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CLASS NOTES

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1940s

- John Herklots (BUS '49) is the producer for “In a Booth at Chasen’s,” a musical about the courtship of Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis. The show ran at El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood, Calif., through November 2018.

- David Cerda (JD '55) was named partner in a diagnostics company.

- Lisette M. Flores (LAS '08) and Amilcar Guzman were married June 24, 2018, at Meridian Hill Park in Washington, D.C. She is a supervisory community development specialist at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.


1950s

- David Cerda (JD '55) was honored by the Illinois Latino Judges Association on July 26, 2018, for being the first Latino judge in the state.


1960s

- Paul H. Gustke (EDU '60) celebrated his 60th year participating in the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships, one of only 25 people to ever achieve that distinction.

- August J. Aquila (LAS '66, MBA '79) was named to Accounting Today’s 2018 Class of the Most Influential People in Accounting.

1970s

- Donna M. Killoughy (EDU '71) is a member of the board of trustees of Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

- Salvatore J. Tornatore (BUS '71) received the 2018 Award of Excellence from the Justitian Society of Lawyers. He is a DuPage County Commissioner, a board member of the DuPage County Health Department and a founding board member of the Italian American Political Coalition.

- Thomas J. Allison (BUS '73, MBA '79) joined Portage Point Partners LLC, an interim management and advisory firm, as a senior advisor. He was inducted into the Turnaround Management Association Hall of Fame in 2018.

- William A. Blanchard (JD '73) is general counsel for Gaia Title Inc. and a real estate attorney representing clients in Chicago’s western suburbs.

- James S. Burns (MBA '73) was named to the board of directors for VisionGate, an oncology pharmaceutical and diagnostics company.

- Remo Turano (CSH '74) was honored as Humanitarian of the Year at the Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization’s 2018 Honor and Hope Gala. He and his brothers own Chicago Pastry, which they spun off from the family’s firm, Turano Baking Co.

- Therese A. Fitzpatrick (CSH '75, MS '84) and Gerald Biala (CSH '77) authored “The Healthcare Executive’s Guide to Navigating the Surgical Suite: A Roadmap to the OR and Perioperative Services,” published by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Fitzpatrick is chair of the advisory board of DePaul’s College of Science and Health. Biala is the owner of Surgical Services Consulting, based in Ozark, Mo.

- Joseph M. Adams (BUS '77, MBA '79) was named to Accounting Today’s 2018 Class of the Most Influential People in Accounting.

- Philip “Flip” Corboy Jr. (JD '77), a partner in the law firm of Corboy & Demetrio, was elected to the board of directors of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Foundation. He previously served as a trustee of the organization.

- John Eber (MBA '77) has been appointed to the board of directors of Infrastructure and Energy Alternatives, Inc. Eber will serve as an independent director on the bid review committee.

- Dennis A. Carr (BUS '78, MST '79) recently celebrated his 25th anniversary with The Coca-Cola Company. He is executive director of international taxes for the company.

- William S. Bike (LAS '79) has been director of advancement communications at the Chicago College of Dentistry at the University of Illinois for 23 years. For 35 years, he has been the associate editor of Gazette Chicago, a newspaper covering 10 Chicago communities. He has published several books, including “Winning Political Campaigns,” a political science textbook.

- Erhard R. Chorle (BUS '79) was named a member at large of the Railroad Retirement Board. He was director of the State of Illinois’ securities department, Deputy Secretary of State and executive assistant for financial and regulatory affairs to former Gov. Jim Edgar.

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES

- William P. Stankiewicz (BUS '79) was named coastal chapter director of the Georgia Manufacturing Alliance. He is the CEO of Savannah Supply Chain in Savannah, Ga.

- Lissette M. Flores (LAS '08) and Amilcar Guzman were married June 24, 2018, at Meridian Hill Park in Washington, D.C. She is a supervisory community development specialist at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.


- Yuan (Ryan) Wang (BUS MS ’14) and Lu (Louise) Xu (BUS MS ’14) met at DePaul and were married in January 2018.

- William Coussens (MUS ’15) and Keith How (CMN ’14) are engaged and planning a wedding in July 2019.

- William P. Stankiewicz (BUS ’79) was named coastal chapter director of the Georgia Manufacturing Alliance. He is the CEO of Savannah Supply Chain in Savannah, Ga.

CLASS 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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1980s
- William M. Griffin (BUS '80) received the 2017 ICCTA Association Gary W. Davis Ethical Leadership Award from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association.
- Haydee Ortiz-Olinger (BUS '80, JD '83) was appointed to the board of directors of TransAct Technologies Inc. She has more than 20 years of experience in senior management with McDonald's Corp.
- Marcie A. Harrison (MBA '81) served as co-chair of marketing for the 50th Anniversary of Special Olympics. She is also the past president of Special Children's Charities/Special Olympics Chicago and the president of The Harrison Group.
- Christopher J. Kearney (JD '81) was elected to the board of directors of United Technologies Corp.
- Ann S. Dowd (THE MFA '82) was nominated for an Emmy in the category of supporting actress in a drama series for her role in “The Handmaid’s Tale.”
- Nicholas Hahn Jr. (BUS '82) has been appointed CFO of Iowa-based Ohnward Bancshares Inc.
- Laurie A. Halaska (BUS '82) was named CEO of the La Porte County YMCA in Indiana.
- Michael P. Kane (JD '83) is the CEO of Boral Australia, which supplies construction and manufacturing materials.
- Albert G. Giazzon (BUS '84) was named CEO of Max Interactive Inc., which produces protective cases and accessories for the education market.
- Marshall Nadell (MBA '84) has accepted a board position with the USO San Diego. An executive vice president at Aon Risk Services, Nadell served as a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve Intelligence Program.
- Cindy Van Ort (JD '84) recently joined Thomson Reuters as chief privacy officer. She previously served as Citigroup’s chief privacy officer for the Americas.
- Tyrone K. Corbin (CDM '85) was hired as an assistant coach of the Orlando Magic. Previously, he was an assistant coach with the Phoenix Suns.
- David J. Fiske (MBA '85) was promoted to president of Mercy Health-Cincinnati, a five-hospital system. He had been COO since 2016.
- Mark J. Kaminsky (BUS '85) was installed as the division of the Brunswick Corporation. Previously, he spent 15 years as the founder and owner of an award-winning marine dealership in the Great Lakes region.
- Mark A. Hardtke (MBA '89) was named president of the Orange County office of Northern Trust.
- Elena Kraus (JD '89), senior vice president and general counsel of Walgreens, was elected to the board of the Retail Litigation Center.
- Anita M. Ventrelli (JD '89) was named a 2018 National Women in Law Honoree in the Transformative Leadership category by Corporate Counsel. She is a senior partner with Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLC.

1990s
- Andrea L. Burleson (CSH MA '90, PhD '97) joined F&H Solutions Group, a national consulting firm specializing in employee engagement, human resources and labor relations.
- Brian W. Caputo (BUS MS '90) was named interim president of the College of DuPage in October 2018. Previously, he was vice president of administration and treasurer.
- Michael Dickman (JD '90) became an administrative law judge for the State of Illinois in September 2018.
- Michael A. Krafft (SNL '90) was appointed treasurer and a member of the board of directors of the Auerbach Global-Impact Foundation. He is an investment banker and managing partner and CEO of M&A Media Group LLC.
- Susan M. Sandberg (MBA '90) is the new CEO of MelroseWakefield Healthcare in Melrose, Mass.
- Lisa M. Schmit (LAS '90) owns In The Zone, a dog training, fitness and massage business based in Mechanicsburg, Ill.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Susanna Ludwig (LAS MA '12) and her husband, Tim, welcomed a daughter, Adelaide, on June 25, 2018.

Courtney Yoelin (LAS MA '14) and her husband, Danny, welcomed their son, Hudson Marlow, on July 13, 2018.

Louis Sandoval (CSH '88) received the Maestro of Entrepreneurship Award from Latino Leaders Magazine in September 2018. He is the national director of business development of the new marine technology

Lily Moy Gulik (CDM '90) has founded three chapters of Girls Who Code, a national organization focused on closing the gender gap in technology fields. She is a regional ambassador for Technovation Challenge, a global organization that provides team-building, technological and entrepreneurial skills to girls. She also teaches at DePaul and at the LaSalle Language Academy.
Vincent L. Baldemor (BUS ’92) was hired as the new associate athletics director for external affairs at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa Athletics.

Lauren Fitzgerald (BUS ’92, MBA ’95) was appointed to the DePaul Master of Science in Human Resources Advisory Council. She also was honored by DCA Live in Washington, D.C., as a 2018 HR Leader.

Jeffrey S. Aronin (MBA ’93), CEO of Paragon Biosciences, was recognized by Insights Care magazine for his innovative leadership in the biosciences sector and for his work bringing life-enhancing drugs to patients in need.

Matthew J. Billings (MBA ’93) is managing director of market data strategy at TD Ameritrade.

Tom Egan (MBA ’93) has joined the Chicago-based investment management and financial planning firm Vestor Capital as a wealth management advisor.

Celso L. White (MBA ’93) was named to the board of directors of CF Industries Holdings Inc. He is the global chief supply chain officer at Molson Coors Brewing Company.


Peter J. Blanchfield (LAS MS ’94) was named executive director of Root Farm, an educational and therapeutic complex that features equine-assisted therapy, an agriculture center, an accessible challenge course and a rock wall for people of all abilities. It is located in Sasquiat, N.Y.

John Laborde (MST ’94) has joined the Houston office of Andersen Tax as a managing director in the commercial practice group.

Boris Zelkind (JD ’94) is a partner in the San Diego office of Duane Morris LLP. He is a member of the law firm’s intellectual property group.

William T. Hoffman (LAS ’95) was named chief growth officer and employee practice leader for consulting firm Elicit.

Leonardo Mariotti (LAS ’95) was named general manager of the Garden Court Hotel London. He is a certified sommelier.


Andrew S. May (JD ’95) joined Chicago-based Chuhak & Tecon PC as a partner in July 2018. A securities and commodities attorney, May previously had his own firm.

David M. Wilken (MM ’95) is the musical director of the Land of the Sky Symphonic Band, the music director and lead trombonist for the Asheville (N.C.) Jazz Symphony and a music instructor at Western Carolina University.

Ilya Frumkin (BUS ’96) joined Diamond V as director of companion animal business development. He is based in Overland Park, Kan.

Pamela L. Lucina (JD ’96) was named executive vice president and COO of the trust and advisory practice of Northern Trust Co., based in the Chicago office. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

» Darin Sender (JD ’96) was named Business Woman of the Year by the Tempe (Ariz.) Chamber of Commerce. She is the president and founder of Sender Associates, a zoning and land use firm.

Latrice Buck (EDU ’97) has been appointed assistant principal of Hall Elementary School in Aurora, Ill.


Brett R. Klementson (JD ’97) was named member and managing partner of Chicago law firm Mommkus LLC. He focuses on business transactions.

Dennise Vaughn (MBA ’97) was named to the community board of directors of Metropolitan Family Services DuPage. She is president and administrator of Homewatch CareGivers in Naperville, Ill.

Roman Bond (BUS ’98) was appointed CEO of CLIC Technology Inc., which develops blockchain products and services.

Marc Edward Cosentino (SNL ’98) was named president of Northern Trust Wealth Management-Pacific Northwest.

Ian L. Greenblatt (JD ’98) joined J.D. Power to lead an expanding group of experts in the technology, media and telecommunications practice.

Ashleigh K. Henrichs (LAS MA ’98) was hired as a content specialist by Dooley & Associates, a marketing firm in Kenosha, Wis., that provides graphic design, web development, video production, photography, content and digital services.

Keith Herman (JD ’98) was appointed executive director of the Illinois Self-Insurers Association.

Michelle C. Rivero (JD ’98) is the director of the newly created Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs of the City of Minneapolis. Previously, she operated her own firm specializing in immigration issues.

Timothy J. Carroll (JD ’99) joined the intellectual property and technology practice in the Chicago office of Dentons LLP.


Teresa H. Ferraro (THE MFA ’99) was named the new theatre director at Oconomowoc (Wis.) High School, where she will also teach theatre and speech. She previously taught theatre and speech at Mitchell Middle School in Racine, Wis.

Jeff A. Kastelic (MST ’99) was named CFO of Spring-Green Enterprises, the parent company of the Spring-Green Lawn Care and Pet Butler franchises.

Kelly Loeffler (MBA ’99) will serve as CEO of the newly formed Bakkt, a venture that will offer a federally regulated market for bitcoin.

Wendy M. Musielak (BUS ’99, JD ’03) was named second vice president of the DuPage County Bar Association’s board of directors. She is a partner with Esp Kreuzer Cores LLP in Wheaton, Ill.

Jason K. Schmitz (JD ’99) was named a shareholder and chair of the intellectual property transaction and global brand management practice groups of Chicago-based Rosenbaum IP.

Kevin M. Coyne (JD ’00) joined Chuhak & Tecon PC in Chicago as leader of the firm’s real estate practice group.

Patrick W. Flavin (JD ’00) was named president of Arches Technology, a health care company based in New York.

Hasannah Liggins (CSH ’00) has co-written “Soles for Sale,” a book based on true stories and interviews about the African-American experience during the 1980s and ’90s, when crack cocaine delivered a devastating blow to the black community.

Michelle L. Reed (MEd ’00, MEd ’12) is the new principal at Central Middle School in Evergreen Park (Ill.) Elementary School District 124. Reed has collaborated with researchers from Johns Hopkins and Northwestern universities to examine racial and ethnic disparities in public education.

Jeffrey S. Armstrong (MBA ’01) joined CapX Partners, a provider of middle market equipment leasing and finance, in the newly created position of director of bank markets and syndications.
IN MEMORIAM

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

Alumni
Josephine Parus (BUS CER ’38) • Robert O’Connor (BUS ’41) • Helen Ueberbacher (LAS ’42) • Jeanette Ostendorp (LAS ’44) • Ardelle Pastezczak (LAS ’45) • E. Paul Rustin (JD ’46) • June Verbiullion (LAS ’47) • Robert Engler (LAW ’48) • Dorothy Carlsberg (LAS ’49) • Louis Darovic (BUS ’49) • George Janicki (CSH MS ’49) • Lillian Mertes (BUS ’49) • John Cifelli (JD ’50) • Leroy Gaettner (BUS ’50) • John Grant (BUS ’50) • Harvey Holl (MBA ’50) • Margaret Madden (BUS ’50) • Gerald Mares (CSH ’50, MS ’52) • William Conrick (CSH ’52, Med ’58)

• Robert Perez (BUS ’52) • Robert Rusher (LAW ’52) • Eugene Smith (LAS MA ’52) • Tony Dubosh (JD ’53) • Daniel Kelly (BUS ’53) • Robert P Pomorski (BUS ’53) • Fred Wagner (LAS ’53) • John Younker (LAS ’53, Med ’59) • Gerald Ipell (JD ’54) • Ronald Mershart (LAS ’54, MA ’63) • Charles Beirne (LAS ’56, MA ’59) • Joanne Manella (LAS ’56) • Joseph Warga (BUS ’56) • Robert Curley (JD ’57) • Raymond Domibrowski (BUS ’57) • James Meehan (LAS ’57) • Richard Makowski (CSH MS ’58) • Helen Bobin (CSH ’59) • Barbara Donovan (CSH ’59) • John Greaney (MBA ’59) • Melvin Langtim (LAS ’59) • Patrick Mullaney (BUS ’59) • Carlos Russell (LAS ’59) • James Stead (MBA ’59) • Sr. Agnes Svec (LAS ’59) • Edward Barnas (BUS ’60) • Richard Lauinger (BUS ’60) • Sr. Georgina Luzinsky (LAS MA ’60) • Margaret Reed (LAS ’60) • Gregory Toulon (BUS ’60) • St. Elywn Giezma (CSH ’61, MS ’69) • Alan Serlin (BUS ’61) • George Stefani (BUS ’61) • Robert Heersema (CSH ’62) • Sr. M. Celestine Pond (MUS ’62) • Bernard Toussaint Sr. (LAS MA ’62, PhD ’71) • Catherine Valek (EDU ’63, Med ’72) • Richard Behrendt (LAS ’64) • Joseph Bernstein (JD ’64) • Harrison Brown (JD ’64) • Joseph Russo (JD ’64) • Ralph Conrad (MBA ’65) • Donald Dufner (Med ’66) • Sr. Prudence Ludwig (Med ’67) • Lawrence McMahan (LAS ’67) • Paul Schaffhausen (BUS ’67, JD ’70) • Jerome Butkus (BUS ’68) • Walter Poole (LAS ’68) • Laura Abernathy (LAS ’70, MS ’77) • Emil Tich (LAS ’70) • Spencer Douglas (BUS ’71) • Donald Scheibenreif (BUS ’71) • James Walsh (MBA ’72) • Mary Bombera (LAS MA ’73) • John Dooley (BUS ’73) • Daniel Nolan (LAS ’73) • Meritte Fox (BUS ’75) • Kirk Lis (CSH ’76) • James Sotzing (CSH MA ’76) • Christopher Wolfe (JD ’77) • Thomas Jackson (MST ’78) • Shari McCoy (BUS ’78, LAS MS ’81) • Kathleen Moore (BUS MS ’78) • David Wier (BUS ’79) • The Hon. Daniel Martin (LAS ’80) • James Szepanski (BUS ’81) • Joseph Kroll (MBA ’83) • David Webster (MST ’83) • Stephen Kaiser (MBA ’84) • Daniel Wills (BUS ’84, JD ’90) • Maureen Clancy (BUS ’85) • John Janis (CMN ’85) • Timothy Wise (MBA ’85) • Sharon Stach (JD ’86) • Glenn Richmond (MBA ’87) • Audrone Tamulio (MBA ’87) • William Santler (MBA ’88) • John Stewart (BUS ’88) • Betty L. Wallace (CSH ’88, Med ’91) • Howard Sulkin (DHL ’90) • Leonard Kolodziej (BUS ’92) • James Kamm (THE MFA ’95) • Paul Zima (MBA ’99) • David Tiefel (MUS ’00) • Grant Keller (MBA ’01) • Marie Remy (BUS ’02) • Linda Courtenay (SNL ’03, MS ’06) • John Mahoney (CDM ’04) • Peter Horst (JD ’07) • Lesley Demajo Duffy (MBA ’12) • The Rev. Colins Ekpe (Med ’16) • Shivam Chokshi (BUS ’18)

Friends
Robert Dillon • Brian Dvorsky • Errol Glowski • Dorothy Harrold • James Heinlein • James Olichwier • Cynthia Summers

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.

Risha K. Tesmer (JD ’01) was elected associate board president of the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab.

Nicolle M. Waltz (JD ’01) was selected as a Top 100 Family Lawyer in Illinois by the American Society of Legal Advocates. She is a partner of Waltz, Palmer & Dawson LLC in Rolling Meadows, Ill.

• Tiffany N. Davis (BUS ’02) was appointed to the board of directors of Solis Tek Inc., a vertically integrated cannabis technology innovator, manufacturer and distributor, where she works as COO.
• Indra P. Pelaez (CDM ’02, Med ’05) is dean of student success at Houston Community College. Previously, she worked for the City Colleges of Chicago for 15 years, most recently as associate dean of students at Truman College.
• Kathryn S. Rodolfi (CDM ’02) owns the new Sous Chef grocery store in the Warehouse District of Peoria, Ill.
• Mike Sweitzer-Beckman (LAS ’02) became a certified fundraising executive through CFRE International in 2018. He is a major gifts officer with Edgewood College in Madison, Wis.
• Maria L. Anderson (CMN ’03, LAS MA ’08) is director of business development and programming for Game On! Sports 4 Girls. The company, with programs and camps in Illinois, Colorado and Ohio, received the 2018 Rings of Gold Program Award from the U.S. Olympic Committee.
• Charles I. Bachtel (JD ’03) is CEO and co-founder of Cresco Labs LLC, an Illinois medical marijuana company.
• Keith A. Danoff (MBA ’03) was named executive vice president of product marketing at Generation Lighting in Arlington Heights, Ill.
• Johara F. El Harazin (BUS ’03, MBA ’06) was named executive director of the Illinois State Board of Education in 2018.
• Sabina A. Sewillo (BUS ’03) was named to Forbes Magazine’s 2018 list of America’s Top Next Generation Wealth Advisors. She is a family wealth advisor in Morgan Stanley’s Chicago office.
• Nicholas A. DeFores (EDU ’04) was promoted from officer to sergeant in the Forest Park (Ill.) Police Department, where he has worked for more than 13 years.
• Alexander Turik (CDM ’04, BUS ’04) received the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago’s Davis, Gidwitz & Glasser Young Leadership Award. Turik, co-founder and general partner of HAN Capital, is the immediate past chair of the Jewish United Fund’s Young Leadership Cabinet.
• Mohammed G. Ahmed (JD ’04) is an assistant federal defender in the eastern district of Missouri’s Office of the Federal Public Defender. Previously, he was a federal law clerk in Peoria, Ill.
• Janai E. Brugger-Orman (MUS ’05) sung the part of Ilia in Mozart’s “Idomeneo” at the Chicago Lyric Opera in fall 2018.
• Lisa D. Bucciarelli (EdD ’05) was named the new principal of Plainfield Elementary School in Des Plaines, Ill.

• David Nightingale (JD ’05) was elected a partner in the Chicago office of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP. He focuses on commercial litigation related to product liability, construction law and medical malpractice.
Growing up in Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood, Brandon F. Johnson (JD ’12) considered Chicago Mayor Harold Washington and U.S. Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr. to be his heroes. “These were well-educated public servants who did a lot of good for people. I felt what made Harold Washington, in particular, such a strong leader was his preparedness, including his law degree,” says the 38-year-old Johnson.

Inspired, Johnson decided to go to law school. “I was very drawn to DePaul’s Vincentian commitment to public service that was exhibited in how the law school operated, the perspective of its professors and the long tradition of its graduates going into public service,” he says.

For him, law is a way to give back. “This is a way for me to have the highest impact on the quality of people’s lives, which is the ultimate goal of public service,” he says. He put this philosophy into practice as a project manager for “Reconnecting Neighborhoods” with the Metropolitan Planning Council, a policy analyst in the Illinois General Assembly and, most recently, as director of policy for the Westside Justice Center.

This past summer, he was given an opportunity to broaden his impact. Randall Woodfin, the mayor of Birmingham, Ala., and a former classmate of Johnson’s from their undergraduate days at Morehouse College in Atlanta, tapped him to be the city’s new director of community engagement.

It would mean leaving his hometown and private law practice behind. But the chance to work at the “intersection between public service and public safety” by focusing on crime prevention, enforcement and re-entry was too good to refuse. “All I’m trying to do is make a difference,” says Johnson. “I want to be fair and honest, and do work that brings integrity back to public service.”

• Christian M. Picciolini (SNL ’95) authored “White American Youth: My Descent into America’s Most Violent Hate Movement and How I Got Out.” The award-winning television producer and peace advocate spoke in October at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center on his past and how he left the white supremacist movement.

• Derek P. Benke (JD ’06) joined Xsensus LLP, a newly formed law firm in Alexandria, Va., where he practices patent law. He was named to the BTI Client Service All-Stars 2018 list, one of only 27 intellectual property lawyers in the nation to be so recognized.

• Jessica Powell (CMN ’06) was promoted to senior marketing manager, social media and influencer marketing at Whole Foods Market for the New York City metropolitan area. Previously, she oversaw marketing efforts for Whole Foods Market San Diego.

• Edwin A. Arreola (CMN ’07) is a partner with the Francesca Restaurant Group, with locations from Chicago to San Diego. He also owns several independent restaurants, bars and lounges in Illinois and Wisconsin.

• Mohamad Atta (BUS ’07, CSH MS ’11) has joined Carle, in Champaign, Ill., in psychiatry and psychology. He completed his residency in psychiatry at Carle Foundation Hospital.

• Gretchen M. Brinza (LAS MS ’07) received the K–6 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for 2018. She works for Alcott College Prep East Elementary School in Chicago.

• Connie Castellucci O’Reyes (BUS ’07, MS ’15) published her first humor essay collection, “I Hate Your Face (And Other Things I Wish I Could Tell My Coworkers),” which reached the No. 1 ranking on Amazon’s New Releases in Humor Essays list.

• Elizabeth A. Kundolf (MEd ’07) was named principal of Silvermine Dual Language Magnet School in Norwalk, Conn.

• Kristina Mouzakis (CSH ’07) is a visiting assistant professor of psychology at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill.

• Anne-Marie Vandenbergh (BUS MS ’07) was named president and COO of RREEF Property Trust Inc. She is an active member of the Urban Land Institute, where she serves as vice chair of the Urban Mixed Use and Development Silver Council, as well as on the institute’s Chicago Women’s Leadership Initiative Advisory Board.

• Erin A. Wang (MM ’07), a cellist, leads the Talus Ensemble, which gave the first chamber music performance on the Art Park Stage in Mariposa, Calif. She has performed chamber music with Yo-Yo Ma, Menahem Pressler, Peter Frankl and Anthony Marwood and has collaborated with the Irish music ensemble Anúna, jazz clarinetist Paquito D’Rivera and hip-hop artist Kanye West.

• Calvin L. Williams (CSH ’07) joined U.S. Dermatology Partners Keller in Ft. Worth, Texas, in 2018 after completing his residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.


• Nicholas J. Angelocci (JD ’08) is of counsel to Dickinson Wright PLLC. He is a senior patent attorney and mechanical engineer with a background in the manufacturing sector.
- Roberto F. Barbanente (BUS ’08) was named to Forbes Magazine’s 2018 list of America’s Top Next Generation Wealth Advisors. He is a vice president and financial advisor in Morgan Stanley’s Chicago office.

- Lauren A. Lapkus (LAS ’08) is the voice of Lotta in the new Netflix cartoon series “Harvey Street Kids.” She has appeared in the television shows “Lucifer” and “The Big Bang Theory.”

- Allie Quigley (EDU ’08) was named a Women’s National Basketball Association All-Star for the second consecutive year. She is a guard with the Chicago Sky.

- Patricio M. Aguilar (CDM MS ’09) was appointed to serve as a Hoffman Estates (Ill.) Park District community representative to the city’s Forward Planning Committee. His book, “Keeping Up with Technology,” was published in 2018.

- Matthew Bowen (LAS MA ’09), a former NFL player and football columnist for the Chicago Tribune, joined ESPN’s “NFL Matchup” as a co-host. He will continue to write for ESPN and to coach defensive backs at IC Catholic Prep High School in Elmhurst, Ill.

- John Carruthers (CMN MA ’09) is now the communications manager at Revolution Brewing. In this role, he’ll handle public relations, employee communications, branding and investor reports.

- John Martinez (LAS ’09) is a detective in the Crimes Against Children Unit of the Houston Police Department, where he has worked since 2010.

- Sarah A. Nolan (JD ’09) was elevated to partner with Anderson & Associates PC. Based in the Orland Park, Ill., office, she focuses on divorce and family law litigation, estate planning, and bankruptcy.

- Jillian F. Sheehan (MBA ’09) was named CFO of PowerReviews, which manages reviews and user-generated social content for more than 1,000 brands and retailers.

- Valerie Sherman (JD ’09) is now director of gift planning at Saint Mary’s College in South Bend, Ind.

- Jose L. Torrez (LAS ’09, MNN ’12) is a community organizer and college advisor at Richard J. Daley College in Chicago.

- 2010s

- Wasif A. Khan (JD ’10) is of counsel in the Chicago office of HeplerBroom, where he focuses on the corporate and regulatory needs of health care professionals, medical and dental practices, health care entities, small to midsize businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

- Samantha M. Quigley Smith (EDU ’10, MEd ’14) was named to Joliet Catholic Academy’s Hall of Champions. A standout basketball player for the Blue Demons, she is now head women’s basketball coach at Lewis University.

- Theresa K. Siaw (BUS ’10), a community activist and the business development director of OMNI Healthcare, helped co-found the Roberto Clemente Academy Summer Sports Program, a summer sports camp serving nearly 350 school students.

- Ryan F. Cain (CDM ’11) works in research and design, prototyping, training and commercializing 3D scanning methods for the next generation of AR/VR applications in partnership with established leaders in the field, such as Artec and Magic Leap.

- Prabjot “PJ” Randhawa (CMN MA ’11) is the first Sikh-Canadian broadcast journalist to take home an Emmy Award. The reporter was recognized in the health and science category for her investigation into prescription medication errors. She is a four-time Emmy nominee and also was nominated for a Missouri Broadcasters Award in 2018. She has worked for NBC affiliate KSDK-TV in St. Louis since 2015.

- Martha E. Ravenhill (JD ’11) joined the Edwardsville (Ill.) office of Heyl Royster, a Midwest regional law firm. Previously, she served as assistant attorney general in the office of the Missouri Attorney General.

- Muhammad Zeshan Yasin (CDM MS ’13) is an integration architect with Prime TSR. Previously, he was an enterprise integration services/enterprise service business solution architect for Blue Cross & Blue Shield.

- Heather Renee Adams (JD ’12) joined the labor, employment and immigration group of Ice Miller LLP in Chicago. Adams is a business-oriented attorney who regularly advises and represents clients in high-stakes whistleblower actions and other areas of employment law.

- Edward N. Amos (MEd ’12) was named principal of Glenbrook (Ill.) Evening High School. Previously, he was an assistant principal of a middle school in South Elgin, Ill., and a dean of students at Francis W. Parker School in Chicago.

- James Etchingham (LAS ’12) has joined the Rockford (Ill.) Police Department as a police officer. He previously served as an officer with the Palatine (Ill.) Police Department.

- Valerie M. Fenster (CDM MS ’12) is now director of insights and human factors for Kaleidoscope Innovation, a product development firm, and is based in the Los Angeles office.

- Kerry K. Flory (AS MNN ’12) is a project control and contract compliance specialist for King County, Washington. She is testing a new compliance model with King County International Airport and seven other government agencies.

- Daniel L. Willis (CDM MS ’12) directed an episode of NBC’s “The Blacklist.”

- Catherine Leonard (JD ’13) joined the Milwaukee office of Grzeca Law Group SC, a full-service immigration law firm. She focuses on corporate immigration law.

- Jeremiah W. Reece (JD ’13), a civil rights litigator in Louisville, Ky., secured a nearly $1.1 million jury verdict at trial on June 15, 2018, for a single claim of disability discrimination brought under state law. It was the largest verdict ever obtained for a disability discrimination claim in Texas. She previously was the assistant to the city manager.

- Christine DiGiovanni (LAS MS ’13) was promoted to physician account executive at Quest Diagnostics, a clinical laboratory company. She has been with Quest for 12 years, most recently as a senior customer solutions specialist.

- Drew Hopson (CDM ’13) was recognized among the University of West Georgia’s “Thriving Under 30.” He received his master’s in professional counseling from West Georgia in 2017 and currently serves as the director of chapter services for Triangle Fraternity.

- Sarah Janicik (MBA ’13) was appointed to the board of directors for the United Fresh Produce Association. She is the U.S. strategic supply chain manager at McDonald’s Corporation in the produce, fruit, potato and beverage categories.
Melisa K. Resch (CDM MS '13) was selected to participate in the 2018 AT&T Hello Lab Mentorship Program, aimed at supporting the creative voices of people underrepresented by Hollywood. Resch has written, directed and produced several short films, and for the past two years, she has worked at Freedom Road Productions as a creative executive.

Lindsey P. Whitaker (SNL '13) has invented Syiron, a hair straightener remotely controlled by a free app that ensures the product is turned off even if users are not at home.

Amelia A. Catania (MEd '14) received an Honorable Mention, Elementary School Counselor of the Year for 2018 from the Illinois School Counselor Association. She is a counselor at Dewey Elementary School in Chicago.

Brian M. Coleman (MEd '14) was named national Counselor of the Year for 2019 by the American School Counselor Association. He also was named the 2018 Illinois High School Counselor of the Year by the Illinois School Counselor Association. He is director of the counseling department at Jones College Prep in Chicago.

Suraj S. Desai (MEd '14) was promoted to associate vice president of originsations and business developments at Mag Mile Capital, based in Chicago.

Jordan A. Rome (CMN '14) created a video series, “365 Ways to Kill an American,” which reenacts recent high-profile police shootings but casts people of different ethnicities in the various roles. The series is available on Vimeo.

Kathleen N. Styrek (MEd '14) was named the 2018 Illinois Elementary School Counselor of the Year by the Illinois School Counselor Association.

Megan E. Turner (THE '14) is the outside projects coordinator for the costume shop at Steppenwolf Theatre Company in Chicago.

Jason R. VonRohn (THE MFA '14) joined the ensemble of Chicago-based Griffin Theatre Company. He has performed with the company since 2014. He doubles as a teaching artist leading workshops and discussions for both “Letters Home” and “Ghosts of War.”

Credell Walls (SNL '14) traveled to Thailand to study emerging models in conservation and education, as well as spiritual connections to nature, as part of Miami University’s Earth Expeditions global field course.

Kevin D. Wender (JD '14) graduated from the U.S. Department of Labor’s two-year Honors Attorney Program in the Office of the Solicitor. He has accepted a permanent position in the office’s Division of Employment and Training Legal Services in Washington, D.C.

Vierelen Fernandez (LAS '15) received a National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship. She is studying international relations at Florida International University in Miami.

Katie M. Shank (JD '15) joined the San Diego office of law firm Nicolaides Fink Thorpe Michaelides Sullivan LLP.

Jasmine K. Dela Luna (CSH '16), a student in the University of Chicago Law School, was selected for the 2018–19 Douglass Fellowship created by the Human Trafficking Institute.

Taylor A. Van Hove (JD '16) is an associate in the Chicago office of Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP, focusing on medical negligence, health care, product liability and premises liability.

Emile M. Winter (CSH '16) wrote, acted and produced a short film called “(Un)known Encounters” in 2017 in her hometown of Curitiba, Brazil. Her film has been accepted to several international film festivals.

Charles “Chaz” Bottoms (CDM '17) won Best Animated Film at the 2018 DC Black Film Festival for his seven-minute film “All Kids Go to Hell.”

Joan Friedrich (MEd '17) is now a qualified mental health professional at Anixter Center, a Chicago-based organization serving people with disabilities. She also began a postgraduate psychotherapeutic training program at Live Oak Inc.

Daniel Kapolnek (JD '17) has joined Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger Lee and Considine LLC, where he will practice estate planning and administration, real estate, and business law.

Samuel Straley (THE '17) is a regular on the ABC television series “The Kids Are Alright.”

Jacob Janssen (MFA '18) directed the New York premiere of Cathy Tempelsman’s one-act play, “Run-On Sentence,” as part of the New York Theatre Festival’s 2018 Summerfest.

Kyle Kalkofen (BUS MS '18) joins the Chicago office of real estate investment company Greystone as a loan originator.

Nolan Leuthauser (JD '18) accepted a position as a law clerk for the Hon. William J. Bauer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Daniel A. Margolis (MEd ‘18) teaches seventh and eighth grades at Paola Middle School in Paola, Kan.

Tyler Smith (JD '18) joined the Chicago office of Dinsmore & Shohl as an associate in the litigation department.

Craig Markovitz (MBA ‘95) and his family at Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England

Michael O’Connor (LAS ’92) among the ruins of Dún Aonghasa, on the southern coast of the Aran Island of Inis Mor, Ireland

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