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1960s
- The Hon. Wayne Rhine (JD ’65) was elected president of the Northern Illinois Civil War Roundtable.
- Steve Zalinski (EDU ’66) was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame on Dec. 9, 2017. Zalinski is in DePaul’s Athletics Hall of Fame.
- Jerry Faigen (BUS ’69) was honored by Northwestern Mutual in ‘69.

1970s
- The Rev. Ronald P. Stake (LAS ’70, MA ’73, JD ’76) was appointed associate vicar for canonical affairs by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
- Retired judge Ray McKoski (JD ’72) recently published “Judges in Street Clothes: Acting Ethically Off-the-Bench” (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press). The book is available through Amazon and in the Barnes & Noble located in the DePaul Center on the Loop Campus.
- Michael J. Hayes (JD ’74) joined the litigation department of the Chicago office of McDonald Hopkins LLC. Previously, he was general counsel for the City Club of Chicago. He is a member of the Fenwick Bar Association and a past multiterm president of the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago.
- William L. McMahon (BUS ’74) became interim CFO for Zenery Inc., a provider of energy-efficient lighting products, in January 2018.

1980s
- Robert W. McGee (BUS ’76) won his fourth martial arts championship in January 2018. He won in the men’s black belt 50+ category for sparring. He is an associate professor of accounting at Fayette State University in Fayette, N.C.
- Barbara Brown (CSH ’78) was named interim chief nursing officer and vice president of nursing at Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital in New Lebanon, N.H.
- The Hon. Linda E. Davenport (JD ’78) is an associate judge in the domestic relations division of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court in DuPage County, Ill., a position she has held for more than a decade.
- Stephanie S. Schlachter (CSH MS ’78) retired as provost of Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., in June 2018. She served as provost for 17 years and was the first person to hold that position at the university. She has been with Lewis for nearly four decades and will continue as special assistant to the president until June 30, 2019.
- Sergio Acosta (LAS ’82), partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, was named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Acosta, who is the national leader of Hinshaw & Culbertson’s government practice group, is one of only three Illinois lawyers to have been selected among 78 lawyers nationwide.

1990s
- Bertram L. Scott (SNL ’80, DHL ’99) was an honoree at the 2017 My Hero Gala, which recognizes contributions to the Charlotte, N.C., community. Scott is senior vice president for population health and value-based care for Novant Health.
- Ruth W. Brinkley (CSH ’81, MS ’84) was named president of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals of the Northwest, based in Portland, Ore. Previously, Brinkley was CEO of KentuckyOne Health, a division of Catholic Health Initiatives.
- Rose Doherty (BUS ’83), a partner at Legacy Professionals LLP, was named one of Crain’s Most Influential Women Accountants in Chicago. She also has received the Illinois CPA Society’s distinguished service award for her contributions to its not-for-profit committee. Doherty currently serves on the American Medical Association board of directors and is an appointed member of the Illinois Attorney General’s Charitable Advisory Council.
- Ronald L. Jones (BUS ’83), a retired U.S. Army colonel, received the Legion of Merit award for his significant, careerlong contributions to the U.S. Army Reserve.
- Douglas G. Gustafson (BUS ’84) joined Available Light as managing director in November 2017. Previously, he was director of
finance and administration for the International Association of Lighting Designers, headquartered in Chicago.

• Donald Ramsell (JD ‘84) established Behan Ramsell PLLC in Tucson, Ariz., with law partner Michelle Behan. The firm represents individuals charged with DUI and other criminal offenses.

• Mark Kaminsky (BUS ‘85), chief operating officer at Koch Foods, is now serving as vice chairman of the National Chicken Council. He previously served as the council’s secretary-treasurer.

• Jill Sorensen (JD ‘85) joined the South Carolina Research Authority (SCRA) as its new director of entrepreneurial programs and executive director of South Carolina Launch. SCRA’s entrepreneurial programs provide investments, grant opportunities and support to early-stage technology companies in the life science, IT and advanced manufacturing/materials industries.

• Timothy Anderson (BUS ‘86) was promoted to global fixed income CIO at RiverFront Investment Group, headquartered in Richmond, Va. He was previously a chief fixed income officer at the company.

• Kenneth Buls (LAS ‘86) received a research fellowship from the Van Raalte Institute in Holland, Mich., to study Dutch migration west of the Mississippi River.

• Steven Ashton (JD ‘87) recently joined Garan Lucow Miller. Ashton, a shareholder in the firm’s Detroit office, is an experienced litigator in the no-fault arena, focusing primarily on insurance defense.

• Fred R. Inholler (JD ’87), an agency leasing specialist, was named a principal of Avison Young in October 2017. He focuses on leading the firm’s suburban Chicago office leasing team. Previously, he was an executive vice president with Transwestern, a commercial real estate firm.

• Jeffrey J. Kroll (BUS ‘87, JD ‘90) was part of the team that won a record-breaking $148 million verdict on behalf of a young woman who was paralyzed at O’Hare International Airport in 2015. The verdict represents a new Illinois personal injury record jury verdict. He is a partner in the law firm Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard.

• Richard Mackey (BUS ’87) was promoted to deputy president at Rosenblatt Collins Group LLC (RCG), a leading independent futures brokerage and clearing firm. Originally a soybean trader at the MidAmerica Commodity Exchange, Mackey later became an interest rate broker at the Chicago Board of Trade, before he left the trading floor to join RCG.

• Stephen B. Bowman (MBA ‘88) is executive vice president and CFO for the Northern Trust Corporation, headquartered in Chicago.

• Lemeone M. Lampley (CMN ‘88) is the founder of Men of Color Connected for Higher Achievement (MOCCA), a mentoring program for African-American men.

• Adria East Mossing (BUS ’88) was named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers and one of the Top 50 Women Super Lawyers in Illinois for 2018. She is a founding partner of Mossing & Navare, LLC, a personal injury law firm based in Chicago.

• Marc Swerdlow (JD ’88) was elected vice chairman and treasurer of the board of directors of the LUNGevity Foundation. Swerdlow, principal and chief operating officer at Magellan Investment Partners LLC, has served as a member of LUNGevity’s board since 2004.

• Shanesia Davis (THE ’89) played ballet teacher Mrs. Wilkinson in Chicago’s Porchlight Music Theatre production of “Billy Elliot the Musical” in November and December 2017.

• Richard Dreshfield (MBA ’89) joined KBA North America as senior vice president of sheetfed sales. He is based in the Dallas headquarters and oversees the North American sheetfed sales team.

• Cheryl L. Kallianis (BUS ‘89) was hired as senior project controller by Grand Canyon Development Partners, a Las Vegas-based construction and real estate development and construction management company.

• Peter R. Mohrman (THE MFA ’89), co-founder of Capital Stage in Sacramento, Calif., directed the company’s December 2017 production of “Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pembury.”

• Anne Pramaggiore (JD ’89) was reappointed chair of the Chicago Federal Reserve Board since 2004. She has served as chair of the DuPage County Bar Association’s professional responsibility and bankruptcy committees.

• Sandra T. Parga (LAS ‘91) is an associate judge in the 16th Judicial Circuit in Kane County. She presides over misdemeanor cases, traffic stops and bond calls.

• John Sullivan (JD ’91) is a partner in Plunkett Cooney’s banking, bankruptcy and creditors’ rights practice group. He represents financial institutions, developers, title insurers, real estate agents and other commercial clients in litigation.

• Linda Spyker (MBA ’91) was appointed global chief operating officer at McCann Health, a company providing strategic, creative and integrated marketing services for the health care and medical community. Spyker was previously the chief commercial officer and president of U.S. operations for Circassia Pharmaceuticals.

• James P. Taylor (MBA ’91) was named interim CFO for IBC Advanced Alloys Corp., a beryllium and copper advanced alloys

**ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES**

• Elizabeth M. Wilfong (MUS ’09) and Thomas B. Bell were married Sept. 30, 2017, in New York City. She is a contracts and finance administrator for Zemsky Green Artists Management, an opera artist management company.

• Chase Faull (EDU ’10) and Kathryn Maresca were married Nov. 4, 2017, in Peawys Island, S.C. The bride is the owner of Maresca Design in Savannah, Ga., and the groom is a research and data analyst at the Savannah College of Art and Design.

• Hayden Haas (BUS MS ‘11) and Annmarie Wazer were married Sept. 16, 2017, at Hidden Pond in Kennebunkport, Maine.

• Maxim Dreyer Harkavy (CMN ’14) and Aleksandra Zivanovic (MUS ’14) were married on Dec. 16, 2017, in Chicago. The bride is a high school choral director and member of the Pensacola Opera Chorus. The groom was promoted to first lieutenant in the United States Air Force and recently earned his combat systems officer wings.

• Gillian Anderson (THE ’90). Emmy-winning co-star of “The X-Files,” was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in January 2018.

• Kate Gebo (BUS ’90) was named executive vice president of human resources and labor relations at United Airlines.

• Richard Lieberman (LLM ‘90) has joined Dykema’s taxation practice group as senior counsel in the firm’s Chicago office. Lieberman joined Dykema after spending more than eight years as a partner with Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serriella PC, where he served as chair of the firm’s tax and employee benefits practice.

• Michael T. Weber (THE ’90) is the artistic director for Chicago’s Porchlight Music Theatre and directed “Billy Elliot the Musical” there in late 2017.

• Kathryn L. Harry (JD ‘91) is the principal partner of Kathryn L. Harry & Associates, which focuses on divorce, criminal defense, DUI defense and expungement. She has served as chair of the DuPage County Bar Association’s professional responsibility and bankruptcy committees.

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• James P. Taylor (MBA ’91) was named interim CFO for IBC Advanced Alloys Corp., a beryllium and copper advanced alloys
company. Previously, he was CFO of Hampshire Equities Ltd.

- Matthew Varchetto (BUS '91, MBA '02) joined First Secure Bank and Trust of Palos Hills, Ill., as vice president, marketing director. He is responsible for building the organization’s brand recognition and value, as well as business development.

- William J. Hunter (BUS '92, MBA ’96) was named to the board of directors of Oroplata Resources Inc., a lithium exploration and development company.

- Deanna Laidler (JD ’92) was named compliance and ethics officer at Standard Insurance Company (The Standard). Most recently, Laidler was senior assistant attorney general for the Oregon Department of Justice and provided guidance to various state agencies.

- Kenneth Lockette (MED ’92) is the superintendent of the South Fayette Township School District in Pittsburgh. He was previously the assistant superintendent of the Avonworth School District.

- Michael Mulligan (CDM ’92) is now the North Central U.S. account director of OverOps, a software analytics company. Previously, he worked in field sales for Pentaho, a big data analytics company.

- James Robinson (BUS ’92), president of Astellas Americas, assumed the role of board treasurer for the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America on Feb. 7, 2018.

- Laurie Badzek (LLM ’93, CSH MS ’93) was named dean of Pennsylvania State University’s College of Nursing. She begins her new role on July 1, 2018. Previously, Badzek was a professor of nursing and the director of the School of Nursing in the College of Health and Human Services at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

- Kari Franz (MBA ’93) is the senior vice president of marketing at EQIS Capital Management in San Rafael, Calif. She previously led mutual fund and exchange traded fund marketing at Charles Schwab.

- Theresa M. Glomb Miner (CSH ’93) is the Toro Company-David M. Lilly Chair in the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota.

- Dennis Olis (MBA ’93) was named CFO at Allscripts Healthcare Solutions Inc. Since May 2017, Olis has served as Allscripts’ interim CFO. He will oversee Allscripts’ finance functions, including controllership, tax, internal audit, financial planning and analysis, and treasury and investor relations.

- Julie D. Ryan (LAS MA ’93) was promoted to assistant administrator of King-Bruwaert House in Burr Ridge, Ill. Employed by the retirement community since 2004, Ryan most recently served as senior director of admissions and community development.

- Michael L. Scudder (MBA ’93) was elected chairman of the board for First Midwest Bancorp Inc. in November 2017. He also is president and CEO.

- Lisa E. Hathy-Riles (MBA ’94) was nominated as president of the Submersible Wastewater Pump Association for 2018–19. She is director of the residential and specialty business unit of Xylem Water Solutions and Water Technology, based in Morton Grove, Ill.

- Matthew McGrew (BUS ’94), who is currently the CFO of the Danaher Group’s diagnostics and dental platforms, will serve as CFO of the Danaher Corporation, effective Jan. 1, 2019. McGrew has been with Danaher since 2004.

- Daniel S. Michelson (MBA ’94) is CEO of Strata Decision Technology, which creates software to help hospitals and health care systems track the effectiveness of treatments.

- Catherine A. Bier (MBA ’95) was the top broker for residential home sales in La Grange and La Grange Park, Ill., for the 10th consecutive year. She is part of Smothers Realty Group.

- Christopher Bona (CMN ’95, LAS MA ’98) was appointed partner at Finn Partners in the agency’s health practice. Bona, a veteran of Chicago-area pharma, medical device and health/tech clients, brings more than 20 years of professional expertise to Finn Partners, whose Midwest health team serves clients regionally and nationally with comprehensive digital health communications.

- Steve Donnelly (JD ’95) was promoted to vice president of claims at Amerisure Insurance. In his new role, Donnelly is responsible for all aspects of Amerisure’s claims department, including aligning its operations with Amerisure’s strategic goals.

- Joy Falotico (MBA ’95) is group vice president and chief marketing officer of Lincoln Motor Company, effective March 1. She is also chair of the Ford Motor Credit Company board of directors.

- Kevin Fox (THE ’95) directed the Block St. Theatre
Co.’s world premiere of “Flamingo & Decatur” at Chicago’s Theater Wit in January and February 2018.

• Daniel H. McCarthy (JD ’95) was named a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in 2017. He is a partner in Wick Phillips Gould & Martin LLP in Fort Worth, Texas.

• Tricia Rosado (LAS ’95), a doctoral student at Illinois State University, received a fellowship from the board of directors of the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois. She is also a senior program manager with Chicago GEAR UP.

• Angela Smith Jones (JD ’95) was named a 2017 Woman of Influence by the Indianapolis Business Journal. Smith Jones is the deputy mayor of economic development for the City of Indianapolis.

• Marcia A. Ayala (BUS MS ’96) was named managing director of the DLC Group, a finance and accounting consulting firm.

• Molly Carter (CMN ’96), chief marketing officer for Kobe Inc., is co-executive producer of “Dear Basketball,” which won the 2018 Academy Award for best animated short film.

• Frank J. Cesario (MBA ’96) joined CTI Industries Corporation, which creates flexible film technology and products, as CFO in November 2017.

• John “Jack” Durburg (MBA ’96) was named group president at CBRE Group Inc. Durburg is currently the CEO of the Americas region, CBRE’s largest business segment.

• Chris Flynn (BUS ’96) was named CEO of both THL Credit Inc. and its external manager, THL Credit Advisors LLC, on Nov. 30, 2017. Previously he was co-CEO of the companies.

• Jason Howell (LAS ’96) was appointed associate circuit court judge for Cass County in Missouri. Previously, he served as the director of the child support division for the Cass County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office.

• Marybeth E. O’Lear (MBA ’96) was named marketing manager of AMETEK Powervar, which supplies uninterruptible power management technology, in November 2017. Previously, she held marketing leadership positions in the engineering consulting, manufacturing, health care, technology and service industries.

• Darin Sender (JD ’96) is the president and founder of Sender Associates, a zoning and land use law firm based in Tempe, Ariz. She was named the Legal Leader of the Year in the Phoenix Business Journal’s Landmark Leaders awards, which feature some of Arizona’s most successful and inspiring real estate leaders.

• Andrew Bryant (JD ’97), a former Cook County prosecutor, has joined Bryant Legal Group PC in Chicago. Bryant will represent individuals with disability insurance claims, as well as negotiate and litigate medical billing issues on behalf of health care provider groups.

• Jonathan Carroll (CMN ’97) was sworn in as the Illinois 57th District State Representative on Oct. 4, 2017. Carroll replaced outgoing representative Elaine Nekritz.

• John Coskran (BUS MS ’97) is the senior vice president of finance at YA, which delivers high-impact, data-driven marketing promotions for various U.S. brands. He most recently was senior director of financial planning and analysis for Capella Education Company.

• Vanessa D’Cunha (BUS ’97) joined CapX Partners in Chicago as the director of finance and controller. Prior to returning to CapX, where she worked from 2005 to 2008, she was the controller at Lantern Partners. She also served as CFO and treasurer at Commerz Futures.

• Glenn M. Fish (MBA ’97) was promoted to chief operating officer of Tekni-Plex Inc., a global manufacturer of packaging materials, medical compounds and tubing. Previously, he was CFO and executive vice president.

• Elizabeth Luckenbach Brown (JD ’97) joined Dickinson Wright PLLC, a law firm based in Detroit, as a member. She focuses her practice on estate planning and administration, with an emphasis on probate litigation, special-needs planning and elder law.

• Melanie Margolin (JD ’97) was named a 2017 Woman of Influence by the Indianapolis Business Journal. Margolin is deputy general counsel for Cummins Inc.

• Tobin Richer (JD ’98) was named chief marketing officer for TradeRev, a subsidiary of his current employer, KAR Auction Services. Richer will assume his new role while continuing his current role as senior vice president of corporate communications for KAR.

• Tammara R. Wagoner (JD ’98) was named assistant state’s attorney for Piatt County, Ill. She has two decades of prosecution experience, including nearly a decade leading drug-case prosecutions in the state’s attorney’s office in Macon, Ill.

• Suzanne Wirtz (LAS MA ’98) was recently appointed president and CEO of the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce. Wirtz served as interim executive director of the Chicagoland organization since March 2017. She was hired by the organization in August 2016 as director of marketing and events.
Joshua Anderson (BUS '99) was named manager of business planning at Deere & Co. in Moline, Ill. He is responsible for acquisitions and SEC reporting.

Karen S. Carter (MBA '99) is the first chief inclusion officer for The Dow Chemical Co. Based in Houston, she also is a member of the board of directors for Kids’ Meals, a nonprofit organization that delivers free meals to children in need.

Frank Catalano (MUS '99) was selected for induction into the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame in Aurora, Ill. His latest album was No. 1 on Billboard’s jazz chart, and he recently won an Independent Music Award for best jazz composition for his song “Shakin’.”

Greg T. Davis (MUS '99) opened a record store, Autumn Records, in Winookski, Vt.

Erika Felix (CSH MA ’99, PhD ’02), assistant professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara’s Gevitz Graduate School of Education, was elected to the board of directors of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.


Paul Roche (MBA '99) was named president of Luxor, a division of EBSCO Industries. Roche has more than 20 years of management experience leading distribution and technology organizations, most recently as chief operating officer for Network Services.

Nassem Wenzel (BUS MS ’99) was named a partner in the Chicago office of CohnReznick LLP, an accounting, tax and advisory firm, in February 2018. With more than 20 years of experience, she is part of the commercial real estate advisory practice.

2000s

Arelia I. Bradley (SNL ’00) was named vice chancellor for enrollment services and student success at Ivy Tech Community College in Michigan City, Ind. Previously she served as associate admissions director.

Timothy Dietlin (MBA ‘00) was appointed co-leader of the global biopharmaceutical segment of Heidrick & Struggles’ health care and life sciences practice. He is based in the executive search firm’s Chicago office.

Shaun A. Passley (BUS ’00, CDM MA ’06) is chairman and CEO of Epazz Inc., a provider of blockchain cryptocurrency mobile apps and cloud-based business software. Epazz launched a bitcoin payment system, ZenaPay, in 2018.

Ark Rusak (BUS ’00) recently celebrated 15 years as the founder and head of his own practice with Farmers Insurance. His team also was named a President’s Council agency for the third year in a row, an honor granted to only about 100 of more than 15,000 agencies nationwide.

Tiffany Davis (BUS ’02) was appointed chief operating officer of Solis Tek Inc., a vertically integrated technology innovator, developer, manufacturer and distributor focused on bringing products and solutions to commercial cannabis growers in legal markets across the U.S.

Donald Holmberg (MBA ’02) joined the Chicago firm Birch Lake Holdings LP as a managing director and principal. Holmberg has more than 20 years of experience in the asset management industry. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1985 to 1987, and is active with the Chicago Marines Foundation and the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

Denise Matthews (Med ’02, MED ’09) was named special education director for the River Forest (Ill.) District 90 schools.

There are museums dedicated to stained glass, surgical science and ice cream, so why not fraternal orders? When Ken Moder (CSH ’76) formed the J.H. Rathbone Museum & Resource Center in 2000, he intended to focus on the Knights of Pythias, the fraternal order to which he belongs. But he soon began amassing documents and artifacts from fraternal orders around the world. “We probably have 600 to 700 fraternal orders represented,” he says.

Fraternal groups have served various purposes over the years. Social in nature, many orders are community-focused, religious or civic-minded. “The history of fraternal orders is the history of the world,” Moder asserts. “But you never hear about their societal impact in the history books.”

The museum, located in Lafayette, Ind., provides that missing narrative. One of Moder’s favorite documents is a letter from Gen. John Joseph “Black Jack” Pershing thanking the uniform-rank Knights of Pythias for their service in World War I. Other favorite objects include a tea set from 1886 and a 10-foot-tall dressing cabinet that stood in the first Knights of Pythias lodge in Ohio. Moder estimates that he has tens of thousands of artifacts, most of which he doesn’t have room to display in the 2,500-square-foot museum. “There’s a treasure trove of beautiful artwork in watch fobs, pins and jewels,” he notes. “A lot of these are one-of-a-kind handmade pieces.” The board hopes to eventually expand into a larger space.

The free museum currently has areas dedicated to women’s orders, religious orders and youth orders, such as the Boy Scouts of America and Campfire Girls. “I adapt my tour to whatever visitors are interested in,” Moder says. “At this point, I’m kind of a jack-of-all-trades for fraternal orders.”

Learn more about the J.H. Rathbone Museum & Resource Center, named for the founder of the Knights of Pythias, at jhrathbonemuseum.org.


IN MEMORIAM

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

Alumni


Friends

Jan R. Gollins Stanley C. Martens Dorothy M. Pedke William A. Pelz Mark Zinger

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.

• Brian Lindoerfer (MBA ’03) has been named assistant vice chancellor for facilities operations and services of the University of Colorado’s Boulder campus. Lindoerfer has spent the past two years at Boulder County, where he oversaw facilities management efforts, development of a strategic facilities master plan and negotiation of a power purchase agreement. Prior to joining the county, he spent 20 years as an officer in the Navy, retiring with the rank of commander.

• Rana Hutchinson Salzman (LAS MA ’03) was appointed director of education at the Society of American Archivists (SAA). She will be responsible for the design, development, marketing, implementation and evaluation of SAA’s continuing education offerings and resources for archivists and other related professionals.

• Christopher Bobek (MBA ’04), who has been leading the business office at Grayslake (Ill.) Community Consolidated District 46 since 2013, was named the new associate superintendent of business services. He assumes the position July 1.

• Cameron Petroff (BUS ’03) is marketing director for Sikich, a professional services firm. He is responsible for the accounting, tax, audit, and advisory and managed services practice areas.

• James A. Bradley (LAS ’05) joined Leveile Law, based in Schaumburg, Ill., as an associate in February 2018. He works in the firm’s newly established personal injury practice group and handles commercial litigation.

• Benjamin A. Chappell (CDM ’05) was recently signed by production house Durable Goods. His directorial work includes ads for such brands as Whole Foods, Walmart, UPS, McDonald’s, Sony, Foot Locker and Crystal Light, as well as music videos for artists such as Miley Cyrus, Rick Ross, Nas, Miranda Lambert, Arctic Monkeys and The Beach Boys.

• Chris Harding (CMN ’05) produced the film “Blindsporting,” starring Daved Digs (“Hamilton”), which was selected as the opening night attraction at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival. Harding also produced the critically acclaimed films “The Guest” and “You’re Next.”

• Jibran Ilyas (CDM ’05) was named one of Crain’s Chicago Business’ 2017 “40 Under 40.” Ilyas is the managing director at Stroz Friedberg, Aon’s cybersecurity business.

• Paula Kim (JD ’05) is now associate general counsel of TCS Education System in Los Angeles.

• Kataryna “Kathy” Levecke (LAS ’05, JD ’08) was elevated to partner at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP. She has been with the firm for one year. Levecke is a member of the real estate, land use and environmental practice group in the firm’s Chicago office. She concentrates her practice on commercial lending transactions, leasing and tax credit transactions, primarily in the renewable energy sector.

• Ashley Perry (CSh ’05) joined the Purdue athletics staff as the supervisor of operations for softball and soccer.

• Chris Barbuto (BUS MST ’06) was promoted to principal at Drucker & Scaccetti, a strategic tax planning and consulting firm based in Philadelphia.
Barbuto joined the firm in 2007. He is a member of both the American and Pennsylvania (PICPA) Institutes of Certified Public Accountants. He serves on both the PICPA and Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce State Taxation committees and is a 2013 winner of the PICPA Young Leadership Award.

- Nicholas Lopez (LAS MS ’06) was promoted to executive director of the Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation in Denver. He previously served as senior director of major gifts and has more than 14 years of experience in higher education and nonprofit philanthropy.
- Robert Fortney (CSH MS ’07) is the new chief nursing officer at Illinois Valley Community Hospital in Peru, Ill. He was previously a vice president and service line executive for Northwestern Community Healthcare.
- Nate Heeren (BUS MS ’07) was promoted to managing director of the Denver office of Riveron Consulting, a business and financial advisory firm. Heeren, who joined the firm in 2014, previously served as interim market leader.
- Brittney J. Payton (CMN ’08) became co-host of “Good Day Chicago” on WFLD-TV on Jan. 15, 2018. Previously she was co-host of “Chicago’s Best” on WGN-TV.
- Theresa Hattar (CMN ’09) was inducted into the 2018 Alumni Hall of Fame at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Ill. She currently resides in Chicago and works as a senior account executive at a Chicago publishing and marketing company.
- Kelli Heinz (CMN ’09, MA ’11) was recently promoted to vice president of marketing at Bell Flavors & Fragrances. She began her career at Bell in 2006 as an intern in Bell’s marketing department.
- Clark White (MBA ’09) was named CFO of Mohr Partners Inc. He previously served as the finance director and controller for DTZ Americas, now a part of Cushman & Wakefield.

2010s
- Ryan Schermernh (JD ’10) was elected partner at his firm, Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP, effective Jan. 1, 2018.
- Heather Shearer (CSH ’10) is the new human resources director for Porter County, Ind.
- Matthew J. Swanson (MBA ’10) is now vice president of asset management of Grover Corlew, a real estate investment group in Pompano Beach, Fla.
- Daviare Velazquez Phillip (CSH ’10) is the director of multicultural student affairs at Northwestern University. She previously was the assistant director of diversity education at Georgetown University’s Center for Multicultural Equity and Access and a diversity and inclusion specialist at its Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship.
- Undra L. Ware (SNL ’10) recently published “The Purpose of Being,” a book of poetry that is available on Amazon.com.
- Kristen Aguirre (CMN MA ’11) joined the 9NEWS team of Denver’s NBC-TV affiliate KUSA as an anchor/reporter in September 2017.
- Becca Berkenstadt (BUS ’11) launched her second company, Chicago Visitors Guide, in September 2017. It is an online magazine for locals and visitors.
- Jessica S. Biscamp (MED ’11) teaches English at The Academy for Technology and the Classics in Santa Fe, N.M.
- Tyler P. Brimmer (JD ’11) was named a shareholder in the law firm of Fairstuki Mark & Johnson, located in Eden Prairie, Minn.
- James Brinkmann (MUS ’11) received third prize in the 2017 Donald Peck International Flute Competition, hosted by the Chicago Flute Club.
- Anastasia Palivos (LAS ’11, JD ’14) was appointed to a five-year term on the Illinois Commerce Commission on Jan. 23, 2018. She is the first Greek-American woman and the youngest person ever appointed to the commission.
- Manisha Paudel (MS LAS ’11) is the first equity coordinator for the City of Des Moines, Iowa. She will help the city build the relationships with underrepresented groups, develop programs and strategies to ensure social equity and serve as the contact point for immigrants and refugees facing barriers in accessing city services.
- Kristen Perry (MED ’11) was named the 2018 School Counselor of the Year for her work at Lawndale Community Academy on Chicago’s West Side.
- Alex J. Rams (CDM MS ’11) recently earned GIAC Security Expert certification, a prestigious and demanding program that only about 200 top security professionals have completed. He also is an Offensive Security Certified Professional.
- Amit Bindra (JD ’12) was recently named a partner at Prinz Law Firm P.C. He has worked on several appeals in Illinois and Indiana courts and on numerous employment law matters across the United States. Illinois Super Lawyers Magazine has recognized Bindra as a Rising Star for the past three years.
- Mary Pat (Rooney) Brennan (LAS MNN ’13) is now the director of development, gift planning at the University of Denver.
- Tina Estrada (CDM MS ’13) is an assistant coach of the women’s soccer program at San Jose State University in San Jose, Calif. Previously, she was an assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator at Saint Mary’s College of California in Moraga. She also was an assistant coach for six seasons at DePaul.
- Ingrid Larson (THE ’13) was the scene designer for “The Magician’s Assistant,” which ran at Under St. Mark’s theatre in New York City Feb. 17–March 3, 2018, as part of the FRIGID New York theatre festival.
- Joel Stults (MBA ’14) was promoted to investment analyst and member of Calamos Wealth Management’s investment team. Stults is based in Naperville, Ill.
- Theresa Boyens (SNL ’14) was named the new regional vice president of the Great Lakes region of the National Association of Concessionaires.
- Eric Breese (CDM MS ’15) was promoted to associate chief information officer at Illinois State University in fall 2017. He is now attending Chicago Medical School.
- Myke Henry (CMN ’16) was signed to the Memphis Grizzlies basketball team as a guard/forward. Henry formerly played for the Oklahoma City Thunder’s NBA G League affiliate, the Oklahoma City Blue.
- Jane Marshall (MUS MM ’16) was the musical director for the Cuckoo’s Theater Project’s production of Jonathan Larson’s “Tick...Tick...Boom!” The show ran in late 2017 at Chicago’s Prop Thtr.
- Conlon Taaffe (CDM ’16) was a finalist at the 2017 Elgin (Ill.) Short Film Festival for his 2016 animated film “Too Evil.”
- Ben Gartland (CMN ’17) is now a communications specialist for the USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus.
- Naem Morris (MBA ’17) has been named truck sales vice president of LeasePlan USA.
- Jordan Ensign (MUS MM ’15) is part of the ensemble cast and occasionally plays the lead female role in the traveling production of “Phantom of the Opera” produced by Networks Presentations LLC.