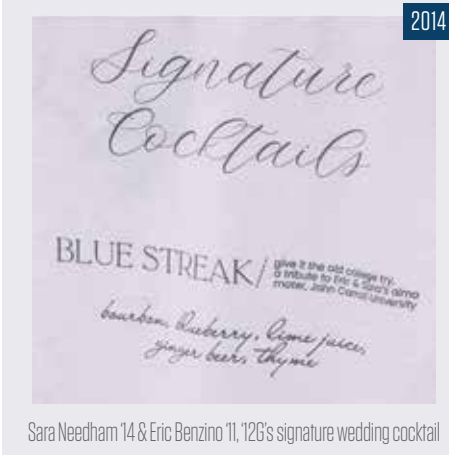
Another Carroll Couple, **Andrew** and

Natalie (Lichtman) Yadon, who used to frequent "B-Side" of the Schott Dining Hall, welcomed twins in January. They now have a baby boy, Cosmo Martin, and a baby girl, named Mabel Suzanne. The twins are proud Michiganders and Cosmo's first word may have been "Lobo." In February, **Sam Lane** and his wife, Barbara, welcomed their second child, Emma, joining big brother Billy. Sam still works as a news producer at WKRN in Nashville. **Missy (Spahar) Ertter** welcomed her second daughter, Millie, with her husband Ben. Millie joins big sister Everly. Two more future JCU Women's Basketball recruits!

There are a lot of exciting developments in **Alex Kline's** life these days. He and



Maureen Ginley with fiancé, Patrick and their dog, Elvis



Sara Needham '14 & Eric Benzino '11, '12G's signature wedding cocktail

his wife, Taylor (Tercek) Kline '16, welcomed their first child, a boy named Brady Victor, in October 2024. In May, Alex started a new job as an NFL Scout with the Tennessee Titans.

Lisa (Perry) Kovacs is also experiencing great success professionally. In October 2023, she was named CEO of VividFront, which is a digital marketing and web development agency based in Cleveland.

Maureen Ginley and her fiancé, Patrick,

are getting married in Cleveland in November. The two ran into Kaitlyn Vitale and her fiancé at Pre Cana.

Sara Needham married Eric Benzino '11, '12G in September 2024 in Ellicottville, New York. Several JCU grads attended the celebration and enjoyed the signature cocktail, which they called the "Blue Streak."

Since our last update, **Mike Hutchison** is no longer jobless, but he says that he is still homeless. He finished a yearlong trip around the world and accepted a new fully remote leadership position with Amplify, an investment operations company. Once he returns to the U.S. in September, he promises to visit all his JCU friends in Cleveland.

And those Blue Streaks out in Los Angeles are living their best lives.

Megan Murray is planning to attend

the premiere of the film "I Know What You Did Last Summer." Also – and I'm trying not to have FOMO as I type this – she is planning to see the Backstreet Boys perform at the Sphere in Las Vegas.

Our other LA dweller, **Mike Spettel**, says that he has "gleefully lost himself in the moment" and has "truly felt alive" when he dances in the kitchen to Addison Rae's self-titled debut album, "Addison." In other words, I suppose that means that he's having as much fun as he was at the SUPB Highlighter Party in 2010.

With JCU pride,
Deirdre

2015 • COLLEEN REILLY GONG

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It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Ten-Year Reunion earlier this year. Being back on campus is always special. Of course, it is not necessarily the place that makes JCU what it is (although it certainly doesn't hurt...), it is the people.

In attendance were: **Jimmy Beirne, Marisa (Carlone) & Sean Calhoun, Steve Mayer, Anton Olson, Alex Hurd, Lauren DiRubbo Ilacqua, Kayla Leech McNamara, Peter**



Mike Spettel

Glaab, Colleen (Reilly) and Michael Gong, Kara Simon, Matt Ambrose, Alex (Miranda) & Josh Babb, Danni Keane, Rachel Byrnes, Emily Eicher Aerni, John Oddo, Bri Lazarchik, Lauren Falvey Ode, Jordan Combs, Abby Rings Knox, Alexandra Freyvogel, Steve Henderson, Ashley Bastock, Mike Lazarowycz, Carleen Sadowski Poling, Joe McHugh, Brodie Hartsel Braun, Kristen Gittinger Oddo, John barrett, Diana Colegrove, Matt Riley, Dina Hanna, Karyn Adams, Sarah Masica Combs, Danielle Goddard Henderson, Alessia Fiucci Gorski, and Sam Braun

Let's see what some of our classmates have been up to. **Becca (Gerken) Cherpak** was selected as the Students' Choice Award- Staff Member of the Year for 20205 at University of Colorado Colorado Springs. This is the only award given, nominated, and voted on solely by the students. Congrats Becca! Also, additional congratulations are warranted for the Cherpak family, as **Alex Cherpak** was recently promoted to Major in the US Army. August marks 10 years of active duty service. Thank you for your service, Alex!

Angela (Cardena) Spengler and her family moved to Lancaster, New York in July 2024 and welcomed a daughter, Olivia Marie Spengler, on March 31, 2025. **Nikki (Keller) and Adam Tome** welcomed Charlie James on June 2, 2025. Abigail is enjoying her role as a big sister! **Matthew Dracoules** has spent his summer



Matthew Dracoules

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Becca (Gerken) and Alex Cherpak with their daughters at Alex's promotion ceremony

Becca (Gerken) Cherpak

across the pond at The American School of Classical Studies at Athens Summer Session. It sounds as if he's been having an amazing experience - he even got to deliver a site report about Proclus at his house in Athens! I know that life is as busy as it ever has been with promotions, newborns, high strung doodles, new houses, and toddlers, but I hope you continue to find time to email me with any and all of your life updates (new JCU Class Column email - 2015@jcu.edu). Stay well! AMDG.

2016 • MADELINE SWEENEY

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Future Blue Streaks have been arriving in the Class of 16'!

Antonietta (Bovenzi) Liccadi and her husband, Dom recently had a boy, Enzo!! **Hannah (Patterson) St. John** and her husband, Nick are welcoming baby girl #2 in November. Big sister Sloaney is about to rip it! **Catherine (Engel) and Ryan Donegan** along with big sister Nora (2) welcomed baby girl Lucy in May. **Taylor (Tercek) and Alex '14 Kline** welcomed their first child, a boy named Brady Victor, in October, 2024. **Joe Ginley**, JCU's Sports Information Director, and his wife Jill welcomed daughter, Ireland Gayle on May 21st, weighing in at 9lbs., 12oz. **Olivia (Ruse) and Tim Schifferle** welcomed their first child, Noah, on March 25, 2025, weighing in at 6 lbs., 13 oz, and was 21 " long. They are incredibly excited to be starting this new chapter!

Congrats to all of you!

Erich Kolling had a career change and is now a licensed nurse working in the ICU at the Cleveland Clinic. Yay, Erich!!

Silvia Iorio has been working as the Vice President of Economic Development for Downtown Cleveland since December 2024.

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Update is a little short this go around but I have a lot of pregnant friends announcing their babies very soon!!! Going to be a poppin' chapter next addition, don't miss it. Miss you all so much and happy summer!



Hannah (Patterson) St. John, husband Nick and big sister-to-be, Sloaney.

2017 • AMY AWADALLA

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Hello fellow 2017ers! I hope you all are having a fantastic summer! I know I am! I am very happy to share that I, **Amy Awadalla**, married Botros Shenouda on May 31, 2025! We had a beautiful spring wedding at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church and a breathtaking reception at the Cleveland Marriott

Downtown! My new husband and I danced the night away along with a few fellow JCU alumni including **Lizzie (Bove) Lee & Stephen Lee '18, Katie Hills, Andrew Harrington, Nick Bencsics, Haley (Kocisko) Churilla**, and the sister of the bride, Ann Awadalla (2008). We then took a beautiful 3 week honeymoon to Greece! My first married summer has been quite the whirlwind!

In other news, **Katie Hills** was recently



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promoted to director of marketing at the Cleveland Better Business Bureau!! We're so happy for you Katie and love to see those big career moves!!!

Save the date for our next Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of June 11th & 12th, 2027. If you are interested in helping to plan our 10th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

That's all for now, Blue Streaks!! As a reminder, please send any life happenings, news, and updates to me so that you and your big news can be celebrated in upcoming columns!

Xoxo, Ames

2018 • EMMA SCHAPP

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Nicholas Weber got engaged in Big Sky, Montana to Carloine Kovacs '19 . They will be celebrating their Carroll wedding this fall.

Rich Jenkins married Sarah Foley '19 in January with a bevy of Blue Streaks in attendance.

Madison (Cichocki) Riddell is experiencing great success professionally. In October 2023, she was named President of VividFront, which is a digital marketing and web development agency based in Cleveland.

Editor's note: Our apologies for the errors in the Spring 2025 column.

2019 • HANNAH SINGERLINE

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Big year for the class of 2019 in the categories of engagements, weddings, and babies!!

There have also been some big moves around the country, countless new jobs started, graduate programs completed, lots of marathons run, and so many more big achievements. I'm excited to take over as class columnist and have done my best to dig up all the news I could find through social media for my first column. For upcoming editions, please send any updates on yourself or your friends to 2019@jcu.edu!! I'm excited to reconnect and hear more from all of you.

Let's start out with some professional shout outs. Congrats to **Sophia**

Cromwell on graduating law school, **Mara McCormick** and **Maria-Christina Coreno** on becoming attorneys, **Regina Iafelice** on becoming a certified financial planner, and **Sarah Foley** on completing her pediatric residency!! I'm sure there are many professional achievements I am missing here, but proud of all of you go-getters!

There are a lot of athletic achievements out there recently, as well. Shouting out **Maeve McMahon** and **Erin Brown** who seem to be constantly running half and full marathons.

I, too, have caught the run bug and am so inspired by you ladies! In fact, the Cleveland Half Marathon seemed to have quite a few class of 2019 finishers including **Sydney Jablonski, Kristen Amendola, Maeve McMahon, Amanda Ferrence**, and **Jack Ehrbar**. Keep on trotting, folks!

Huge baseball fan, **Peter Knab**, attended all 162 Guardians games back in 2023. He's on track to complete his goal of seeing all the MLB ballparks in the US and continuing to attend as many Guardians games as possible. Go Guards!

Congratulations to everyone recently engaged! Wishing you the best of luck with wedding planning and the most fun celebrating your love.

Carroll Couple

Caroline Kovacs and Nicholas Weber '18 were engaged in Big Sky, Montana and are set to celebrate their Carroll wedding this fall.

Carroll Couple

Nicole Hetrick and Nick Decore had a gorgeous golf engagement.

Carroll Couple

Regina Iafelice and **Jacob Kopper** in Ohio wine country.

Carroll Couple

Blake Manson and **Amanda Yarger**

Carroll Couple

Adam Bozsvai and Heather Lewis '21

Carroll Couple

Devin Bradley and Abby Gloninger '21

So much Blue Streak love!!

Eric Rozsits proposed to his fiancé Kelsey Webb in Austria- the hills really are alive!!

Gianna Baker got engaged to Josh Aldred right here in CLE!

Chad Kanakkanatt popped the question to Kate Downs in their mountainous new hometown of Boise, Idaho.

Jill Mooney said yes in the gorgeous US Virgin Islands to her fiancé, Matt Ebersold.

Does this class know how to plan gorgeous proposals, or what?!

There are some rapidly approaching weddings that may have happened by the time this issue comes out. As I write this, I am eagerly awaiting a slew of stunning photos from those weddings, which include:

Carroll Couple

Amanda Ferrence and **Jack Ehrbar**

Carroll Couple

Sam Spencer and Grant Sutliff '21

Camille Adelman and her fiancé, Jon Piggott

Rob Durand and his fiancé, Melanie Close

Gianna Baker and her fiancé Josh Alder

While we look forward to all those upcoming weddings, I can report that wedding season really popped off this year! Congratulations to all the newlyweds. Keep posting all of those sunny, happy photos. I hope married life is off to a great start and that your celebrations were all that you dreamed they would be!

Carroll Couple

Grace Blanchard and **Katie Atkins**

Carroll Couple

Anne (Principe) Robinson and **Connor Robinson**

Carroll Couple

Mackenzie Navratil and **Sam Filipiak**

Carroll Couple

Sarah Foley and Richie Jenkins '18

Gia Consolo and Dan Rossi

Anna Masica Wright and Alex Masica Wright

Sean Freeman and Scarlett Chepke

Nikki Geringer and Nick Niro

Maddy (Mooney) Cornely and Colton Cornely

Maeve McMahon and Alex Mann

Caroline Marcus married Greg Shozda in Washington, D.C. in March.

And finally, **Christian McShannic** married his medical school sweetheart, Jenelle Norem, shortly after they both graduated medical school. Double congrats, Christian!

Now for the CUTEST announcements I have



Sarah Kadas, Colleen Grombala, Emma McIntyre, Emily Kadas



Jillian Schaefer



Fr. Jeffrey Lindholm, Fr. Christopher Cotone, Fr. James Parisi, Fr. Anthony Donatelli, and Fr. Kyle Rosser

**2020 • KENDALL MILLER***kmiller20@jcu.edu*

Hello Class of 2020! What a joy it was seeing many of you at reunion weekend. Five years later, yet it feels like just yesterday. I hope you all have found some time to reminisce on your Carroll years and how far you have come post-college.

In attendance were: **John Parente, Maddie Tobolewski, Jordan Rust, Brian Schultz, Kendalle Sexton, Colin Corcoran, Rachel Marciano, Kaey Vouros, Mary Clare Tirpak, Julia Groff, Julia Korek, Anna Brady, Vincenzo Giovannitti, Liz Turk, Corbyn Martz, Ally Holy, Kait Hanna, Emma McIntyre, Emily Kadas, Connor Basnett, Ally Seballos, Stephanie Newrones, Noah Paulsen, John Smith, Brianna Chlosta, Jack Weyer, Haylee Kruez, Kathryn Scarvelli, Rome Ogeto, Nick Pompelia, Ellysa Paras, PhillipQuinn, Rose Rife, Josh Bens, Julianne Backstrom, Cameryn Mathis, Tess Mttison, Irene Nikera, Gerard, Brahler, Christina Terasavage, Juliw Whitmaore, Sarah Kadas, Sam Ohly, Tara O'Malley, Darren Clemente, Jenn Gerard, Jenna Kaczmarczyk, Ryan Scello, Maggie Klem, Colleen Grombala, Adam beaufort, Hannah Fries, Olivia Krause, Owen Carpenter, Marlene McGarrity, Sarah Cilano, Neil Walsh, Ellie Cole, Caitlyn McQuaide, Ally Seballos, Joseph Namiathusseril, Caroline Quinn, Jillian Schaefer, Hannah Hill, Dan Godfrey, Mike Wenzel, Megan Grantham, Matt Burrington and Grace Clause.**

Fr. Kyle Rosser shared with me that, on May 17, 2025, five members of the Class of 2020 were ordained priests by Bishop Edward Malesic for the Diocese of Cleveland, along with three other classmates. Those ordained from the Class of 2020 are: **Fr. Jeffrey Lindholm, Fr. Christopher Cotone, Fr. James Parisi, Fr. Anthony Donatelli, and Fr. Kyle Rosser.** Please join me in praying for each of them as they begin their new journeys!

Jimmy Desmarteau and Caylie (Robis) were married in Sedona, AZ in September 2024.

Remember to keep in touch throughout the year, and encourage your friends and classmates to send all of your exciting news, big or small, my way! Email me at kmiller20@jcu.edu or message me via Instagram @kendall_millerr. If you have not already done so, please make sure to update your contact information by visiting jcu.edu/alumni so that you never miss out on opportunities to engage with the Carroll community. Until next time, Kendall

+ 2021 • MORGAN JOCHUM*mjochum21@jcu.edu*

Alex Rajakovich has had quite a career on the Hill. He interned with Capital Partners and Conor Lamb's congressional campaign, then interned for Rep. Mike Doyle (Pa). He was promoted to Doyle's Legislative Director before Doyle retired. In April, he was named Legislative Director for Rep. Chris Deluluzio (Pa)

Chloe Pozderac met Miranda Shetzer '22 in 2020 during a JCU math class. They got engaged in March - Congratulations!

Caylie (Robis) and Jimmy Desmarteau '20 were married at the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Sedona, AZ in September 2024.

Save the date for our first reunion, scheduled for the weekend of **June 12 & 13 2026!** All of us should have many stories to share, so hopefully we can come together for a special celebration. Please mark your calendars. If you are interested in helping to plan our 5th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu.

2022 • AIDEN KEENAN*akeenan22@jcu.edu*

Hello again, 2022 Blue Streaks! We love to see all you've been up to; we are always so happy to hear about so much joy and success in our community.

Nick Nuzzo and **Alyssa Castillo** are engaged and are in full-swing planning for a June 2026 wedding! Nick recently completed the Finance Management Rotation Program with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and has accepted a role as a Senior Analyst. Alyssa recently completed her Master of Physician Assistant Studies from Mercyhurst University and accepted a role with University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center.

Rachel (Collins) Anthony and Corbin Anthony '21 have recently celebrated their second wedding anniversary. In 2023, they were joined by over 20 JCU alumni at their wedding!

Andrew Perelka and **Megan Casselberry** got engaged in April in Marblehead, Ohio.

After meeting in a 2020 JCU math class, **Miranda Shetzer** and **Chloe Pozderac** '21' got engaged back in March.

With another year of middle school math at The Brilliance School in Garfield Heights, **John Connors** recently wrapped up his third year in education. He also coaches soccer at Mandel Jewish Day School and baseball at Hawken Middle School.

After finishing my Master of Public Policy from the University of Maryland-College Park, I (**Aiden Keenan**) have accepted a role as a Budget Analyst with the State of Maryland's Department of Budget and Management.

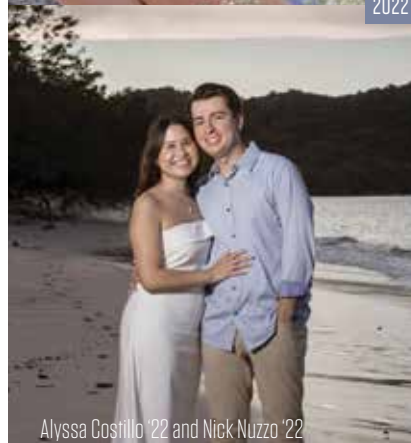
Save the date for our first Reunion - which will be held on the weekend of **June 11th & 12th, 2027**. If you are interested in helping to plan our 5th, please email the Alumni Office at alumni@jcu.edu. See you in the next one!

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Carroll Couple • Megan Casselberry '22 and Andrew Perelka '22



Chloe Pozderac '21 and Miranda Shetzer '22



Alyssa Castillo '22 and Nick Nuzzo '22

**2024 • KATELYN VARGO***katelyn523@gmail.com*

Hello Blue Streaks!

It's hard to believe a full year has passed since we walked across the stage. Whether you're still unpacking from your move, settling into a new job, or already in your second year of grad school, I hope this finds you doing well and feeling proud of all you've accomplished.

We're kicking off our first official Class of 2024 update with a spotlight on **Morgan O'Brien**.

After graduation, Morgan began working in Warrenville, Illinois, at an elementary school. And, she's doing it alongside a fellow Blue Streak! Morgan works with Jennifer (Conahan) Keeler, a proud member of the Class of 1995. Jennifer has been a mentor and colleague, showing that the John Carroll network really does go beyond graduation day. Their connection is a reminder that wherever you go, you never walk alone—there's always a Blue Streak nearby.

This update is the first of many, and it's fitting that we celebrate a classmate who's already putting our Jesuit education to work. Whether you're teaching, working in business, serving in a volunteer program, pursuing further studies, or still figuring out what comes next—that's okay. We're all on our own unique paths, but what unites us is the common ground we share from our time at Carroll.

Please keep sending in your updates—new jobs, moves, engagements, pets, life milestones, or just funny stories. Let's keep building the story of the Class of 2024 together.

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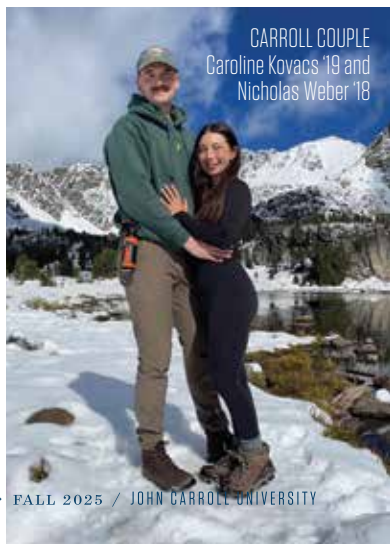
seen – the future Blue Streaks!!! Sending best wishes to all the new parents of our class:

Marissa (Golem) Buttazzoni and her husband, **Dino Buttazzoni**, welcomed their sweet little Lino Benjamin Buttazonni to the world on March 7.

Lauren (Isherwood) Donorovich and her husband, Jason Donorovich, welcomed the most adorable Emma Donorovich in February.

Well, that's a wrap, '19!

As much as I love compiling all the news I see on social media, it would be so helpful to hear from more of you! The class email (2019@jcu.edu) and my personal DMs are open and awaiting your updates. Please send personal updates, call out your friends, and attach photos to share in the next edition.

CARROLL COUPLE
Caroline Kovacs '19 and
Nicholas Weber '18Gianna Baker and her
fiance Josh Alder



Notices through August 1, 2025.

James Sweeney	1954	2/7/25	James O'Connor	1969	4/9/25
Donald Gorman	1955	3/10/25	David Letscher	1969	6/21/25
Francis McCafferty	1956	4/4/25	Joseph Jankowski	1969	5/26/25
Louis Jerman	1957	2/12/25	Gregory Doyle	1969	5/5/25
Michael Conti	1958	2/21/25	Andrew Szaniszlo	1969G	2/13/25
Roger Patrick	1959	5/10/25	Gustave Fralick	1969G	2/18/25
Richard Ottes	1960	3/20/25	Richard Espenship	1969G	2/13/25
Frank Semancik	1959	4/29/25	Dominic Vecchio	1970	3/1/25
David Karnak	1959	2/26/25	Thomas Drouhard	1970	3/13/25
John Chuchman	1959	3/1/25	Leonard Defendorf	1970	3/6/25
Gilbert Kenehan	1960	5/21/25	Walter Olszewski	1971G	3/18/25
Edward Gaydosh	1960	6/24/25	Frank Pistella	1973	6/20/25
Dennis Flaherty	1960	5/23/25	Maureen Connare Pavella	1973	4/15/25
Edward Jebber	1961	5/25/25	Donald Kuhn	1973	3/11/25
Joseph Sherrick	1962	5/24/25	Eleanora Kovacs Torontali	1974	3/15/25
Charles Mondi	1962	6/25/25	James O'Connor	1974	4/9/25
Gerald Brandt	1962	2/14/25	John Harbottle	1974	5/26/25
Thomas Moore	1964	4/28/25	Marlana Pugh Hamer	1974	6/1/25
Robert McLoughlin	1964	2/25/25	Robert Kopco	1975	3/31/25
Joseph Haluscak	1964	6/11/25	David Thiede	1976	5/5/25
George Goodrich	1964	4/4/25	Joseph Fischer	1977G	3/23/25
Francis Glamser	1964	3/16/25	Laura JoSmole	1979	2/4/25
Dennis Swyt	1965	4/18/25	Thomas Malak	1981	4/25/25
Garrick Mishaga	1965	3/5/25	Barry Hudgin	1981	2/16/25
William Blake	1965	2/12/25	Richard Nerone	1983	6/20/25
Joel Parrish	1966	5/4/25	Mary Smedley Lavin	1985G	3/1/25
Mark O'Connor	1966	3/24/25	Michael Roberts	1988G	3/25/25
Basil Lovano	1966	5/25/25	Tracy Moavero	1989	2/7/25
Terrence Murphy	1966G	5/24/25	Jennifer Foreman	1995	5/24/25
Mark Twohig	1967	5/3/25	Jennifer McGregor Haag	2001	6/19/25
Peter Hosner	1967	5/24/25	Arthur Mauser	2004	3/3/25
Michael Connor	1967	2/26/25	Melody Nemunaitis	2017	3/15/25
Robert Yolch	1968	2/10/25			

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— (Wis. 3:1) ”

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