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# CLASS NOTES

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## 1960s



» **Julian Bauer (LAS '61)** published "The Hidden Saint: The Sixteenth Century Church in Crisis," his fifth historical novel, in March 2017. He published his first nonfiction book, "Rock of the Apostles: A Brief History of Catholic Tradition," in June 2017.

▪ **Robert J. Pastore (MUS '62, MM '69)** recently retired after 54 years as an instrumental music instructor and band director in Illinois public schools. He spent 40 years teaching in Burbank followed by another 14 in the North Palos School District. He also worked as a professional musician and adjudicator.

▪ **Richard H. Driehaus (BUS '65, MBA '70, DHL '02)** received the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Corporate Growth in Chicago, the premier network of professionals focused on driving middle-market investment and growth.

▪ **The Hon. Patrick T. Driscoll Jr. (JD '67)**, a Cook County administrative law judge, received the 2016-17 Roz Kaplan Government Service Award from the Illinois State Bar Association Government Lawyers Committee in June 2017.

## 1970s

▪ **The Hon. Russell W. Hartigan (BUS '70)** was installed as president of the Illinois State Bar Association in June 2017. He is an arbitrator, lawyer and retired Cook County judge.

▪ **Howard M. Rubin (JD '71)**, a professor emeritus of DePaul's College of Law, received the Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence from the Chicago Bar Foundation for his public-service-oriented career in academia.

▪ **Dennis Heitzmann (CSH '72)** retired from Pennsylvania State University's Child, Adult and Family Psychological Center, where he served as senior director for 33 years.



» **Thomas Wogan Sr. (EDU '72)** has been named the first major gifts officer of Mercy Circle, a continuing care retirement community in southwest Chicago sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy West Midwest.

▪ **Doug Bruno (LAS '73, MA '88)**, coach of DePaul's women's basketball team, was inducted into the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame in November 2017.

▪ **The Hon. William Maki (JD '73)** retired in August 2017 after 25 years on the bench, the last six as presiding judge of the Third Municipal District of Cook County.

▪ **Joseph M. Gagliardo (BUS '74)** was appointed to the Illinois Court of Claims in June 2017. He is the managing partner at Laner Muchin Ltd., where he previously chaired the litigation department. Gagliardo also served as the first deputy corporation counsel for the City of Chicago's Office of the Corporation Counsel.

▪ **David Gransee (BUS '74)** was promoted to senior vice president of Manitex International, an industrial products company.



» **Audrone Pavilcius Karalius (CSH '74, MS '75)** was named a member of the Chicago law firm Boodell & Domanskis LLC. She is experienced in corporate, environment and sustainability, health, safety, labor, employment and ethics law.

▪ **Joseph A. Chlapaty (MBA '76)** retired as president, CEO and chairman of the board for Advanced Drainage Systems Inc. He worked for the firm for 37 years.

▪ **Paul A. Fahey (MEEd '76)** published "The Mother I Imagined, The Mom I Knew," his memoir about his relationship with his mother during the last four decades of her life. In addition to being a professor at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, Calif., he is a longtime member of the Central Coast writing

community. He has won the Lillian Dean First Page competition seven times.

▪ **Peter Michielutti (BUS '78)** was appointed CFO at Bluestem Group Inc. He previously served as executive vice president, chief operating officer and CFO at Christopher & Banks.

▪ **Samuel C. Delisi (BUS '79)** joined real estate advisory firm NKF as regional director of management services at the Chicago office, where he will oversee the company's portfolio in the central region. Delisi has worked in commercial real estate in Chicago and nationally for 36 years.

## 1980s

▪ **Bertram L. Scott (SNL '80, DHL '09)** is chairman-elect of the American Heart Association's board of volunteer officers. He is senior vice president of population health and value-based care at Novant Health of Charlotte, N.C.

▪ **David J. Contis (BUS '81, JD '85)** joined the board of directors of Grupo Acosta Verde, which develops, owns and manages shopping centers in Mexico.

▪ **Joel Cooper (JD '81)** joined the Chicago office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP as a partner.

▪ **Muriel Anderson's (MUS '82)** 2014 CD "Nightlight Daylight" was chosen by Guitar Player Magazine as a top 10 CD of the decade. She released her next project, a CD/greeting card, "Eclipse," in January 2018.

▪ **Karen Atwood (MBA '82)** was appointed to the board of directors of InstaMed Communications LLC.

▪ **Richard Pullano (JD '82)** was named president of the North Suburban Bar Association for 2017-18. He is the founding attorney of Pullano Law Offices, based in Chicago.

▪ **Paula J. Saban (MBA '82)** was named interim board chair of InvenTrust Properties Inc. She brings

## COLLEGE AND SCHOOL abbreviation key

- » **BUS** Driehaus College of Business
- » **CDM** College of Computing and Digital Media
- » **CMN** College of Communication
- » **CSH** College of Science and Health
- » **EDU** College of Education
- » **GSD** Goodman School of Drama
- » **JD** College of Law
- » **LAS** College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- » **MUS** School of Music
- » **SNL** School for New Learning
- » **THE** The Theatre School

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more than 25 years of financial services and banking industry experience to her leadership role.

▪ **Andrew “Andy” Black (LAS ’83)** was named chief of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Public Safety. Black brings more than 30 years of public service experience, including four years as a state prosecutor and 27 years as a federal agent.



» **Stephan Blandin (LAS ’83, JD ’86)**, principal and partner at Romanucci & Blandin LLC, was named by *Leading Lawyers Magazine* as among the top in his field of plaintiffs’ personal injury and workers’ compensation.

▪ **Michael Jon Shalbrack (JD ’84, LLM ’90)** received the Seely P. Forbes Memorial Award, one of the Winnebago County (Ill.) Bar Association’s highest honors, in June 2017. He also celebrated his 30th year with the Rockford, Ill., firm HolmstromKennedyPC, where his practice encompasses business, estate planning, real estate and taxation law.

▪ **Lise Taylor Spacapan (JD ’84, LLM ’14)** was appointed general counsel and top legal advisor for Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner.

▪ **Darnetta K. Tyus (BUS ’84)** was named the deputy city manager and director of community affairs for Petersburg, Va.

▪ **Jean M. Crawley (JD ’85)** was promoted to executive vice president and senior advisor to the executive chairman and CEO of the Options Clearing Corp.

▪ **Brian N. Roman (BUS ’85)** was named a senior underwriter and vice president with the middle-market, asset-based lending team of MB Business Capital, in Rosemont, Ill.

▪ **Michael Marchi (MBA ’86)** is the CEO of Aristech Surfaces LLC, a leading brand of surface products and design materials.

▪ **Mark Olson (MBA ’86)**, executive vice president and CFO at CommScope, announced that he intends to retire from the company, effective March 31, 2018.

▪ **Jay Paul Deratany (JD ’87)** is the writer and lead producer of “The Civility of Albert Cashier,” which had its world premiere at Chicago’s Stage 773. It ran Aug. 31–Oct. 15, 2017.

▪ **Jeffrey J. Kroll (BUS ’87, JD ’90)** was part of the team of attorneys who won a record-breaking \$148 million verdict on behalf of a woman paralyzed in a pedestrian shelter collapse at O’Hare International Airport. The verdict represents a new Cook County personal injury record jury verdict. Kroll is a partner with Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard PC.

▪ **Christopher L. Picone (LLM ’87)**, president of the Picone Advisory Group, has been named to the advisory board of K8 Ventures LLC, which is based in Chicago.

▪ **James Ryan (MBA ’87)**, chair of DePaul’s Board of Trustees, retired as board chairman of W.W. Grainger, effective Oct. 1, 2017. Ryan retired as the company’s president and CEO in 2016.

▪ **Ken Stout (LAS ’87)** was named president of Goose Island International, a new division of Chicago-based Goose Island Brewery, where he previously served as president and general manager.

▪ **Stephen Anthony (BUS ’88, LAS MS ’90)** joined Michigan State University as an associate athletics director.

▪ **Timothy Dahltorp (BUS ’88)** joined software company Frontsteps as chief operating officer and CFO.

▪ **Paul Fina (JD ’88)** joined the American Law Society’s board of directors in July 2017.

▪ **Thomas Panto (BUS ’88, MBA ’93)** recently joined RedBarre Commercial LLC, a real estate firm in Denver, as employing broker. He will work with media and technology companies to lease and purchase office and industrial/flex space in the Denver metro area and nationwide.

▪ **William Schmidt Jr. (JD ’88)** is the president and CEO of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Schmidt, a veteran health care advocacy executive with more than 25 years of experience, most recently served as the CEO of the Foundation Fighting Blindness Inc.

▪ **The Hon. Daniel Guerin (JD ’89)** was elected chief judge of DuPage County’s 18th Judicial Court. His term commenced Dec. 4, 2017.

▪ **William Kanter (JD ’89, MBA ’89)** was elected president of the North Chicago Chapter of the American Financial Education Alliance (AFEA). The AFEA is dedicated to providing financial education and increasing financial literacy within communities nationwide.

▪ **Scott A. Musil (BUS ’89)** was appointed to the board of directors of HC Government Realty Trust Inc. of Sarasota, Fla. His experience includes serving as CFO of First Industrial Realty Trust Inc. and working for accounting firm Arthur Andersen & Co.

▪ **Anne Pramaggiore (JD ’89, DHL ’11)** was named to the board of directors of the National Safety Council.

▪ **Jeff Still (MFA THE ’89)** appeared on Broadway in “Oslo,” which won the 2017 Tony Award for Best Play.

▪ **Kevin M. Turner (MBA ’89)** joined Nimble, a customer relationship management software provider, as head of strategic partner development. Previously, he was one of the principals at Model Metrics, a Salesforce consultancy company.

## 1990s

▪ **James P. Fieweger (JD ’91)** joined the Chicago office of the law firm Michael Best as a partner in the litigation practice group.

▪ **Daniel G. LeVan (MBA ’91)** was named Tennessee Small Business Person of the Year for 2017. He is chief executive of ENER3: Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (EES) Consulting of Chattanooga, Tenn. He has been a CEO and CFO with four top global companies, including AIG Central Europe, AEGON Asia and GE Capital. Most recently, he was the managing partner of EES Consulting.

▪ **Vincent J. Lombardo (MBA ’91)** has been named CFO of Hospitality Staffing Solutions LLC.

▪ **James Robinson (BUS ’92)** was named to Crain’s 2017 Who’s Who in Chicago Business. He was named president of Astellas Americas, a pharmaceutical company based in Northbrook, Ill., in 2016.

▪ **Daniel E. Sigale (MUS ’92)** narrated the annual children’s concert at Mount Vernon (Ill.) Music on June 12, 2017.

▪ **Sharon Carnes (CDM MS ’93)** is a councilwoman in Michigan City, Ind. She works in compliance and security for NIPSCO.

▪ **William M. Long (LLM ’93)** joined Polsinelli, a law firm based in Kansas City, Mo., as a shareholder in August 2017. His practice focuses on estate and tax planning for individuals with high net worth.

▪ **Mary Geregach Maloney (MEd ’93)** became principal of St. John Brebeuf School in Niles, Ill., on July 1, 2017.

▪ **Josemaria Martinez (SNL ’93)** joined TalentRISE, an executive search and recruitment outsourcing firm, as managing director.

▪ **Paul Rand (LAS MS ’93)** was named vice president for communications at the University of Chicago.

▪ **Elizabeth Felt Wakeman (JD ’93)** formed the Wakeman Law Group PC, based in Crystal Lake, Ill. The practice focuses on family law and personal injury.

▪ **Richard F. Zydorowicz (LAS ’93)** is the branch manager for the Sycamore, Ill., location of First National Bank.

▪ **James Arrigo (JD ’94)** joined Rathje & Woodward LLC at the firm’s Wheaton, Ill., office.

▪ **Joseph F. Davoli Jr. (EDU ’94)** is a 2017 New York State inductee into the North American Fiddlers Hall of Fame. He also has won two Syracuse Area Music Awards, known as SAMMYS. He published a method book for fiddle and mandolin, currently in its second edition, and has a solo CD, “Game Plan.” He is a member of Ceili Rain.

▪ **Laurie Riffe (THE ’94)** has been named director of artistic programming of DreamWrights Center for Community Arts in York, Penn.

▪ **Dirk von der Horst (MUS ’94)** published his first book, “Jonathan’s Loves, David’s Laments: Gay Theology, Musical Desires, and Historical Difference,” published by Wipf and Stock.

▪ **Michael Wolf (MBA ’94)** rejoined the Chicago office of Jenner & Block, where he will be part of the mergers, acquisitions and securities practices. Previously, he was corporate vice president and global chief counsel for Aon PLC.

▪ **Paul J. Young (MBA ’94)** is CEO of Tekni-Plex, which develops and manufactures packaging materials, medical compounds and medical tubing. The company recently announced a \$15 million investment in a new manufacturing facility in Suzhou, China, near Shanghai.

▪ **Mark Cumba (LAS ’95)**, an adjunct professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, Calif., received the Edward D. Ohlbaum Professionalism

Award, which recognizes an individual whose life and practice display “sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law.”

▪ **Brent L. Paris (MST ’95)** was promoted to managing partner of Dubin Clark & Company, Inc., a private investment firm where he has worked since 2001. He currently runs the Florida office of the Boston-based company.

▪ **Alex Sukhoy (CMN ’95)** published “Date Your Career: The Longest Relationship of Your Life,” a practical, how-to book on jump-starting your career.

▪ **Charles Beach (JD ’96)** was appointed a Cook County circuit judge in the Sixth Subcircuit by Justice Mary Jane Theis and the Illinois Supreme Court. The appointment began on Sept. 15, 2017, and will conclude on Dec. 3, 2018, when the position is filled in the November 2018 General Election.

▪ **Valarie Pozen Berger (CSH MA ’96)** was a finalist for the 2018 Illinois Teacher of the Year award. She is a family and consumer science teacher at West Leyden High School in Franklin Park, Ill.

▪ **Louis M. Caruso (LAS MS ’96)**, who served the Northbrook, Ill., police department for 30 years, most recently as deputy chief, retired in July 2017.

▪ **James P. Duff (MBA ’96)** was appointed national head of banking for BMO Wealth Management’s Private Bank, which serves customers with high net worth.

▪ **Ramzi Hermiz (MBA ’96)** was named chairman of the board of directors for the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, Mich. He is president and CEO of Shiloh Industries in Plymouth, Mich.

▪ **Carrie Meghie (BUS ’96)** is a principal at Becker Ventures LLC, a family-owned real estate, hospitality and investment company based in Chicago.

▪ **Arthur Mergner (JD ’96)** is vice president, supply chain of Stepan Company. Mergner has been with the

company since 1989, and most recently served as vice president and general manager, polymers.

▪ **Craig S. Peters (MBA ’96)** was appointed CEO of J.D. Byrider, a car dealership with three locations in Indiana. He most recently served as chief operations and technology officer of Barclaycard US and has worked for HSBC and Capital One.

▪ **David M. Richter (MBA ’96, BUS MS ’15)** was named chief investment officer of GreatBanc Trust Company. He has more than 25 years of investment management experience advising personal trust and institutional clients.

▪ **Gracia M. Shiffrin (JD ’96)** received a Distinguished Alumna Award and delivered the commencement speech at Louisiana State University College of Art and Design on May 12, 2017, in Baton Rouge, La.

▪ **Frank J. Sodaro (MBA ’96)** was named senior vice president and deputy CFO of Old Republic International Corporation, based in Chicago, in June 2017.

▪ **David M. Adler (JD ’97)** has been appointed to the Illinois State Bar Association Privacy and Information Security Law Committee for 2017-18. He also presented “Trends in Cyber-Law 2017” at Cybersecurity Nexus 2017 North America in October 2017.

▪ **Christine E. Anzalone (CSH ’97)** works for Cardwell Beach, a digital marketing company based in New York, N.Y., and teaches college-level psychology, marketing and communication.

▪ **Glenn M. Fish (MBA ’97)** was named 2017 Plastics News CFO of the Year. He is CFO and executive vice president of Tekni-Plex Inc., a manufacturer of packaging materials, medical compounds and tubing.

▪ **Jesse S. Harriott (CSH MA ’97, PhD ’00)** was named global head of analytics and executive director of

the WorkHuman Research Institute for GloboForce, which provides employee recognition programs.

▪ **Kristen Perteet (CSH ’97)** and **Hassahn Liggins (CSH ’00)** co-founded Be the Miracle, a nonprofit organization that supports high-school-age Chicagoans who want to save their communities from violence and crime.



» **Frank Sommario (BUS ’97, JD ’00)**, partner at Romanucci & Blandin LLC, was named by Leading Lawyers Magazine as among the top in his field of plaintiffs’ personal injury and workers’ compensation.

▪ **Jay Stefani (LAS ’97, JD ’04)**, managing partner of Levinson and Stefani in Chicago, was elected treasurer of the American Association for Justice’s Sole Practitioner and Small Firm Section. He will share his experiences with the section, which addresses solo and small law firm issues such as marketing, firm management and staffing.

▪ **Elizabeth Cain Diskin (JD ’98)** published her third novel, “Depth of Lies” (Thomas & Mercer), in September 2017. Her first two novels, “The Green Line” (legal thriller) and “Broken Grace” (psychological thriller), landed on Amazon best-seller lists in the U.S. and abroad.

▪ **Eva Kardaras (CSH ’98)** has been named a parent coordinator for the Proviso High School District 209 in Forest Park, Ill. She will run a new parent center at Proviso East High School, which will offer information about academic opportunities, curriculum and school resources.

## ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES

» **Jennifer Bunker (LAS ’06)** married Scott Skerston on Oct. 7, 2017, in La Salle, Ill. Bunker is an attorney at Reilly Law Office, and Skerston is an area superintendent at Riverstone Group.

» **Emily Prettyman (CSH ’07)** married Mark Wolfman on May 13, 2017, in Amboise, France.

» **Hannah Ronning (CSH ’08)** and Harrison Crumrine were married on Sept. 23, 2017. She is a staff nurse with the OSU James Cancer Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He is an assistant prosecuting attorney for Richland County, Ohio.

» **Bethany Butson (EDU MA ’09)** and Gunnar Crowell were married on July 29, 2017, at Whig Church in Platteville, Wis. Butson is senior data manager in the David Eccles School of Business at the University of Utah, and Crowell is director of planned giving of University of Utah Health. The couple make their home in Salt Lake City.

» **Carolina Villacis (CDM ’10)** married Danny Ryan on Oct. 14, 2017, at St. Benedict’s Parish in Chicago.

» **Bernadette Chlipala (BUS ’11)** and Ryan Orr wed on Sept. 23, 2017, at Old St. Patrick’s Church in Chicago. She is a CPA working for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is project manager at Advance Mechanical Systems Inc.

» **Daniel Dence (MST ’11)** and Alyza Helman were married on May 20, 2017, in Braselton, Ga. The bride is a real estate agent with Douglas Elliman Real Estate. The groom is a corporate tax manager with EY. They live in New York City.

» **Lucie D. Seyhun (MED ’11)** married Warwick de Kock from Knysna, South Africa, on July 3, 2017, in Skokie, Ill. The couple are planning another wedding ceremony in Knysna in summer 2018. She is a French and Spanish teacher at Maple Middle School in Northbrook, Ill., and he is a graphic designer.



» **Elizabeth Murphy (BUS ’13)** and **Alex Moss (CDM ’11)** were engaged in May 2017. Murphy is responsible for VIP services at Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises. She also is employed by Anthropologie as a personal stylist. Moss is represented by Grossman and Jack Talent Agency, and also works for Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises. Murphy and Moss currently reside in Chicago. A 2018 wedding is planned.

» **Katelin Abbatacola (CMN ’14)** and **Brian Zmarlicki (CMN ’13)** were married on July 29, 2017, at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Chicago. She is a senior marketing associate at JLL, a commercial real estate company, and he is a commercial banking business manager at J.P. Morgan. They live in Chicago.

- **Rudresh K. Mahanthappa (MM '98)**, alto saxophonist and composer, reunited the Indo-Pak Coalition to record “Agrima,” the trio’s second album. The group meshes Indian rhythmic and melodic elements with folk traditions and jazz improvisation. Mahanthappa is director of jazz studies at Princeton University.
- **Pamela Netzky (CMN '98)**, a founder of the successful SkinnyPop popcorn brand, received Arnstein & Lehr LLP’s 2017 Woman of Vision Award.
- **Jason Bednar (MEd '99)** was appointed principal of Field Elementary School, part of Park Ridge-Niles (Ill.) District 64, effective July 1, 2017. Previously, he was principal of Brook Forest Elementary School in Oak Brook.
- **Jennifer Borcharding (LAS '99)** won a seat on the Cedar Rapids Community School District Board of Education in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
- **Bryan Clay (CSH '99)** was promoted to principal scientist in the immunology section of Pfizer’s cancer vaccines and immunotherapeutics department, located in La Jolla, Calif. In this position, he facilitates the development of novel products to enhance the immune system’s ability to kill tumors.
- **Lourdes Duarte (CMN '99)** was named to the “Dare Mighty Things” list of 37 influential media people who are shaping the future of Chicago through print, radio and digital channels.
- **Chris L. Lake (MST '99)** was named CFO of PE Facility Solutions LLC, based in San Diego, Calif.
- **Sydney L. Parks (BUS '99)** joined the Chicago-based executive search firm Carrington & Carrington as its new senior director for strategic search operations and business development.
- **Andrew Stoltmann (JD '99)** was named one of Wealth Management

Magazine’s “Ten to Watch,” a list of 10 innovators who are set to change the industry in 2018. Stoltmann is president-elect of the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association.

- **Steven E. Ward (MBA '99)** was named president and CEO of Morrill & Janes Bank and Trust Company. He will have leadership responsibility for the Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri and Texas markets within Heartland Financial USA Inc., a community bank holding company based in Dubuque, Iowa.

## 2000s

- **Jamie L. Blackburn Rhee (JD '00)** is chief procurement officer for the City of Chicago.
- **Dion Davi (CSH '00)** was inducted as treasurer of the Justinian Society of Lawyers. Davi is the founding attorney of Davi Law Group LLC, which concentrates on the areas of family law, criminal law, estate planning, and motorsports law.
- **Terrilyn S. Hogan (SNL '00)** recently published a children’s book, “I Want to Be a Dolphin.” She is earning a master’s degree in secondary education at DePaul’s College of Education.
- **Courtney M. King (MUS '00)** is a flutist and singer in Slow Down Scarlett, a rock band based in O’Fallon, Ill.
- **Arbin Smith (CMN '00)** is senior director at the Hackett Group, a business management consulting firm.
- **Jennifer M. Tabor (MUS '00)** is the founder and owner of Souldier, a design manufacturer of specialty guitar straps that counts Wilco and the Dave Matthews Band among its clients.
- **Kevin Brown (MBA '01)** was named the general manager for the water department of Ventura, Calif. He has 28 years of experience in the public sector as a Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer.

## Spotlight

**Rami Nashashibi (LAS '97)**, winner of a 2017 MacArthur Fellowship—also known as a “genius grant”—says the award validates the 20 years he’s spent creating a national model for Muslim-American activism. Nashashibi is executive director of the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN), headquartered in Chicago’s Marquette Park neighborhood. The nonprofit organization



Photo by the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

unites people across socioeconomic, racial and religious divides to address structural and systemic injustices that prevent people in marginalized communities from having a dignified quality of life.

Transferring to DePaul as a sophomore was “a very important life-transforming decision for me,” Nashashibi says. “I’ll be forever grateful for my English professors, who put me in touch with the larger human spirit, and the professors in international studies, who fed my social, political and cultural instincts around questions of social justice.” At DePaul, he explored his budding spirituality and helped form the student group United Muslims Moving Ahead, giving him experience in community organizing and negotiating techniques.

While still a student, Nashashibi co-founded IMAN to unite disconnected communities living throughout Chicago. The organization quickly evolved to help Muslim, Latino, African-American, Arab and working-class white families living on the South Side look past their differences and focus on their common needs. It is now a thriving, nationally celebrated model of a holistic community organization that fosters health, wellness and healing in inner cities.

Under his leadership, IMAN established a broad array of social services, including a no-cost primary health care clinic. Nashashibi and IMAN’s organizers persuaded the owners of corner stores to stock their shelves with fresh produce and established a farmer’s market. They created a green-construction job-training program for residents released from prison. The organization’s annual multicultural arts and social justice festival, “Takin’ It to the Streets,” draws thousands.

“Art platforms are a critical part of bringing us all together to celebrate new possibilities, to radically reimagine our communities,” says Nashashibi, noting as an example a mural that fused urban graffiti with Islamic calligraphy.

The \$625,000 MacArthur grant incentivizes creative risk-taking for the chosen “geniuses” at work. Nashashibi will use his prize for a range of projects, but first he plans to make hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca that Muslims worldwide strive to do at least once in their lives. “I’m hoping and praying that this gives me space to refresh, to renew my creative energy and to think about what the next level is.”

- **Daniel Collins (THE '01)** wrote the book and lyrics for "TREVOR the Musical," which ran Aug. 9–Sept. 17, 2017, at Writers Theatre in Glencoe, Ill. The play is based on the 1995 Academy Award-winning short film, which inspired the creation of the Trevor Project, the nation's only accredited crisis intervention and suicide prevention organization focused on saving young LGBTQ lives.
- **Anthony D. Defeo (JD '01)** was named president of EdjAnalytics, a leading data science company focusing on sports, health care and other markets, in June 2017. Previously he was director of football operations and analytics and the NFL liaison for the University of Michigan. He also helped

- with recruiting and oversaw special programs and events, including the Michael Jordan brand launch, IMG/Rome trips, NFL/College Football Exchange, Pro Day, Senior Bowl and NFL Combine.
- **Elizabeth Foster-Ellis (LAS MA '01)** joined Botto Gilbert Lancaster PC. She will focus her practice in the areas of family law, family mediation and estate planning.
- **David B. Gorelick (CMN '01)** joined the commercial real estate brokerage Cushman & Wakefield in July 2017 as executive managing director and head of retail for the Americas.
- **Kevin A. Holmes (JD '01)** was appointed legal advisor to FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr, advising him on wireless and public safety issues.

- **Rafeh M. Masood (CDM '01, MBA '05)** was named a senior vice president and chief digital officer for BJs Wholesale Club, based in Westborough, Mass. In the newly created role, he will drive the strategy and vision for the company's e-commerce and multichannel efforts. Previously, he was vice president of customer innovation technology at Dick's Sporting Goods.
- **Patricia Puetz (SNL '01, MEd '05)** was named principal of Henking Elementary School in Glenview, Ill.
- **Colby J. Tanner (CSH MS '01)** is now an assistant professor of biology at Misericordia University in Dallas, Penn. Tanner earned a doctorate in biology from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

- **Richard W. Evonitz (JD '02)** was elected to the board of education for Niles (Ill.) Township High School District 219 in April 2017.
- **Neil B. Johnston (BUS '02)** joined the Chicago office of the Siegfried Group LLP as a director. Previously, he was a senior director of financial reporting at Cenveo Inc.
- **Shira E. Kollins (LAS '02)** owns SpeedPro Imaging Studio in Chicago.
- **Patrick Kolzow (MST '02)** is the managing director at DHJJ Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors.
- **Janine Mercandetti (THE '02)** directed the Greece Theatre Company's production of Disney's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" in October 2017 at the Lyric Theatre in Rochester, N.Y.

- feet of industrial, office and medical projects throughout his career.
- **Kinan Abou-Afach (MM '03)** performed several of his compositions during "A Letter from Syria: Kinan Abou-afach & Friends" on June 24, 2017, at the Painted Bride Art Center in Philadelphia.
- **Johara Faradieh El Harazin (BUS '03, MBA '06)** was promoted to chief investment officer at the Illinois State Board of Investment. She most recently served as its deputy executive director.
- **Rashida Gray (MBA '03)** was appointed to the Komarek School District 94 Board of Education in North Riverside, Ill. She is the first African American to serve on the district's school board.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

» **Marat Fleytlikh (BUS '05)** and **Justyna Fleytlikh (BUS '04)** welcomed their second daughter, Sophia Zoryana, on June 26, 2017. Their first daughter, Lilly, was born in 2015.



Philippa, in March 2017. Dean is currently completing his Master of Science in Human-Computer Interaction at DePaul's College of Computing and Digital Media.

» **Christina Flores (CDM '11)** and her husband, Emmanuel Espino, welcomed their son, Aldo, in June 2017. He joins older sister Olivia.



» **Erika Boehlen (LAS '06)** and her husband, Michael, celebrated the birth of their second child, Kenzie Noelle, on June 11, 2017.



» **Michael Palzer (BUS '11)** and **Amanda (Loris) Palzer (BUS '11)** welcomed their son, Liam Nicholas, on May 22, 2017.



» **Dean Christopher (BUS '06)** and his wife, Marika, welcomed their first child, Evangelia

» **Joe Voss (JD '01)** received the 2017 John Hensel Award from the State Bar of Michigan's Arts, Communications, Entertainment and Sports Section for significant contributions to the state's arts, entertainment or sports communities. Voss is of counsel with Leavens, Strand & Glover.

▪ **Mike Yaghmai (JD '01)** was promoted to director at Facebook Inc., where he serves as associate general counsel to the company's Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and Oculus business units. He oversees the legal team that advises product, engineering, design, marketing and communications teams on intellectual property matters.

▪ **Douglas J. Chambers (MBA '02)** is founder and CEO of FieldLens, a mobile communication system that aims to replace calls, texts, emails and other communication typically sent between building owners, contractors, subcontractors, architects and others in a construction project. FieldLens has raised about \$12.6 million from investors and was recently acquired by New York-based WeWork.

▪ **Adam Dill (JD '02)** is an associate judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Illinois.

▪ **Margaret Labno (MST '02)** joined the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America as vice president of tax and accounting policy in the policy, research and international department in 2017. Labno is a registered Certified Public Accountant and earned her Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter designation.

▪ **Margo Weitzman (LAS '02)** recently co-curated "Tensions in Renaissance Cities," an exhibit in the Special Collections and Research Center Gallery of the Regenstein Library of the University of Chicago. The exhibit, comprising more than 130 objects, explored the cultural, intellectual, religious and social tensions of Rome, Florence, Venice, Constantinople, Geneva, London and Mexico City. In fall 2017, Weitzman started a PhD program in Italian Renaissance art history at Rutgers University.

▪ **Michael P. Yungerman (MBA '02)** was promoted to vice president and general manager of Opus Development Company for the Chicago region. Yungerman has more than 23 years of commercial real estate experience and has completed more than 21 million square

» **Matthew E. Lau (MBA '03)** is CFO of Regent Surgical Health. Previously, he was senior financial analyst for Paincare America and OptionCare. His finance and accounting career spans more than two decades.

▪ **Jennifer L. Lyman (MED '03)** was named managing director in charge of operations for the Hopewell Valley Youth Chorale in Hopewell, N.J.

▪ **Tarell McCraney (THE '03)** will create, write and executive produce a television series for the Oprah Winfrey Network. The series, to be set in South Florida, will draw on events from his own adolescence.

▪ **Laurel McDowall (CDM MS '03)** joined Leapfrog as the vice president of marketing insights. McDowall most recently was senior director of insights and innovation at Cars.com in Chicago.

▪ **Natasha J. Ruse-Smith (BUS '03)**, a spa manager in Naples, Fla., was named to the 2017 "40 Under 40" list compiled by the Naples Herald.

▪ **Candice-Mari Savino (CDM '03)** was named to the 2017 Crain's Chicago Business "Tech 50" list of influencers in Chicago technology.

- **Ginger Shulick Porcella (LAS '03)** is the executive director and curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson in Tucson, Ariz.
- **Richard Veenstra (JD '03)** is the corporation counsel for the city of Aurora, Ill. Since 2010, he had been in the civil division of the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office.
- **Daniel Won (MM '03, MUS CER '05)** participated in numerous chamber music programs in summer 2017 as part of the 27th Annual Midsummer's Music Festival in Door County, Wis.
- **Christine M. S. Duffey (BUS '04)** joined SOS Security LLC as senior vice president and regional director in charge of operations in the Midwest.
- **Roberto Mancilla Jr. (LAS '04)** was promoted to assistant general counsel for Sears Holdings Corporation.
- **Natalie Petric (JD '04)** was inducted as second vice president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers. Petric serves as manager, enforcement counsel in the legal and market regulation department of CME Group.
- **Albert Stonitsch (LAS MS '04)** became village administrator of Woodridge, Ill., in July 2017. Previously, he served as assistant village manager of Glen Ellyn, Ill.
- **Tracy Townsend (LAS MA '04)** published her first novel, "The Nine," in November 2017, under the Prometheus Books imprint. The fantasy thriller centers on a stolen book that holds powerful secrets many want to possess.
- **Shawn Alcaraz (CSH '05, MBA '12)** was named investor relations advisor at Zebra Technologies Corporation in Lincolnshire, Ill.
- **Ernest Amponsah (MBA '05)** joined the Phoenix-based private equity firm Virtua Partners as a project manager on their Quyp Development team. Amponsah has two decades of land development and acquisition experience.
- **Brandon K. Breaux (LAS '05)**, a visual artist who made a name for himself collaborating with Chance the Rapper, had his work featured on Bud Light limited-edition eight-packs sold in stores across Chicago and at Lollapalooza last summer.
- **Will Davis (THE '05)** will direct the New York premiere of "Bobby Clearly," opening at Roundabout Theatre in March 2018.
- **Stamatina "Tina" Esposito (MBA '05)** was appointed to the U.S. Government Accountability Office's new Health Information Technology Advisory Committee. Esposito is currently the vice president of information and technology innovation at Advocate Health in Oak Brook, Ill.
- **Brian Fienhold (MBA '05)** joined the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) as the organization's chief operating officer. Since 2015, Fienhold has served as MDF's board chairman and has been directly involved in the organization's expansion during his tenure. MDF aims to ensure the conservation of mule and black-tailed deer and their habitats.
- **Jennifer J. Kerns (JD '05)** was named a partner in the Chicago law firm of Anesi Ozmon Rodin Novak and Kohen Ltd. She joined Anesi Ozmon as an associate in 2013.
- **Robert E. Lee (EdD '05)** was named dean of the University of Central Missouri College of Education, effective July 17, 2017. Previously, Lee was the founder and executive director for the National Center for Urban Education at Illinois State University, Normal/Chicago. He also was the founder and director of Global Educators Outreach at DePaul and program coordinator for the Effective Teacher Network Program in DePaul's Center for Urban Education.
- **Jeff Manno (MBA '05)** has been named portfolio management leader for Greystar Real Estate Partners' newly formed Greystar

Growth and Income Fund LP. He is based in Charleston, S.C. Previously, he oversaw the company's rental housing business in the United Kingdom.

▪ **Kari M. Rollins (JD '05)** joined the New York office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's privacy and cybersecurity practice.

▪ **Christopher B. Anderson (JD '06)** has joined the law firm Jones Day as a partner in its Chicago office. Previously he was with Hogan Marren Babbo & Rose Ltd. He is on the board of the Illinois Association of Health Care Attorneys and will serve as its vice president next year.

▪ **Amy Bocchetta (MED '06)** recently published her third book, "111 Places in Chicago That You Must Not Miss."

▪ **Juan Castaneda (THE '06)** directed the absurdist comedy "Marisol" for Chicago's Raven Theatre in October and November 2017.

▪ **Drake Diener (EDU '06)** plays professional basketball with the team Vanoli Cremona, in Italy. He co-hosted a benefit for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America in November 2017.

▪ **Naomi Frisch (MM '06)**, currently a student at Chicago Kent School of Law, received the 2017 Sandra P. Zemm Labor Law Prize.



» **Danny Lewis (CMN '06)** was named in the Chicago Agent Magazine 2017 Who's Who list. Lewis has been the number-one agent in his office, EXIT Strategy Realty, for the past three years.

▪ **Melissa Nigro (JD '06)** was named chief of staff and director of board relations of the Northern Illinois University (NIU) Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to raising scholarship funds for NIU students.

▪ **Jared Rothkop (JD '06)** joined Polsinelli's real estate practice group. He focuses primarily on commercial real estate transactions, specifically, acquisitions and dispositions of commercial real estate, leasing, financing and corporate structuring.

▪ **Tia Vilums Frapolli (MBA '06)** became president of the NPD Group's office supplies business in July 2017. She joined the global information company in 2011 and most recently was executive director of client development for NPD's home practice.

▪ **Amanda DeBoer Bartlett (MUS '07)** has been hired as one of the first two resident fellows for Omaha Opera's new Holland Community Opera Fellowship. She will perform in mainstage productions, offer recitals, serve on community advisory boards and educate the public in the Omaha, Neb., area about opera and the arts.

▪ **Benjamin T. Johnson (JD '07)** was promoted to partner at the Chicago-based law firm Michael Best and Friedrich. He is a member of the firm's labor and employment relations practice group.

▪ **Hannah Needham (LAS '07)** joined the Chicago law firm Ginsberg Jacobs LLC.

▪ **Elizabeth B. Paturzo (CMN '07, LAS MS '12)** worked as a site and operations manager with the Danish Refugee Council, UNHCR and I AM YOU-Humanitarian Aid to help provide better living conditions for Syrian refugees in Greece.

▪ **John D. Quinn (CDM MS '07)** is president of Merrimac Solutions, which was named 4,770 on the 2017 INC 5000 list of the fastest-growing companies in the United States. Merrimac Solutions is an enterprise

cloud infrastructure provider based in Aurora, Ill.

▪ **Alexandra B. White (BUS '07)** is half of the brother-and-sister rock duo White Mystery, based in Chicago. They played the Glenwood Avenue Arts Fest in August 2017.



» **Evan Barker (CSH '08)** won the Illinois Native Plant Society's Botanists Big Year competition, in which participants were challenged to make the most research-grade native plant identifications throughout 2016. Barker won with 877 species.

▪ **Christopher Chmelik (THE '08)** starred in "Lela & Co." at the Steep Theatre in Chicago during summer 2017.

▪ **Geovannie Concepcion (BUS '08)** is the chief operating manager of the barbecue chain Famous Dave's of America Inc. She has primary responsibility for executing the company's store optimization and franchising efforts.

▪ **Christopher Eberle Jr. (BUS MS '08)** was appointed senior equity research analyst at Instinet LLC. He will cover the firm's software sector.

▪ **Steven Engelhardt (CDM '08)** is the chief data officer at Fi360, the nation's leading provider of fiduciary-related education and tools.

▪ **Joseph P. Hoffman (JD '08)** was named executive vice president and CFO of IFG Companies and is based in the firm's Chicago office.

▪ **Nathan Ramin (MED '08)** received a Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching fellowship. He is spending the first half of

2018 observing education practices in New Zealand with the goal of transferring best practices to Chicago's North Lawndale College Prep, where he teaches.

▪ **Tom Willerer (LAS MA '08)**, the chief product officer for Coursera, is one of the recipients of the 2017 Bay Area CIO Awards.

▪ **Brandon Bailey (LAS '09)** is the head coach of the Maine Red Claws, a professional minor league basketball team based in Portland, Maine.

▪ **Lisa Duarte (JD '09)** joined the Illinois American Water board of directors. Duarte is currently a partner in the government affairs group of Forde Law Offices and has extensive experience in government affairs in Illinois.

▪ **David E. Dublis (MED '09)** has been an instructional technology specialist at Union High School in Grand Rapids, Mich., since 2011, where he provides e-learning support to other teachers. Previously he was a reading and drama teacher at Voise Academy High School in Chicago.

▪ **Keira A. Fromm (THE MFA '09)** directed "Significant Other" at Theater Wit in Chicago in November 2017. She is the artistic associate director of Chicago's About Face Theatre.

▪ **Bradley G. Giemza (MBA '09)** was named managing director and chief risk officer of Chicago-based R.J. O'Brien & Associates, a futures brokerage and clearing firm, in October 2017.

▪ **Matthew Hessler (CDM '09)**, an association manager with SmithBucklin, was named one of Association Forum and USAE's "Forty Under 40" honorees as an association or nonprofit professional who demonstrates high potential for continued success in leadership roles.

▪ **Tom Kleinschmidt (CMN '09)** is head boys basketball coach and director of admissions at DePaul College Prep.

▪ **Courtney K. Knysch (THE '09)** appeared in "Still Dance the Stars," a world premiere play through the New Light Theatre Project and Chicago Dramatists, in August and September 2017.

▪ **Michelle Kouba (JD '09)** was promoted to partner at the Chicago-based law firm Michael Best and Friedrich. She is a member of the firm's intellectual property practice group.

▪ **John "Rusty" Lane (JD '09)** joined Kane Russell Coleman Logan PC as an associate. The firm handles transactional, litigation and bankruptcy matters in Texas and throughout the country.

▪ **Cassie Odor (BUS '09)** launched a disruptive digital marketing company, karma digital, focused on providing startups with search engine optimization services.

▪ **Ian J. Rosa (JD '09)** has joined Highline Real Estate Capital, based in Miami, as a vice president focused on acquisitions. He previously was a senior associate at Rialto Capital Management.

▪ **Jillian Sheehan (MBA '09)** is now CFO of Aquilon Energy Services Inc., based in Lisle, Ill. The company develops innovative software and service solutions for the energy industry.

▪ **Lela Shepherd (LAS '09)** joined the Arlington (Ill.) Department of Planning and Community Development staff as an environmental planner/conservation agent.

▪ **Valerie Sherman (JD '09)** was elected to the Palatine Public Library District board of library trustees. Sherman is an attorney and fundraiser who frequently volunteers for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust.



» **Michael G. Waitz (BUS '09)** was elected to the supreme board of governors of Alpha Epsilon Pi, a Jewish college social fraternity. He is the North American director of Shorashim, a nonprofit organization that builds relationships between Jews living in Israel and North America.



Photo by USA Basketball

With the same intensity she showed as a Blue Demon, **Samantha Quigley Smith (EDU '10, MED '12)** is capturing attention as a college women's basketball coach. She was honored as a Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for two consecutive seasons, was named the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 2016 and was a finalist for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association/United States Marine Corps National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Coach of the Year Award.

"I was a really intense coach at a young age, and when I say 'young age,' I mean five years ago," laughs Quigley Smith, who just turned 30. She's in her first season as head basketball coach for Lewis University, a NCAA Division II college in Romeoville, Ill., where she once attended basketball summer camps. She started her coaching career at the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Ill., first as assistant coach and then head women's basketball coach. Within four years, she guided the team from a losing record to two consecutive regular-season titles and the top ranking in Division II of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

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She uses her youth to build strong relationships with her players and potential recruits. "I was a player not that long ago. They can relate to me," she says. "I think that if you do a great job of building relationships, the score's going to take care of itself."

Basketball is a Quigley family tradition. Her father played for legendary coach Pat Sullivan at St. Francis. Her mother's jersey hangs in the rafters there, one of only four women's numbers that were retired. Her uncle, Brian Michalak, has coached at both St. Francis and Lewis. Her sister, **Allie Quigley (EDU '08)**, is in her 10th season in the Women's National Basketball Association.

Quigley Smith says she may pursue NCAA Division I coaching someday, but for now she is content to coach at Lewis and raise her two young children. "If there's something you want to pursue in life, there should be no limitations," she says. "I knew I wanted to be a coach. I knew I wanted to have a family. I knew I wanted to stay in the Chicago area. To be doing all those things right now is great."

## 2010s

- **Chris Burhans (CDM MS '10)** joined Attorneys Guaranty Fund Inc. as senior vice president and chief information officer. Burhans has more than 12 years of experience developing and managing business-critical systems security, integrated software solutions, hardware components, mobile apps and automated sales solutions.
- **Amelia C. Drozda (MBA '10)** is director of corporate partnerships and outreach for the Big Shoulders Fund. She joined 30 other nonprofit leaders in the 2017-18 Allstate Foundation Greater Good Leadership Program, which helps nonprofit professionals develop their leadership skills.
- **Brian Easley (LAS '10)** has joined the board of directors of the World Affairs Council of Kentucky and southern Indiana. The organization, headquartered in Louisville, is a member of the World Affairs Councils of America and Global Ties U.S. networks.
- **Samuel Gold (MBA '10)** joined Arbor Realty Trust Inc.'s Chicago team as vice president. Gold will oversee the Freddie Mac SBL, Fannie Mae and FHA loans provided to clients in Dallas, Chicago, Milwaukee and other areas in the Midwest.
- **Emily Lohse-Busch (MBA '10)** is the new executive director of Arch Grants, a nonprofit that holds an annual competition to fund startups and support entrepreneurial activity in St. Louis.
- **Jim Moss (CDM '10)** has been promoted to effects artist at Optimus, a Chicago-based production and post-production house.
- **Mark D. Plotkin (BUS '10)** was promoted to associate head coach of the men's soccer team at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y.
- **Christian Shiu (LAS '10)** is now an ordained deacon of St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church in Chicago's Chinatown neighborhood. He is an active volunteer helping to support the Chinese immigrant community.
- **Patricia A. Simon-Gustin (SNL '10)** is a member of the Naperville (Ill.) City Council.
- **Johnnie Thomas (EdD '10)** was hired as the new superintendent of Rich Township High School District 227, overseeing three high schools serving communities south of Chicago.
- **Nicolas Cable (LAS '11)** is a minister with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbus, Ind.
- **Melissa Calvillo (CSH MS '11)** is an instructor of nursing at Kansas Wesleyan University.
- **Brian T. Clark (JD '11)** is co-founder and CEO of Ascent Technologies, a regulatory technology firm that helps firms build, manage and automate their regulatory compliance.
- **Jackson C. Cooper (JD '11)** opened his own practice, Jackson Cooper Law PLLC, with a focus on intellectual property, technology law and assisting small businesses.
- **Phillipe Cunningham (LAS '11)** made history by becoming one of the first openly transgender men elected to public office in the United States. Cunningham won a seat on the Minneapolis City Council. He previously served as a senior policy aide to Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, as well as a special education teacher and youth advocate.
- **Jennifer Walker (JD '11)** is an associate in Plunkett Cooney's banking, bankruptcy and creditors' rights practice group. She focuses her practice on residential and commercial mortgage foreclosure litigation and collection disputes.
- **Ashley J. Bohrer (LAS MA '12, PhD '16)** received the 2017 Junior Scholar Award from the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy for her paper "Colorblind Racism in Early Modernity: Race, Colonization and Capitalism in the Work of Francisco de Vitoria." She is a visiting assistant professor at Hamilton College in New York.
- **Sarah Colome (LAS MS '12)** is the director of the Women's Resources Center at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
- **Mark Dinglasan (MBA '12)** is the new executive director of CUMAC, a nonprofit food pantry that serves people in Paterson, N.J., Passaic County and the northern New Jersey area.
- **Nickole Miller (JD '12)** has joined the faculty of the University of Baltimore School of Law as a clinical teaching fellow in the school's immigrant rights clinic.
- **Thomas Vitogiannis (BUS '12, JD '16)** has joined Sarnoff & Baccash, where he will focus his practice on obtaining favorable ad valorem real estate taxes for properties located in and outside Illinois.
- **Blake A. Cardenas (BUS '13)** and his father, Juan, formed the North American distribution arm of Cardenas Hats, based in Bogota, Colombia. The distribution headquarters is in Indianapolis.
- **Andrew DeHart (CMN '13)** opened a wine shop, Pacific Northwest Wine Co., in Camas, Wash., in September 2017.
- **Kathleen Lihanda (SNL '13)** founded the My Internship Finder app, an online-based system for early-career professionals to find and explore opportunities, access career advice and get discovered by employers. The free app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store.
- **Vlad Moldavskiy (BUS '13)** is a partner at Mabbly, a Chicago-based digital agency. He has been the chief growth officer for the past five years.
- **Karina Nava (LAS '13)** is the first person to be a management fellow for the city of Elgin, Ill. Nava, a 2009 Elgin High School graduate, started her two-year fellowship on Aug. 21, 2017.
- **Raul Palma (LAS MA '13)**, a prolific author, essayist and poet, is now a diversity fellow in the writing department of Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.
- **Marc D. Pinate (THE MFA '13)** directed the 21st annual production of "A Tucson Pastorela," at Borderlands Theater in Tucson, Ariz., in December 2017.
- **Melissa V. Senese (CSH '13)** was named the winner of Big Break Rosemont 2017, an annual "American Idol"-style vocal competition in the Chicago area. Senese performs and writes music with several bands, including the progressive rock group Kills Again. She works in purchasing and supplier management at AbbVie in North Chicago, Ill.
- **Caroline E. Thee (LAS '13)** joined the business and finance group Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. A lawyer, she works out of the group's Indianapolis office.
- **Ryne Vitug (LAS '13, JD '16)** joined the law firm Ariano Hardy Ritt Nyuli Richmond Lytle & Goettel PC, where he will focus on commercial and residential real estate and civil litigation cases. The firm serves clients in Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kendall and McHenry counties in Illinois.
- **Russell T. Zimmerman (JD '13)** is now an associate attorney at Peter J. Latz & Associates LLC in Oak Park, Ill., where he practices trust and estate law.
- **Megan Coronado (CMN '14)** has joined the softball coaching staff at the University of Texas Arlington.
- **Hannah E. Cushing (LAS '14)** volunteered in summer 2017 at Camp BoofTube, a summer camp in St. Louis, operated for the past 10 years by current DePaul student Jane Bufe and her family. The camp offers daily filmmaking classes for children ages 5-12.
- **Jazzy Davenport (LAS '14)** is co-founder of "Black Girls Break Bread," a program with a mission to uplift, empower and inspire black women of all ages through the creation of safe spaces for engagement and intellectual discourse.
- **Chris Deir (MS CDM '14)** had his animated short, "Zombie Christmas," chosen as an official selection of the Chicago Comedy Film Festival. It was also an official selection of the 2017 Dragon Con Film Festival and screened at the Weihnachts Film Festival, which took place in December 2017 in Germany's oldest cinema, Moviemento Kino, in Berlin.
- **Katrina Dion (THE '14)** co-directed the world premiere of "PUNK," which ran Oct. 4-Nov. 5, 2017, at the Den Theatre in Chicago.
- **Colleen Hurley (JD '14)** joined the family law practice group at Lavelle Law in Chicago. Hurley was previously a senior associate at Wakenight & Associates PC.
- **Andrew T. Janak (MM '14)** is a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, responsible for hands-on teaching of undergraduate music groups and helping coordinate events put on by the Glenn Korff School of Music.
- **Joshua D. Jones (MUS '14)**, a percussionist, was named a fellow of the EQT Orchestra Training Program for African American Musicians. Created in 2007 by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the



» **Nicholas Hahn (LAS '11)** is the director of speechwriting for the U.S. Department of Education.

▪ **Jennifer Tani (LAS MS '11)** was appointed to the Wheeling (Ill.) Township District 21 school board in June 2017.

## IN MEMORIAM

Lord, we commend to you the souls of our dearly departed. In your mercy and love, grant them eternal peace.

## Alumni

Roy McGreal (BUS '39) » Bernard Shipin (BUS '49) » Doyle Gates (BUS '50) » Alexander Luke (MUS '50, MM '52) » Rosemary Di Giulio (LAS '51) » Dolores Paulikas Hagey (BUS '51) » James Williams (BUS '51, JD '60) » Walter Cummings

(BUS '53, JD '55) » Francis Perhats (LAS '53) » James Tunney (BUS '53) » Richard Durava (BUS '54, JD '67) » Edward Schmitt (BUS '54) » Dolores McWhinnie (CSH '55, MS '58) » Henry Blim (LAS '57) » Lawrence Sullivan (BUS '57) » John Smith (LAS '58, MEd '65) » Anthony Fornelli (LAW '60) » Paul Ruddy (EDU '60) » Margaret Neilson (CSH '62) » Shelly Powell (BUS '62) » Joseph Baker (CSH '63, MEd '70) » John Hourihane (BUS '63) » Catherine Shane (LAS '63) » Philip Hunniford (BUS '64, MBA '72) »

Charles Davis (BUS '66) » John Brady (LAS '67) » Anne Donnersberger (LAS MA '67) » Sharon Natanek (EDU '67) » Thomas Healey (BUS '68) » Stephen Ligda (MBA '69) » James Tome (CSH '69) » Melvin Andraschko (BUS '70) » Irene Bond (CSH '70, MS '73) » Willard Nostvick (BUS '71) » Richard Hirschenberger (CSH '72) » Herbert Goldbeck (MST '73) » Christine Ficht (EDU '74, MEd '82) » Mary McSweeney (MEd '74) » George Turner Jr. (LAS '74) » Michael Wise (BUS '74) » Raymond Holtz (BUS '75)

» William Snow (MST '75) » Robert Lynch (SNL '76) » Basil Yender (MEd '76) » John Williams (JD '77) » Thomas McNulty (SNL '78) » Evelyn Shipper (BUS '78) » Eugene Connolly (LAS MS '80) » Linda Killingsworth (CSH '80) » Joseph Baska (MBA '82) » Stephen Leonard (BUS '82) » Joseph Tomsic (CDM '83, MS '96) » Victor Butler (MBA '87) » William Johnson (MBA '88) » James Pandolfi (MBA '88) » Denis O'Malley (MBA '90) » Janet Sobun (BUS MS '92) » Kimberly Dompke (EDU '93, MEd '00) » Vernon

McGinnis (SNL '94, MA '01) » Barbara Blaine (JD '96) » Ann Todtleben (MEd '00) » Stanley Mrozinski (SNL '03) » Gerald Green (CDM MA '04) » Ryan Griffith (EDU '06) » Jason Dehn (SNL '11) » Robert Feigel (LAS '14) » Casey Cordova (MBA '16)

## Friends

M. Cherif Bassiouni » Karen Davis Mayer

*Editor's Note: Due to space limitations, this memorial list includes only those alumni and friends who our offices have confirmed have passed away since the previous issue was printed.*

program prepares young musicians for a career in a professional orchestra.

» **Joe D. Keery (THE '14)**, known for his role as Steve in the Netflix series "Stranger Things," co-stars with Chance the Rapper in the film "Slice," scheduled for release in 2018.

» **Patrick Lavin (CDM '14)** is the new creative director at SDIRA Wealth. Lavin heads up web design for both the company and its strategic wealth advisor partners.



» **Kiantra "Kiki" Layne (THE '14)** is playing the lead role of Tish in Barry Jenkins' ("Moonlight") film adaptation of James Baldwin's novel "If Beale Street Could Talk." Film production began in October 2017.

» **Alexander Nezis (CMN '14)** is an audio production professional, with releases of his own music on Beatport.

» **Sabina Tassone (SNL '14)** and her daughter, Cecile

Tassone, are co-founders of PraxiCut, which aims to reduce medical errors by creating safe, accessible and realistic teaching models for training residents and surgeons.

» **Samantha E. Vela (BUS '14)** is now a senior associate at the Siegfried Group LLP, a consulting firm focused on leadership and finances, based in Wilmington, Del.

» **Cearry Bagenda (CSH '15)** joined the news team at ABC affiliate WBAY-TV, in Green Bay, Wis., where she works as a multimedia journalist.

» **Sade Carpenter (CMN MA '15)**, deputy editor of Redeye Chicago, was named to the "Dare Mighty Things" list of 37 influential media people who are shaping the future of Chicago through print, radio and digital channels.

» **Laura A. Howell (MBA '15)** was named vice president of client development for C.A. Fortune, working out of the Chicago office.

» **Rodolfo A. Loo (CDM MS '15)** was promoted to engagement director at Isobar, a Chicago-based digital agency, in fall 2017.

» **Demetria Mosley (CMN MA '15)** joined the news staff of the Gaston Gazette, in Gaston, N.C. She will report on the Gaston County business

community in addition to general-assignment duties.

» **Katie M. Shank (JD '15)** practices with Turley & Mara Law Firm, located in San Diego, Calif. She is a member of the board of directors for inewsources Associates, an organization of young professionals who work to sustain journalistic excellence.

» **Chris Anderson (LAS MA '16)** is now director of executive and strategic communications at Loyola University Chicago.

» **Brandon Hopkins (CDM MS '16)** is the director of the Aims Community College's IT service center in Greeley, Colo.

» **Megan A. Keilson (LAS '16)** joined Michael Saunders & Co., a real estate firm. She works out of the St. Armands Circle office in Sarasota, Fla.

» **Allison Kerr (MEd '16)** was selected by the Knowles Teacher Initiative as a member of its 2017 cohort of 37 teaching fellows. The five-year program supports early-career high school mathematics and science teachers.

» **Dan Pawlowski (CMN '16)** is the new sports editor for the Wakefield (Mass.) Daily Item.

» **Evan Swanson (MUS '16)** is the resident musical director at Williams Street Repertory, the in-house theatre company for the Raue Center in Crystal Lake, Ill.

» **Mark Tuchscherer (SNL '16)**, CEO of Geeks Chicago, was featured in Fit Small Business' "Top 10 Best Management Styles—and Which Ones to Avoid."

» **Carla Arroyo-Guerrero (CDM MS '17)** has been named technical coordinator at Eastlake Studio in Chicago.

» **Kelley Bowles (CMN MA '17)** joined WHBF-TV in Rock Island, Ill., as a multimedia journalist.

» **Arlene Cortez (BUS MS '17)** is now director of development for the University of Illinois at Chicago's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

» **Billy Garrett Jr. (BUS '17)** was honored for men's basketball at the 2016-17 BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Awards.

» **Magdalena Hernandez Gomez (CDM MS '17)** is an assistant editor at Cutters Studios, an international creative company that provides production, post-production and creative development services.

» **Rachel Hinton (CMN '17)**, former managing editor of The DePaulia, joined the Chicago Sun-Times as an urban affairs reporter. She was named one of Chicago's Future Leaders by the Chicago Network in 2016.

» **Deni Kamper (CMN '17)** joined the news team of KNWA-TV in Fayetteville, Ark., in July 2017.

» **Anthony Massino (MEd '17)** is a new teacher and head varsity golf coach at Mount Carmel High School in Chicago.

» **Alison Ogunmokun (LAS '17)** was voted Chicago's best poet in the Chicago Reader's 2017 Readers' Poll.

» **Christopher Olivia (CDM MFA '17)** had his short film "Spaceman" featured at NewFilmmakers Los Angeles in November 2017.

» **Mariela Shaker (MUS '17)**, a violinist and native of Aleppo, Syria, performed in "Alive from Aleppo: A Night of Hope" on Sept. 17, 2017, in Toledo, Ohio. The concert benefited Toledo's Social Services for the Arab Community, as well as refugees in the United States and overseas.

» **Carly Shannon (JD '17)** was promoted to associate attorney at the Illinois law firm Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard PC. Shannon concentrates her legal practice on medical malpractice, personal injury and product liability cases.

» **Hillary Weiss (JD '17)** has been appointed an assistant public defender of the Shelby County Public Defender's Office in Memphis, Tenn.