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# CLASS NOTES

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## 1950s



» **Sr. Marie J. Fecher (MUS '59, MM '64)** is celebrating 75 years as an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, Ky. She ministered as a music instructor for nearly 50 years. She is now engaged in the Powerhouse of Prayer at the Ursuline Motherhouse.

## 1960s



» **Eugene Lee (GSD CER '64, DHL '94)** won a 2017 Emmy Award for outstanding production design for his work on "Saturday Night Live." This is his second win—the first was in 2013—of a total of 13 Emmy nominations, all for "SNL."

» **Nicholas Motherway (JD '65)** was named a laureate of the Illinois State Bar Association for a career dedicated to service to clients and the legal profession.

» **Samuel Skinner (JD '66, LLD '90, DHL '06)** was one of 17 former White House chiefs of staff interviewed by documentary filmmaker Chris Whipple for "The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency."

» **Joseph Sugrue (CSH '67)** co-authored two papers that were accepted to the 2015 IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium and a third paper that was published in the International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing & Spatial Information Sciences, vol. 41.

» **Rev. Ronald Gollatz (CSH '68)**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago for 44 years, recently retired.

» **James Faron (EDU '69)** was appointed to a five-year term as a trustee of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District, the third largest transit system in Illinois. Faron is a retired optometrist and owns a real estate company, Faron Properties LLC.

» **Joe Mantegna (GSD CER '69, DHL '89)** accepted a street named in his honor at Armitage and Hudson avenues. Chicago Ald. Michele Smith (43rd) presented Mantegna with a city resolution as well after sponsoring the honorary street sign—one of the last given to a living person after the city council changed the rules for the signs in February 2017.

» **Jay Stieber (BUS '69)** is now vice chairman of the National Resource Association. He is a board member of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce.

## 1970s

» **Terrence Benshoof (JD '71, LLM '80)** was elected to the board of directors of the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton, Ill.

» **Kathleen Owens (LAS MEd '71)** received a Women of Excellence Award at the second annual PennSuburban Chamber of Commerce Women's Conference. The award recognizes women in Southeastern Pennsylvania who have made an influential impact in the region.

» **Tom Hartmann (EDU '72)** retired after a 26-year career as a librarian. He most recently worked for the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library.

» **Diane Jagielnik (EDU '73)** retired from St. Bruno School in Chicago. She taught at St. Bruno, also her alma mater, since 1973. Jagielnik was a first-grade teacher and was assistant principal from 1996 to 2006.

» **Michael Tardy (LAS '73)**, director of the administrative office of the Illinois Courts, retired on Aug. 1, following more than 40 years with the judicial branch.

» **George Mahoney (JD '74)**, a founding member of the Will County firm Mahoney, Silverman & Cross LLC, was recently inducted into the Academy of Illinois Lawyers Class of Laureates. Mahoney focuses on zoning and land development, government and municipal law, litigation, and appellate practice.

» **Joseph Chlapaty (MBA '76)** announced that he will retire from Advance Drainage Systems Inc. at

the end of 2017. He is the president, CEO and chairman of the board, and has been with the company for 37 years.

» **Steven Covey (JD '77)**, senior vice president and general counsel, retired from Navistar International. He joined the company in 1981.

» **John Schoen (BUS '77)** is senior vice president and chief financial officer for PCTEL Inc., a telecommunications company based in Bloomington, Ill.

» **Mark Steinhoff (BUS '77)** became operations controller of Fieldwood Energy LLC in November 2016.

» **Zachary Gordon (JD '78)**, chairman and CEO of Arcadia Investment Corporation, a research boutique that pioneered analytics in the interactive entertainment industry, retired March 31 after 23 years helming the company. Previously, Gordon was a senior corporate vice president of Drexel Burnham Lambert, a prominent investment bank. He is now working on two novels.

» **Paul Greig (MBA '78)** was appointed to the board of directors of Opus Bank. He is president and CEO of FirstMerit Corporation. His philanthropic and board activities include serving as a member of the executive committee for the Mid-Size Bank Coalition of America, board member of the American Bankers Association and the Cleveland Orchestra's Musical Arts Association, and trustee and executive committee member for the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission.

» **Jean Lenti Ponsetto (EDU '78)**, director of athletics at DePaul, was presented with the 2017 Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) President's Award by WBCA. Earlier this year, Lenti Ponsetto was also selected as the 2017 WBCA Administrator of the Year. She also became the third vice president of

## 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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the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics during its annual convention in June 2017.

▪ **Anne Schwab (BUS '78, MBA '81)** was awarded an "IPPY" Gold Medal for her book, "Money Matters Made Simple: A Woman's Guide to Financial Health and Wealth."

▪ **David Black (JD '79)** retired from the UAW Legal Services Plan after 37 years. He is currently volunteering with Prairie State Legal Services, where he provides representation for individuals seeking to expunge or seal their criminal records.

### 1980s

▪ **Michael English (BUS MS '80)** was appointed CFO of Alternate Health Corp., a diversified health care company based in Vancouver, Canada. He has more than 30 years' experience working in diverse industries, including data security and encryption software, telecommunications, and heavy industrial electric motors and controls.

▪ **Robert Ross (JD '80)** incorporated his law practice in April 2017 to establish Ross Law Firm Ltd. with his sons, **Patrick Ross (JD '08)** and **Daniel Ross (JD '15)**. They practice primarily in the areas of wills, trusts and business law.

▪ **Deborah Simpson (LAS '80)** has been appointed commissioner on the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission by Gov. Bruce Rauner. She currently serves as an arbitrator for the board, where she reviews, approves and sends corrections contracts between injured workers and employers.

▪ **Richard Vavra (BUS '80, JD '83)** joined the board of directors of Central Federal Savings and Loan, in Chicago. He is an insurance litigation consultant and an arbitrator for Cook County and the American Arbitrator Association. He worked for Allstate Insurance for 30 years and retired as the company's corporate counsel.

He also serves as president of the Morton College Foundation and is president of the CBS Food Pantry.

▪ **Ruth Brinkley (CSH '81, MS '84)**, president and CEO of KentuckyOne Health, was named one of the 2017 Top 25 Women in Healthcare by Modern Healthcare.



» **Ann Dowd (THE MFA '82)** won a 2017 Emmy Award as Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series for her role as Aunt Lydia in the Hulu production "The Handmaid's Tale," based on the novel by Margaret Atwood. She was also nominated as Guest Actress in a Drama Series for playing Patti Levin in HBO's "The Leftovers."

▪ **Randall Erler (JD '82)** was recently invited to join the American Law Society. For 11 consecutive years, he has earned the Martindale-Hubbell AV Distinguished Award for Legal Ability and Ethical Standards. Jackson Magazine just named him one of Northeast Florida's Top Rated Lawyers.

▪ **Brian Nigohosian (LAS '82)** and Michelle Dahlquist have opened Nigohosian & Dahlquist PC, a firm offering family legal services. Nigohosian is a member of the DuPage County Bar Association, where he received a 2010 Pro Bono Service Award. He has presented continuing legal education for the Family Law Committee and is a fellow of the DuPage County Bar Association Academy of Bar Leaders. Nigohosian is also an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association.

▪ **Dale Stinton (MBA '82)** received the inaugural Visionary Award from the Swanepoel T3 Group for his impact on the real estate industry. He is CEO of the National Association of Realtors and its strategic investment arm, Second Century Ventures.



» **Stephan Blandin (LAS '83, JD '86)** was reappointed to the Illinois Supreme Court Registration and Disciplinary Commission in March 2017. He also was named a 2017 Illinois Super Lawyer for the 13th consecutive year. Blandin is a founding partner and principal at Romanucci & Blandin LLC.

▪ **Thomas Marvinac (MBA '83)** was appointed executive vice president and chief credit officer of Inland Bank and Trust, based in Oak Brook, Ill. Marvinac brings more than 30 years of diverse banking experience to his position, including credit administration, due diligence, allowance for loan and lease loss reserve, special assets, and commercial lending.

▪ **Marvin Miller (LAS '83)** joined the board of directors at AmbiCom Holdings Inc., which provides wireless products to the technology, industrial, and health care sectors.

▪ **David Carlson (JD '84)** is of counsel at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck. He concentrates his practice in commercial litigation, including professional malpractice, corporate directors' and officers' liability, attorneys' malpractice, and insurance agents' liability.

▪ **Valerie Goff (LAS '84)** is community involvement liaison for the Dorchester County Public Schools in Maryland.

▪ **Lorraine Holland (BUS '84)**, managing director at Neuberger Berman, was elected vice chair of DePaul University's Board of Trustees. She joined the board in 2011.

▪ **Carol Wooding (BUS '84)** was appointed vice president and general counsel of the National Futures Association (NFA) and secretary of its board of directors in February 2017. Wooding began her legal career in 1991 as an NFA staff attorney and was promoted to assistant general counsel in 1998 and to associate general counsel in 2010.

▪ **James Yong (JD '84)** was named partner at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP. He counsels self-regulatory organizations, broker-dealers, investment advisers, hedge funds, futures commission merchants and others in the financial services industry. He also litigates securities matters before industry arbitrators and the federal court.

▪ **Isiaah Crawford (CSH MA '85, PhD '87)** was inaugurated as president of the University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash., on March 24. He is a licensed clinical psychologist.

▪ **Daniel Petrisko (BUS '85)** is now serving as executive managing director and senior portfolio manager at Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co. He is responsible for oversight and management of institutional and retail fixed income and passive equity products, in addition to leverage financing for the Duff & Phelps closed-end funds.

▪ **Sarah Vega (LAS '85, JD '88)** was appointed chief of staff of the National Credit Union Administration. She was previously senior policy advisor to J. Mark McWatters, the administration's acting chairman.

▪ **Maureen Burke (MBA '86)** was hired as CFO of Account Control Technology Holdings Inc. Her career spans more than 25 years of comprehensive business and financial services experience, including the last 17 years in CFO and major financial project leadership positions.

▪ **Timothy Condon (MBA '86)** joined Ygrene Energy Fund of Petaluma, Calif., as chief financial officer in May 2017. Previously, Condon was the co-founder and chief financial officer of Pacific Point Services. He also founded LEAP Financial, a startup focused on the auto loan industry.

▪ **Diane Pearse (MBA '86)** was honored as one of the Top 15 Business Women in Illinois at the eighth annual Illinois Women's Conference, an event focusing on professional development, community, networking, entrepreneurship and women's health. She is CEO of Hickory Farms.

▪ **Curt Schubert (BUS '86)** was appointed CFO of Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, Ill. He previously served as CFO for 10 years at The Children's Place Association, a child welfare organization in Chicago.

▪ **Lisa Slattum-Muys (CSH '86)**, a standout volleyball player for the Blue Demons as an undergraduate, was hired as the girls' volleyball coach at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox, Ill.



» **Michael Zonsius (MBA '86)** has joined the Naples (Fla.) Airport Authority as director of finance and administration. He is a licensed CPA and commercial pilot.

▪ **Nancy Krejsa (MBA '87)** was elected to the board of directors of Six Flags Entertainment Corp. Krejsa has spent seven years as senior vice president of investor relations and corporate communications for the corporation, where she led investor relations, public relations and international business development. She was also actively involved in re-establishing the company's strategy, mission, vision and values following its debt restructuring in 2010.

▪ **Deborah McNabb (JD '87)** is a judge of the 17th Circuit Court Family Division in Grand Rapids, Mich. Previously she served as a friend of the court domestic relations referee.

▪ **James Ryan (MBA '87)** was elected as the new chairman of DePaul University's Board of Trustees. Ryan, who is chairman of the industrial supply company W.W. Grainger, succeeds William Bennett, who will continue to serve on the board. Ryan has been a member of DePaul's Board of Trustees since 2007.

▪ **Kenneth Stout (LAS '87)** is president of the Goose Island Beer Co. in Chicago.

▪ **Brian Vandenberg (JD '87)** is the senior vice president and general counsel at the American Medical Association. Vandenberg has previously worked for Livongo Health Inc., Origin Healthcare Solutions, Allscripts Healthcare Solutions and uBid. He began his career in private practice.



» **James Martin (LAS MA '88)** won a Gold Medal "IPPY" for his novel "The Boy Who Wanted Wings." He has published a total of five novels.

▪ **Nancy Wagner (BUS '88)** was appointed superintendent of River Trails Elementary School District 26 in Mount Prospect, Ill. Wagner previously served as superintendent of Beach Park (Ill.) School District 3.

▪ **Anne Pramaggiore (JD '89, DHL '11)** was the

keynote speaker at the Energy Star Partner of the Year Awards in 2017. She is the CEO of ComEd, which was named a 2017 Energy Star Partner of the Year—Sustained Excellence Award winner.

▪ **Robyn Radomski (MBA '89)** is chief business development and marketing officer for Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP in Cincinnati.

**1990s**

▪ **Brian Caputo (BUS '90)** was named the new vice president of administration and treasurer at the College of DuPage, in DuPage County, Ill. Caputo previously served for nearly 20 years as CFO/city treasurer of the city of Aurora, Ill.

▪ **Sam Choy (MBA '90)** was hired as chief marketing officer for Moody Global Ministries in Chicago in March 2017. Previously he was director of global marketing for the building technology division of Siemens. He has served as an advisor and coach to nonprofit organizations and startups. He also served as head women's volleyball coach at Moody Bible Institute from 2012 to 2015.

▪ **Elton Crim Jr. (CSH '90, MS '98)** was chosen to fill a vacancy on the board of trustees of Madison (Wis.) College and will serve through June 2020. Crim is a clinical professor of educational leadership & policy analysis at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

▪ **Marlene Grandinetti (SNL '90)** was installed as pastor of Falls Community Church in Sheboygan Falls, Wis., on April 9. She has also served as a pastoral intern at Oakbrook Community Church in Sheboygan Falls.

▪ **Scott Kessler (CDM MS '90)** was named executive vice president and CIO of BJ's Wholesale Club. He was previously executive vice president and CIO of Belk, a department store chain

with nearly 300 stores. Prior to that, Kessler was senior vice president, products technology, at GSI Commerce, a global provider of e-commerce and interactive marketing services.

▪ **Timothy Knight (JD '90)** was hired as president of TroncX, the digital content and commerce division of Tronc Inc., a media company.

▪ **Marcia Meis (JD '90)**, deputy director of the administrative office of the Illinois Courts, was appointed director following the retirement of **Michael Tardy (LAS '73)** on Aug. 1.

▪ **Cary Musser (MBA '90)** was appointed head of strategic asset management at Rosenthal Collins Group LLC. He joined the firm with more than 30 years of investment and security lending experience, and was most recently employed at Wells Fargo Asset Management.

▪ **Donald H. Rumsfeld (LLD '90)** was one of 17 former White House chiefs of staff interviewed by documentary filmmaker Chris Whipple for "The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency."

▪ **William Williams (JD '90)** was hired as CFO of American Tire Distributors Inc., of Charlotte, N.C.

▪ **Michelle Christie (BUS '91)** was named a CNN Hero for 2017 for her work changing the lives of low-income deaf children and their families. In 1996, Christie founded No Limits, which combines theatre and after-school educational centers to help underserved children with hearing loss learn to speak and gain life skills. Her show "Silent NO MORE" has been performed at Carnegie Hall and the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and also has been published as a book.

▪ **Daniel Eagan III (MBA '91)** joined San Francisco-

based Hirtle Callaghan as director of its portfolio management group. He will focus on growing the firm's client base in northern California.

▪ **Amy Pietz (THE '91)** stars in the independent film "Halfway" as a widowed mother struggling to manage her Wisconsin dairy farm with the help of an African-American ex-convict (Quinton Aaron of "The Blind Side") trying to rebuild his life. "Halfway" opened the 2017 Midwest Independent Film Festival in Chicago on Feb. 7.

▪ **James Popp (MBA '91)** is the new president of Johnson Bank and executive vice president of its parent company, Johnson Financial Group. Popp most recently was market president in Wisconsin and Minnesota for JPMorgan Chase.

▪ **Anthony Abear (JD '92)** was recognized as a 2017 Elite Lawyer. He founded Abear Law Offices in DuPage County, Ill.

▪ **Marc Ginsberg (LLM '92)** was awarded tenure by the John Marshall Law School Board of Trustees. Ginsberg has taught evidence, civil procedure and medical negligence at John Marshall since 2009 and helms the law school's trial advocacy program. Ginsberg has coached John Marshall's moot court teams and helped establish and direct the school's health certificate program.

▪ **Anita Glencoe (MBA '92)** is senior vice president/senior portfolio manager of Bank of America's Chicago offices. She mentors young women through the Chicago Area Mentoring Program under the LEAD for Women Group at Bank of America.

▪ **Perry Romanowski (CSH '92)** is the vice president of Brains Publishing, which creates websites, traditional books, e-books, audio and video focusing on science and its application to the real world. Author

**ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES**

» **Bethany Butson (EDU MA '09)** is engaged to Gunnar Mark Crowell. Their wedding ceremony will take place in Platteville, Wis., at Whig Church, with a reception to follow at the Potosi Brewery in Potosi, Wis. They will honeymoon in Hawaii and reside in Salt Lake City.

» **Sarah Gorecki (CMN '14)** and Aaron Konieczny were married Sept. 2, 2016, at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

» **Jessica Williams (LAS '14)** and Hamood Rehman were married March 25, 2017, in Chicago. Jessica

is working on a Master of Arts in journalism degree from DePaul's College of Communication, and Hamood is earning a Master of Science in e-commerce technology degree from DePaul's College of Computing and Digital Media.



of several publications on cosmetic chemistry, he is vice president of the board of directors for the Society of Cosmetic Chemists and teaches several introductory classes for that organization.

▪ **Nancy Shalowitz (JD '92)** was named general counsel and assistant dean for human resources of Chicago's John Marshall Law School in May 2017. She also serves as secretary to the law school's board of trustees. Previously, she served as director of the Health Law Institute and graduate programs at DePaul's College of Law.

▪ **Todd Sheldon (JD '92)** joined PulteGroup Inc. as executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary in March 2017. The Atlanta-based company is one of the nation's largest homebuilding companies. Previously he was executive vice president and general counsel at Americold.

▪ **Dan Taube (THE '92)** is in charge of the theatre program at the Hammond (Ind.) Academy for the Performing Arts. He recently was honored for his contributions to the community by the Sylvan Learning Center in Valparaiso, Ind.

▪ **Scott Baeseman (MUS MM '93)** received a Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching in March 2017. He is a music educator and choral conductor for the Lake Forest Country Day School in Lake Forest, Ill.

▪ **Anthony Calandriello (BUS '93, LLM '01)** is a shareholder with Gensburg Calandriello & Kanter PC, of Chicago. He has more than 20 years of experience in tax and business law.

▪ **Donna Catalano (LAS '93)** joined MediSked LLC's corporate advisor council. She adds 30 years of experience in nonprofit management to the strategic body that provides industry insight and guidance to the technology solutions

company. Catalano recently founded Eastlake Solutions, a company that provides consulting and training to nonprofit organizations in the areas of project management, organizational development and change management.

▪ **Roger Dickerson Jr. (BUS '93)** was hired as president of VeriComply, which automates the verification of marketplace loans and is based in Newport Beach, Calif. Previously, he was vice president of finance operations and oversaw investor operations at LendingClub.

▪ **Eric Elvekrog (BUS '93)** is now serving as senior portfolio manager at Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co. Elvekrog concentrates his research on the global telecommunications industry.

▪ **Stanley Gorom (JD '93)** was appointed the partner-in-charge of the Cleveland office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP. Gorom has been a member of Hahn Loeser's board of directors for more than 10 years and serves as administrative chair of the firm's business practice area.

▪ **Jessica Hanna (THE '93)** directed the Los Angeles premiere of "I Carry Your Heart," which ran at Bootleg Theater in May and June 2017.

▪ **Kayvan Malek (LAS '93)** was appointed senior portfolio manager of the multi-asset solutions team for Wells Fargo Asset Management. He is based in San Francisco.

▪ **Dennis Olis (MBA '93)** was named interim CFO for Allscripts Healthcare Solutions Inc. in May 2017. After joining the company in 2012, he served as senior vice president for strategic initiatives until November 2016, when he was named senior vice president for operations. Prior to joining Allscripts, Olis worked for more than 25 years in various finance roles at Motorola.

## Spotlight



Mary Miner (right) and her business partner, Kate Woska-Sirtori, cut the red tape for microloan applicants in Africa.

When **Mary Miner (LAS '09, MS '13)** arrived in Ghana to work with a microfinance program for her senior capstone project, she found a paper storm. Loan officers worked in cramped rooms surrounded by towers of paper. Applications were always getting lost. Clients rarely received the financial literacy training they were promised. The inefficiencies meant many would-be borrowers wouldn't get loans.

"There are a lot of struggles the banks face, and that means it's harder for the clients as well," she says.

She returned to the United States mulling over ideas for a technological solution. Her aunt fanned the flames by giving Miner "The Blue Sweater," a memoir about combating global poverty. The book inspired Miner to get her master's degree and change her focus to microfinance. Then, the aunt introduced Miner to a co-worker, Kate Woska-Sirtori.

"Kate always said it was love at first Skype," says Miner. Despite living on opposite ends of the continent—Miner in Anchorage, Alaska, and Woska-Sirtori in New York—the pair founded Atikus, which creates tools to transform the relationship that microfinance organizations have with their clients. Borrowers get loans faster because banks can digitize, track and analyze loan applications. Through their loan officer, they also have easy access to financial literacy and business development training to help them succeed.

"For example, we're working with a bakery in Rwanda that helps women learn to bake, start their own bakeries and expand into their own neighborhoods and districts," Miner says. "This is something that can be used in a lot of developing markets and even as a data collection tool for domestic microfinance," she says. "To see Atikus grow into markets throughout east Africa and then globally would be long-term success for us."

Find out more at [www.atikus.us](http://www.atikus.us).

▪ **Lt. Mary Saikin (BUS '93)**, a 20-year veteran of the Glencoe (Ill.) Public Safety Department, was promoted to deputy chief of fire/emergency medical services operations. Saikin was officially sworn in at the April 20 village board meeting.

▪ **Gerald Beeson (BUS '94)**, chief operating officer at Citadel LLC, was named a 2017 Henry Crown Fellow. The Crown Fellowship mobilizes leaders under the age of 45 to tackle the world's most intractable problems.

▪ **Nicole Bissonnette (LAS '94)** and her husband, Gary Sanders, are the founders and chefs of Bartlett's Gourmet Grill and Tavern in Beverly Shores, Ind. Previously, she owned Bistro 157 in Valparaiso, Ind., for 14 years. The couple has two children.

▪ **Joseph Davoli Jr. (EDU '94)** is a member of Ceili Rain, a Celtic-pop band that the fiddle player joined in 2006. He and bandmate Bab Halligan recently performed at the Steeple Coffee House in Syracuse, N.Y.

▪ **Danica Hubbard (LAS MA '94)** was the recipient of a National Institute for Staff and Organizational

Development Excellence Award. She is a professor of English at the College of DuPage in DuPage County, Ill.

▪ **Edmund McAlister (JD '94)** is of counsel at Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck. He focuses his practice on insurance coverage disputes under general liability, directors' and officers' liability, and all-risk insurance policies, as well as general commercial litigation.

▪ **Greg McCarthy (MBA '94)** was selected by Denver Health and Hospital Authority to serve as CEO of Denver Health Medical Plan.

▪ **Marek Ciszewski (BUS '95)** was named managing director of Liolios Group Inc., a strategic financial communications and capital markets advisory firm based in Newport Beach, Calif. He will lead the firm's expanding life sciences practice.

▪ **John Crosson (MBA '95)**, founder and president of MainStreet Advisors and Cambium Asset Management, joined Cedar Hill as president. Crosson will continue as a managing director for MainStreet and Cambium.

▪ **Timothy DeLisle (MBA '95)** joined Black Box Corporation, a leading digital solutions provider, as vice president of sales for its North American commercial services business unit. DeLisle brings more than 25 years of experience in the technology industry and a deep knowledge of leading sales organizations within the sector.

▪ **Kerilyn Johnson (JD '95)** was promoted to vice president, general counsel and secretary at Ace Hardware Corporation. She joined the company in 2013 as senior corporate counsel and was promoted to assistant general counsel in 2015.

▪ **Michael P. King (MBA '95)** joined the Chicago office of Hancock Capital Management as part of its leveraged senior credit leadership team.

▪ **Miguela Advento (SNL MA '96)** was appointed corresponding secretary of Chicago's Philippine Independence Week Committee.

▪ **Alexander Bokich (MBA '96)** was named vice president and area manager of Inland Home Mortgage. In his position, Bokich will be responsible for growing mortgage loan origination in the Chicagoland area. Prior to joining Inland, Bokich served as a managing director at The Private Bank.

▪ **Becky Graham (SNL '96)** published "Faithful: An Unexpected Journey to Motherhood," which chronicles her experience with infertility treatments in the context of her faith.

▪ **Jeffrey Mitchell (JD '96)** joined Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in the firm's Washington, D.C., office. He will practice out of the corporate department with a specific focus on real estate matters.

▪ **Patrick Owens (JD '96)**, a partner at Di Monte & Lizak LLC, was appointed to the board of directors of ATG Trust Company,

a subsidiary of Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund Inc. Owens serves on three ATG Trust committees: trust, trust audit, and trust and investment.

▪ **Edward May Jr. (MBA '97)** joined Evoqua Water Technologies LLC, of Warrendale, Penn., as chief supply chain officer in February 2017. He has more than 20 years of successful operations and supply chain leadership experience.

▪ **Sherman Neal (MBA '97)** is the founder and owner of Aspire Ventures LLC, which provides construction and renovation services in metropolitan Chicago. Prior to running his own business, he had a prosperous career in corporate and investment banking.

▪ **John Samaan (BUS '97, MBA '04)** was appointed senior vice president, head of human resources, at Millennium Trust Company, a major provider of specialized custody solutions for advisers, financial institutions, businesses and individual investors.

▪ **Barry Schneider (MBA '97)**, CEO of Galesburg (Ill.) Cottage Hospital, retired, effective May 3. Schneider has previously served as CEO at hospitals in Chicago, St. Louis and Arizona.

▪ **Heather Simonsen (MBA '97)** joined the board of directors at Sanarus Technologies Inc., a company dedicated to improving the treatment experience for women with early-stage breast cancer. Simonsen currently serves as vice president of global marketing and therapy development at PQ Bypass Inc.

▪ **Gina Beall (MBA '98)** was promoted to manager of investment research at Savant Capital LLC in April 2017. She also chairs the Savant Investment Committee. A certified investment management analyst, she joined Savant in April 2010.

▪ **William Betts (CSH MA '98, PhD '05)** was named director of Counseling and Health Services for Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He will oversee the Health Center, the Counseling Center, the Testing Center, the Office of Victim Services and the Office of Health Alcohol and Drug Education. Previously he was an assistant professor and the associate director for behavioral health policy at the Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

▪ **Linda Boasmond (CSH '98)** is president and CEO of Cedar Concepts, an environmentally conscious chemical manufacturer in Chicago. She is the first and only African American to own a chemical plant in the nation.

▪ **Daniel Braun (CSH MS '98)** was named a vice president in the wealth advisory division of Wisconsin Bank & Trust, based in Madison.

▪ **Aaron Krupp (LLM '98)** was named director of therapeutic area policy/corporate affairs at Astellas in Northbrook, Ill. He will lead policy management and analysis and set policy strategy and priorities for entitlement reform, quality, health care policies and regulations, and health technology assessment.

▪ **Jan Marino (CMN '98)** joined AllTranstek LLC as manager of business development. She will leverage more than 20 years of commercial railcar industry experience to identify new client growth opportunities and current client needs, as well as drive marketing and communications efforts.

▪ **Michael Petras (BUS '98)** recently opened the Antique Textile Museum in Gulfport, Fla., which showcases his vast collection of textiles, including antique rugs, artifacts, photos and vintage clothing from his travels.

## BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

**Lynn Prindes (CSH '92, MS '03)** welcomed her daughter, Emily Ivy Anne, on April 25, 2016.



**Kathleen Clair (BUS MS '08)** and her husband, Ron, welcomed their son, Luke Asher, on May 9, 2017. Luke joins big brothers Tyler, Andrew and Dylan.



**Patricio Aguilar (CDM MS '09)** and his wife, Jeannette, welcomed their son, Isaac Lucas, on July 29, 2016.



▪ **Larry Cannon (JD '99)** joined the American Heart Association (AHA) as chief administrative officer at the organization's national headquarters in Dallas.

In addition to overseeing all financial management, Cannon is also responsible for the AHA's technology, human resources, facilities and other strategic business investments and operations.

▪ **Lourdes Duarte (CMN '99)** is now anchoring the new 4 p.m. newscast at WGN-TV in Chicago. Previously she anchored the 4-6 a.m. slot.



» **Andrew Stoltmann (JD '99)** has assumed the presidency of the Public Investor Arbitration Bar Association, an international bar association of attorneys who sue banks and brokerage firms that are alleged to have defrauded investors. His autobiography, "Waging War on Wall Street," was published in October 2017.

▪ **Rebecca Tomala (CMN '99, MA '07)** was selected as a judge for Pet Age's 2017 Women of Influence Awards, given to female leaders in the pet care manufacturing or service industry. Tomala is vice president and account supervisor at Matrix Partners, a Chicago-based brand strategy and communications firm specializing in pet product advertising, public relations, design and strategy. In 2015, Tomala received Pet Age's 40 Under 40 award.

▪ **Marla Weeg (MEd '99)** received the 2017 Silver

Circle Award, an honor recognizing excellence in teaching at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

▪ **Kathryn Weitz (MEd '99)** joined the board of directors at College of Saint Mary. She is the executive director of the Weitz Family Foundation. Weitz served as the director of education initiatives and, later, the director of research and evaluation for the Sherwood Foundation, as well as a research associate at the Foley Center for the Study of Lives in Evanston, Ill.

### 2000s

▪ **Lisa Beggs (JD '00)** received the 2017 13th Judicial Circuit Outstanding Pro Bono Service by a Lawyer award for exceptional service to the Tampa Bay community. Lisa volunteers for Crossroads for Florida Kids, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing trained attorneys to represent children in the dependency system. Lisa is an attorney with the Tampa office of Zuckerman Spaeder LLP.

▪ **William Daley (DHL '00)** was one of 17 former White House chiefs of staff interviewed by documentary filmmaker Chris Whipple for "The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency."

▪ **Justin Faull (LAS '00)** became director of marketing for Local Marketing Solutions Group Inc., based in Rolling Meadows, Ill. He will be responsible for managing and creating awareness of LMSG's portfolio of marketing solutions across all divisions and brands.

▪ **Brandon Fox (JD '00)** joined Jenner & Block as a partner in its Los Angeles office, where he is part of the investigations, compliance and defense practice. Previously, he was chief of the public corruption and civil rights section of

the central district of the U.S. Attorney's Office for California. In 2016, he was recognized with the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Department of Justice.

▪ **Tery Gonsalves (JD '00)** joined Steptoe & Johnson LLP as a litigation partner. He previously was a partner at Katten Muchin LLP in the litigation department. Before attending law school, Gonsalves worked for the Prospect Heights Police Department in Illinois for seven years, first as an officer and then as a detective.

▪ **Melissa Haefner (LAS '00, MA '04)** recently returned from the first all-female expedition to Antarctica. She is a postdoctoral researcher for Innovative Urban Transitions and Aridregion Hydro-sustainability (iUTAH), a National Science Foundation-funded program dedicated to maintaining and improving water sustainability in Utah, at Utah State University. She also teaches several sociology courses.

▪ **Nick McKeehan (BUS '00)** was promoted to managing director of internal audit and financial advisory at Protiviti, a global consulting firm. He is a certified public accountant, a certified internal auditor and a certified information systems auditor.

▪ **David Otte (MBA '00)** was appointed chief operating officer at Bond, Schoeneck & King LLC. He was formerly the chief administrative officer and chief information officer at Bingham Greenebaum Doll LLP.

▪ **Kevin Ryan (MEd '00)** was hired as the assistant superintendent of teaching and learning for North Shore (Ill.) School District 112. For the past five years, Ryan has served as director of 21st-century learning, curriculum and instruction in Kildeer Countryside School District 96. Ryan joined that district in 2007

as an assistant principal, and was named the district's technology coordinator the following year.

▪ **Dimitri Eliopoulos (BUS '01)** was promoted to managing director of the Central Midwest region at RMP Capital. Eliopoulos started his career in 2002 as an intern under RMB's founding partner and CEO. He was promoted to partner in 2013.

▪ **Daniel Farris (BUS '01, CDM MS '02)** joined Fox Rothschild LLP as co-chair of its data and technology practice group. Farris was previously co-chair of both the privacy and data security and the data center and infrastructure teams at Polsinelli PC.

▪ **Stacey Kalamaras (MBA '01)** joined the Chicago office of McDonald Hopkins LLC. She will serve as counsel in the firm's intellectual property department.

▪ **Robson Kuster (MBA '01)** is president and chief operating officer at Invesco Mortgage Capital Inc. He has been with the company since 2002.

▪ **Michael Mastin (MBA '01)** was awarded the Outstanding Project Manager Award by the Chicago chapter of the Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates in May 2017. A 22-year construction industry veteran, he works for Leopardo and was honored for the firm's work on the Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. headquarters project.



» **Diana Bowman (LAS '02)** was promoted to partner at Schiff Hardin LLP in the firm's Chicago office. Bowman

focuses her practice on construction law. She represents owners and design professionals in both litigation and transactional matters, including contract drafting and negotiation, contract administration, alternative dispute resolution, and litigation.

▪ **Hershel Henry (EDU '02)** now serves as a police officer for the City of Killeen, Texas.

▪ **Jill Jene (MBA '02)** was named senior vice president for business development for twoXAR Inc., an artificial intelligence-driven biopharmaceutical company based in Palo Alto, Calif.

▪ **Matthew Mikulcik (CSH MS '02)** was promoted to vice president of product marketing for CNO Financial Group Inc. in May 2017. Mikulcik joined CNO in 2012 as director of direct marketing and analytics, and most recently held the position of senior director of marketing and enterprise data analytics. Prior to joining CNO, he spent more than six years at BMO Financial Group in various leadership positions, most recently as vice president for marketing strategy and campaign management.

▪ **Christopher Miller (JD '02)**, who is managing partner of the Chicago office of the law firm Kelly Kronenberg, was named to the 2017 Illinois Super Lawyers list.

▪ **Jaime J. Olson (JD '02)** has been the labor relations officer for Region 5 of the U.S. General Services Administration for the past two years. She previously worked as a labor law specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration and then served as a human resources manager for the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center in Aurora, Ill.

▪ **Christine Parks (JD '02)** was named senior vice president and chief operating officer of Attorneys' Title Guaranty (ATG) Fund Inc. She has obtained the designations of Illinois title professional from the Illinois Land Title Association and national title professional from the American Land Title Association. Sparks is a frequent speaker for ATG legal education and other groups within the real estate and title insurance industries.

▪ **Iris Chavira (CSH '03, JD '07)** received the Hispanic National Bar Association Top Lawyers Under 40 Award in 2017. She is an assistant corporation counsel with the City of Chicago Department of Law, where she defends city employees and the City of Chicago in civil rights lawsuits in state and federal court. She also is treasurer for the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois (HLAI), serves on the board of directors for HLAI Charities and was just appointed to DePaul's Alumni Engagement Board.

▪ **Christina Podraza (MEd '03)** is the assistant principal at the Hawthorne and Lincoln elementary schools in the Elmhurst (Ill.) School District 205.

▪ **Lesly Marban (MBA '03)** was promoted from senior vice president to chief marketing officer of Medline, a medical supply company. Marban joined the company in 2011 and developed customer engagement strategies that helped Medline grow by more than 11 percent.

▪ **John Mueller (JD '03)** recently joined Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP, a law firm based in Buffalo, N.Y., as a partner. His third son Broderick ("Brock") was born on May 30.

▪ **Aqueelah Muhammad (CSH '03)** is a senior academic advisor at LaGuardia Community College, City University

of New York, located in Long Island City. She has worked in postsecondary education for more than a decade.

▪ **Candice-Marie Savino (CDM '03)** joined Trunk Club as its new vice president of engineering. She has more than 14 years of experience across a variety of industries and companies, including Groupon, WMS Gaming and IBM.

▪ **Glenn Davis (THE '04)** joined Chicago's Step-pewolf Theatre in May as a permanent ensemble member. He previously appeared there in "The Christians" and "The Brother/Sister Plays."

▪ **Mustafa Duzdag (LAS MA '04)** is now working at John Carroll University in Cleveland as a visiting scholar/professor in the English department.

▪ **Suzae K. Johnson (BUS MS '04)** is the director of accounting at WBEZ Chicago. In her role, she leads the accounting and financial reporting of Chicago Public Media. She was previously with the National Restaurant Association as its director of financial reporting and assistant controller.

▪ **Katherine Layton (CMN '04, MA '06)** was promoted to senior community liaison of the Oakland County (Mich.) board of commissioners. She will be responsible for managing the media relations, communications and community outreach efforts of the board of commissioners and its members. Layton joined the board of commissioners in March 2015 as community liaison.

▪ **Sally Szumlas (CSH MS '04)** was named chief operating officer of the American Osteopathic Association. Szumlas is a board-certified clinical nurse executive with more than 20+ of experience in management and organizational devel-

opment, with expertise in restructuring and performance improvement.

▪ **Jake Wall (LAS MA '04)** was selected as one of the San Francisco Business Times' 40 Under 40. Wall is the co-founder and creative lead for his JAKE fashion brand. He also serves as an instructor in the fashion department of the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in San Francisco and advocates for bringing clothing manufacturing back to the city.

▪ **Lisa Bucciarelli-Carlos (EdD '05)** was appointed principal of Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, Oak Park, Ill., effective July 1, 2017.

▪ **Will Davis (THE '05)** is now the artistic director of Chicago's American Theater Company (ATC). The first ATC show under his direction, "Men on Boats," ran Jan. 6-Feb. 12. He also directed William Inge's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Picnic," which ran March 17-April 23.

▪ **Zachary Hillard (MBA '05)** was promoted to chief investment officer for Busey Wealth Management. Hillard has worked for Busey for nearly a decade, serving as managing director of fixed income and most recently as interim CIO. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst charterholder and a member of the CFA Society of Chicago. Hillard was also among the 40 Under 40 in Champaign County named by The News-Gazette's Central Illinois Business magazine.

▪ **Patrick Jessee (CSH '05)** was hired as the hazardous materials training manager for the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy in Glenview, Ill.

▪ **Katarzyna Leveckie (LAS '05, JD '08)** joined the Chicago office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP. She concentrates her practice on commercial lending,

leasing and tax credit transactions, primarily in the renewable energy sector.

▪ **Juan Rodriguez (SNL '05)** was recently hired as a residential loan officer in the Glendale, Wis., office of Bank Mutual. He has more than 28 years of experience in the banking and mortgage industry.

▪ **Claudio Sgobba (BUS '05, MBA '08)** joined Holliday Fenoglio Fowler LP as a director focused on debt and equity placements for transactions in the United Kingdom and Western Europe. During his career, Sgobba has held senior positions at Jones Lang LaSalle Inc., Standard Chartered Bank and the property arm of Sovereign Wealth Funds of Dubai, Nakheel.

▪ **Ryan Taylor (JD '05)** was promoted to partner at Tressler LLP.

▪ **Jennifer Bunker (LAS '06)** joined Reilly Law Office. She has worked in the Illinois Valley legal community for the past seven years handling many litigation-related matters including contests, property tax appeals, breach of contract and personal injury claims. She also clerked for Justice Robert Carter of the Third District Appellate Court.

▪ **Nate Collins (MST '06)** joined Armanino LLP as a consulting partner to lead the firm's CFO advisory services practice. He joins Armanino after 12 years at BDO, most recently serving as the lead partner for BDO's transaction advisory services practice for the Western United States.

▪ **Ryann Fretschel (CMN '06)** recently released two singles, "Don't Make Me Choose" and "Welcome to Reality." Her first record, "The Detours EP," was released two years ago by nonprofit recording studio Idle Tuesdays. She and her husband, Mat, live in Los Angeles.

▪ **Michael Greco (BUS '06)** was named vice president and principal of Slayton Search Partners, an international executive search company. Previously, he worked for executive search firms Crist|Kolder Associates and Korn Ferry International. He began his career at Aon Corporation, where he played a key role in implementing an internal executive recruitment function.

▪ **Christopher Hackett (JD '06)** was promoted to senior director at the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America. Hackett serves as a public policy expert on property insurance issues. He recently appeared on ABC Miami to discuss travel insurance and was quoted in a New York Times story on insurance coverage for drones.



» **Porschia Nkansa (BUS '06)** earned a PhD in accounting from the University of Memphis in 2016. Her dissertation was awarded the Michael J. Barrett Doctoral Dissertation Grant from the Institute of Internal Auditors. She is an assistant professor of accounting at California State University in Los Angeles.

▪ **Courtney O'Neill (THE '06)** received the 2017 Michael Maggio Emerging Designer Award for her ingenious scenic designs for the city's tiniest storefront stages as well as its most prestigious regional houses. She teaches at DePaul and at Northwestern University.

- **Maria Rubino (BUS '06)** opened Luxe Bridal Rack in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood. Rubino's shop features high-end wedding gowns at discount prices.
- **Jonathan Shore (BUS '06)** joined Wells Fargo Advisors of Ocala, Fla., as a financial advisor. Previously he was a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments.
- **Robert Ciura (BUS '07)**, an equity analyst, joined Wyatt Investment Research in April 2015. He writes articles about dividend stocks in various sectors for investment research companies, including The Motley Fool and Seeking Alpha.
- **Kelly Cruse (SNL '07)** is managing director and analyst at McDonnell Investment Management LLC.
- **John R. Terpstra III (JD '07)** was named chair of the new business law section of the Lake County Bar Association. He is a partner in the Schererville, Ind., office of Hinshaw & Culbertson.
- **Susan Trieschmann (SNL '07)** was honored as a distinguished alumna by Oakton Community College in May 2017. She founded Curt's Cafe in Evanston, Ill., where she provides workforce and life-skills training for at-risk youth. Previously, she was head of catering at Chicago's Pump Room and founder of Food for Thought, the third-largest caterer in Chicagoland.
- **Barbi Trout Chisholm (MEd '07)** was named assistant principal of Humphrey Middle School in Bolingbrook, Ill. She previously served as an educator and administrator at a junior high school in Riverside, Ill.
- **Ellen Yopchick (EDU '07)** was named head varsity girls volleyball coach for St. Laurence High School in Burbank, Ill. Three-time captain of the DePaul women's volleyball

team, she previously was assistant volleyball coach and recruiting coordinator for the University of Illinois at Chicago. While there, Yopchick received a 30 Under 30 Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

- **Renita Young (CMN '07)**, a fellow of the Reuters-National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) program, joined the Chicago bureau of Reuters. Previously she was a web producer for WBBM's combined TV and radio website, CBSChicago.com. She is secretary of her local NABJ chapter.

- **Jamie Carlstone (LAS '08)** received the 2017 First Step Award, a Wiley Professional Development Grant presented by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services at the American Library Association's annual conference in June. Carlstone is an e-serials bibliographic control specialist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- **James Dudek (MBA '08)** was named vice president of asset revitalization and manufacturing excellence at the United States Steel Corporation. Dudek has been with the company for 20 years and most recently served as managing director of strategic planning and support with responsibility for The Carnegie Way transformation and engineering, as well as support for the company's corporate strategy activities.

- **Mae Jemison (DHL '08)** is one of the judges for the Bayer-Big Ten Alka-Rocket Challenge, an out-of-this-world competition to design and launch an Alka-Rocket that will attempt to set the first-ever Guinness World Records title for highest launch of an Alka-Rocket. The challenge is open to teams of students from each of the 14 universities in the Big Ten Conference.

## Spotlight



After years as a fan of classic Hollywood movies, **Margaret Redlich (CMN MA '15)** found the cinematic love of her life—Shah Rukh Khan, star of the first Hindi film that made a powerful impression on her, “Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge” (1995). It wasn't love at first sight, however. In her new book, “Don't Call It Bollywood: An Introduction to the Hindi Film Universe” (Annorlunda Books, 2016),

Redlich writes that she was very disappointed in Khan's first appearance. “He is coming out of a rugby scrum, in the rain, and he looks terrible!” All that changed later in the film: “There is this moment where his face changes, he shakes his head and he walks away. ... I was sitting in my seat, in tears, feeling everything at once.”

From then on, Redlich was a Hindi film junkie. “Indian films made me go back to college,” she laughs. “I thought that if I went to grad school, I could learn how to watch and learn about movies.” The title of her book also came from her experiences as a DePaul media and cinema studies student. “One other person was studying Indian film, and most other people didn't know much about it,” she says. “Most of the Indian film industry goes back more than 100 years, and the Bombay films in Hindi are the national film industry. The term ‘Bollywood’ relates Hindi films to Hollywood movies, but as somehow lesser.”

Redlich enjoys being part of the enormous community of people who love Hindi films. “I've introduced dozens of people to Indian movies, and I'm trying to re-create that experience in book form,” she says. “My hope is that reading this book will help people become more open-minded and watch them.”

- **Trish McGill (JD '08)** was promoted to counsel and director, government affairs for United Airlines. She also is the chair of the Illinois Access to Civil Justice Council.
- **Tom Willerer (LAS MA '08)** is chief product officer at Coursera, the world's largest online learning platform. He previously served as the vice president of innovation at Netflix, where he was responsible for setting the vision and managing the teams responsible for product marketing, messaging, and social and individual profiles.



» **Monique Joseph (CMN '09, LAS MS '16)** wrote “I Did It, I Did It,” the first in a series of children's picture books that incorporates cultural diversity to enrich growth and development. She is now an adjunct

professor of public relations and networking for Grand Canyon University's Colangelo College of Business.

- **Christopher Mannelli (THE '09)** is executive director of Geva Theatre Center in Boston.
- **Rita Mannelli (CMN '09)** is executive director at Nazareth College Arts Center in Boston.

## 2010s

- **Lauren Chibe (JD '10)** is an associate at Conniff Law Offices in Chicago. She represents clients on divorce,

paternity and other family law matters, including custody and visitation disputes, child support, maintenance, property division and extensive asset valuation, orders of protection, legal separation, grandparent visitation, and postdivorce issues.

▪ **Christopher Cook (JD '10)** joined the Hawley Troxell law firm in Boise, Idaho.

▪ **Max Elliott (JD '10)** was named a 2017 Rising Star by Super Lawyers and admitted to the National Black Lawyers Top 100 organization. In addition, she was appointed as an American Bar Foundation Fellow and to the Chicago Bar Association's Trust Law Executive Committee. DePaul Law Career Services also recognized her for her pro bono work with law students. Her law office provides estate and business planning services to the LGBTQ community, African-American professionals and female small business owners.

▪ **Eric Iberri (LAS MA '10)** was promoted to senior technical writer at SpaceX (Space Exploration Technologies Corp.). He has been at the company for about three years and works with the manufacturing engineering group for launch vehicle assembly. SpaceX designs, manufactures and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft.

▪ **Anthony Molino (MED '10)** is regional director of sales for the City of Baltimore. He is responsible for booking convention sales business and handling solicitation of citywide and in-house convention groups for Visit Baltimore.

▪ **Marissa Pellegrini (CMN '10)** joined KIP, a multifamily brokerage firm based in Chicago, as sales director.

▪ **Moriah Stephenson (LAS '10)**, who performs under the stage name Sun Riah, gave a harp performance at Resonator Arts Space in Norman, Okla., on Feb. 21, 2017.



» **Jeannie Andresen (CMN '11)** is the director of internship development for Northwestern Mutual-Chicago. In her role, Andresen expands the company's presence on Chicago-area campuses, recruits and develops program participants, and manages a team of campus recruiters and adviser leaders.



» **Ashley Brazil (LAS '11)** is one of the recipients of the Windy City Times 30 Under 30 Awards, which honor LGBT individuals and allies for substantial contributions to the Chicago-LGBT community. Brazil is the senior career specialist of Chicago House, where she works with HIV-affected, transgender and gender nonconforming people, and those with disabilities to enhance their economic self-sufficiency and improve their health outcomes.

▪ **Casey Schroeder (CDM MS '11)** recently discussed how his diagnosis of schizoaffective disorder informs his scientific thought process with the

Milwaukee Area Science Advocates. Schroeder also published the memoir "atheoryof.me," an all-digital release available on Amazon Kindle.

▪ **Rahel Williams (LAS MS '11)** and her sister founded ILAVA, which means "it can be done" in Hindi, in 2016. The online clothing company employs women in Tanzania and Kenya, providing them with income for education, uniforms and transportation. She was inspired to create the company during her graduate study-abroad program in Kenya.

▪ **Keisha Hampton (CMN '12)**, who played forward for the Blue Demons' women's basketball team, was acquired by the Chicago Sky from the Minnesota Lynx.

▪ **Becca Heitz (CMN '12)** was in the ensemble and understudied for two roles in The Cuckoo's Theater Project's "Language of Angels" at Redtwist Theatre in Chicago. The show ran Feb. 15-March 26.

▪ **Katelyn Kormann (CMN MA '12)** is now a morning reporter for Fox 2 News in St. Louis, Mo. She joined the station in September 2014 as a producer and backpack reporter. In January 2016, Kormann was promoted to supervising producer and launched the 11 p.m. newscast.

▪ **Anna Lozoya (JD '12)** received the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Top Lawyers Under 40 Award for 2017. She is in-house counsel for a real estate investment firm in Chicago and also recently became of counsel to Michael V. Favia & Associates. Lozoya is the recording secretary of the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, Region IX deputy president of HNBA, and a council member of the Health Law Committee of the Illinois State Bar Association.

▪ **Robert Paul (JD '12)** was promoted to executive director, finance and

operations of Compass Lexecon, a global economic consulting firm providing expert analysis to law firms, corporations and government clients.

▪ **Jacquelyn Santo (BUS '12)** is a travel adviser and franchise owner of Cruise Planners/American Express in Chicago. Santo works with clients all over the country with travel needs, such as air, hotel, transportation and travel protection.

▪ **Dana Smith (EdD '12)** was appointed superintendent of Flossmoor (Ill.) School District 161, effective July 1, 2017. Previously she was assistant superintendent for early childhood and elementary education for Woodstock (Ill.) Community Unit School District 200.

▪ **Thomas Vitogiannis (BUS '12, JD '16)** has joined the Chicago-based law firm Sarnoff & Baccash, where he will focus his practice on obtaining favorable ad valorem real estate taxes for properties located in and outside of Illinois.

▪ **Miguel Ayala (LAS '13)** is now director of communications for Excelencia in Education in Washington, D.C. Excelencia is a nonprofit think tank focused on Latino student success in higher education.

▪ **Brad Eidmann (BUS '13)** has been selected into the inaugural class of Wells Fargo Wealth Management's Private Banker program. Brad works to develop custom credit solutions for high net worth families and individuals, and full balance sheet solutions for family offices.

▪ **Kristen Geil (LAS MA '13)** is a digital content writer and blogger at Digital Third Coast.

▪ **Jason Gullett (JD '13)** joined Frontier Title & Closing Service as in-house counsel. He provides guidance with real estate title search and examination to ensure smooth transactions of property sales.

▪ **Dakarai Turner (CMN '13)** joined Fox 32 in Chicago in May as a general station reporter. He was most recently a reporter at WMAR-TV, the ABC affiliate in Baltimore, and WLTX-TV, the CBS affiliate in Columbia, S.C.

▪ **Anthony Zediker (MUS '13)** is a faculty member, a pianist and music director at the Colburn School, the American Musical and Dramatic Arts Academy, Loyola Marymount University and the Glorja Kaufman School of Dance, and is a visiting accompanist at the Los Angeles Opera. He was the musical director for "Cabaret" at the Lex Theatre in Los Angeles through June 2017.

▪ **Imtenan Almubarak (CDM '14)** was granted a method and device patent for instant ice usage.

▪ **Nicolas Colombat (MUS '14)** was a featured performer at the April 23 Springtime Musicale in Arlington, Mass. Colombat, a pianist, completed his master's degree from the New England Conservatory in May 2017.

▪ **Erica Hale (MAC '14)** was hired as forensic analyst and investigative accountant for Forensic Strategic Solutions, based in Birmingham, Ala. She works with litigation consulting firms and national businesses in the areas of dispute and litigation consulting. Hale earned her fraud examiner certification in 2004.

▪ **Andrew 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 to coordinate events put on by the Glenn Korff School of Music.

▪ **Joshua 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 program prepares young musicians for a career in a professional orchestra.

▪ **Kevin Powers (MED '14)** is the new superintendent for Catholic Community Schools in St. Cloud, Minn. Previously he was principal of St. Margaret of Scotland School in Chicago for four years.

▪ **Rebekah Roller (CMN '14)** joined Washington University in St. Louis as the full-time assistant women's soccer coach.

▪ **Sean Vietti (MBA '14)** was named general manager of the Romeoville, Ill., location of Chicago Tube & Iron (CTI). Vietti has held various positions at CTI, including inside and outside sales, sales manager, assistant general manager at CTI Romeo-

ville and general manager at CTI Cleveland.

▪ **Robin Wagner (JD '14)** joined the law firm Pitt McGehee Palmer & Rivers in Royal Oak, Mich., in June 2017.

▪ **Gianluca Buttice (SNL '15)** founded Madrelingua Italiana, a language learning and travel service based in Chicago, in 2017.

Previously, he taught Italian at Language Loop and Berlitz and interpreted for business clients.

▪ **Jack Guffey (CDM '15)** has published "Ärynnhart," his first novel. The work was released in June 2017 as an e-book.

▪ **Samuel Haines (THE '15)** joined the Gorilla Tango Theatre last summer as the production and operations manager. For more than a decade, Gorilla Tango

has been a linchpin of the Chicago theatre community. Artists such as Hannibal Buress and T.J. Miller have performed at the theatre.

▪ **Kevin Kasjanski (LAS '15)** is now lead CDO analyst of the global corporate trust services department of US Bank in Chicago.

▪ **Michael Noll (JD '15)** is chief of operations and garage manager at Gearhead Workspace, a do-it-yourself maintenance shop and educational center for car enthusiasts that opened May 17, 2017, in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood.

▪ **Tramaine Wells (SNL '15)** was appointed systems analyst of Northwestern University's human resources information technology group, where he develops and builds enterprise applications. He has more

than 15 years' experience working in diverse industries, including finance, consulting and private higher education.

▪ **Rachel Werner (JD '15)** is an associate attorney at Hymson Goldstein Pantiliat & Lohr PLLC in Phoenix.

▪ **Jim Alexander (CMN MA '16)** is one of the founders of the Chicago Independent Film Critics Circle. He has been a staff writer at TheMovieBlog.com since 2014 and at The Young Folks since 2016. He is the U.S. film and entertainment reporter for BBC's 5 Live radio show.

▪ **Elias Broxham (MUS '16), Elizabeth Weitnauer (MUS '16) and Owen Burton (MUS '16)**, who formed the acoustic band Ask Your Folks in 2013, were finalists in the 2016 Great

American Song Contest. The trio's progressive original music draws on old-time, bluegrass and folk elements.

▪ **Anthony Galanti (BUS '16)** joined Live Marketing, a trade show and event creative agency based in Evanston, Ill., as a relationship manager.

▪ **Stephanie Wade (CMN '16)** joined the Good Morning Indiana team. She previously reported for WNWU in Toledo, Ohio.

▪ **Danielle Church (CMN '17)** has joined the news team at KVRR-TV in Fargo, N.D., as a multimedia journalist.

▪ **Jessica January (CMN '17)**, an outstanding member of DePaul's women's basketball team, was drafted in the third round of the 2017 WNBA Draft by the Connecticut Sun.

## IN MEMORIAM

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

### Alumni

Lillian M. Stan (BUS CER '40) » Mary G. Norman (BUS CER '42) » Nancy R. Prange (LAS '43) » Alice M. Tondryk Jr. (LAS '43) » Gloria I. Clark (LAS '44) » Lillian Marcus (JD '44) » Frances M. Murphy (MUS '45) » Mary E. Smego (BUS CER '46) » Jacquelyn D. Berger (LAS '47) » Anne F. Pawlowski (LAS '47) » Edward S. Szymd (LAS '47) » Ralph L. Konze (LAS '49) » Eileen M. Milch (LAS '49) » Charles J. Mueller (LAS '49, MS '50) » Helen L. Plachek (LAS '49) » A. Raymond Schwaller (BUS '49) » Joseph J. Lach Jr. (BUS '50) » James J. Louvar (CSH '50, MS '55) » Jack P. Prybylski (BUS '50) » Robert J. Schafer (BUS '50) » Henry J. Gransee (BUS '51) » Sr. Madeline Portner, S.C.C. (LAS '51) » Rosemary Wyatt (LAS '51) » Donald

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