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1950s

- David J. Danelski (JD ’53) is the Boone Centennial Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at Stanford University. He is the author of many publications on the U.S. Supreme Court, constitutional law and judicial behavior, and is working on a biography of former U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.
- James O’Neil (LAS ’64, MA ’66) recently published his 200th post on his blog at memoriessofatime.blog. He writes about growing up in Chicago and other personal topics.
- Ralph P. Pechnio (BUS ’64) is among 200 veterans statewide chosen by the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs as a Bicentennial HONOR 200 recipient.
- Frank S. Ptak (BUS ’65, DHL ’13) was named senior managing director of Madison Industries in January 2019. He retired as chairman and CEO of Marmon Holdings at the end of 2018.
- Sr. Therese (Thomas Francis) Decanio, OP (LAS ’67) was named a 2018 Jubilarian for 70 years of service to the Adrian Dominican Sisters.
- Thomas P. Wilczak (CSH ’68) is among 200 veterans statewide chosen by the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs as a Bicentennial HONOR 200 recipient.

1960s

- Phaidra A. Wills (CSH ’09) and Adam Bumpers (SNL ’19) were engaged Dec. 14, 2018, among family and friends. Wills is an licensed clinical professional counselor in Chicago, and Bumpers is a sports compliance manager with Chicago Public Schools.
- Leola Westbrook (BUS ’04) and John Preston Lawrence were married Dec. 2, 2018, in Santa Monica, Calif. She is an executive producer and showrunner for various TV shows and networks.
- Sharon Olszowka (BUS ’05) and David Yu (BUS ’05) were married on Sept. 2, 2018. The couple met in an undergraduate algebra class at DePaul and became engaged in front of the DePaul Center on the Loop campus. She is currently in sales at Heritage Wine Cellars, while he is a controller at Raymundo’s Food Group.
- Kelcie L. Daniels (BUS ’12) and Daniel S. Davis were married on April 18, 2018. She is a financial advisor with On Track Financial, based in Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- Vincent Anter (CDM ’10) and Lisa Wyczesany (CMN ’10) were married on Sept. 2, 2018, at Sr. Benedict’s Church in Chicago. They both lived in Corcoran Hall as students. On the day of their wedding, Lisa surprised Vince with a quick photo shoot in the hallway where they met. The couple lives in Los Angeles.
- Sam C. Finnell (BUS MS ’13) married Morgan Bunting on Sept. 22, 2018, in Nantucket, Mass. He is an associate director at Bentall Kennedy, a real estate investment management firm.
- Felicia Tate (SNL ’13) married Keith W. Flowers Sr. on Sept. 15, 2017, at First Reformed Church of South Holland, Ind. She is a teller manager at Bank Financial in Orland Park, Ill. An engagement notice in the Winter 2019 DePaul Magazine misidentified the groom. Below is the correct announcement. We regret the error.
- Jordan L. McDonald (EDU ’15) and Kevin Howe (CMN ’14) are engaged and planning a wedding in July 2019.
- Robert W. McGee (MST ’76) won his fifth martial arts world championship in January 2019. He has been a world champion in karate three times and once each in taekwondo and kung fu, as well as a silver medalist in tai chi. He is an associate professor of accounting at Fayetteville (N.C.) State University.

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- 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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BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

» Mark Miskewitch (CMN ’97, MA ’10) and his wife, Anne Miskewitch (LAS ’00, MA ’03), welcomed their second daughter, Alyna Eva Marie, on Nov. 3, 2018. Alyna joins big brother, Marie, on Nov. 3, 2018.

» A second daughter, Alyna Eva (LAS ’03) and his wife, Amber (LAS ’00), welcomed twin girls, Jordyn Alexa and Alana Raquel, on Aug. 14, 2018.

» Deborah L. Borman (JD ’89), law professor at the University of Arkansas Little Rock Bowen School of Law, published her first book, “A Short & Happy Guide to Legal Writing” (West Academic). This inaugural edition in the Short & Happy series provides practice tips for legal memos and briefs, along with a short history of legal writing in the United States.

» W. Earl Brown (THE MFA ’89) will join most of the principal cast of “Deadwood” for a movie set about 10 years after the events in the final season of the show.

» Alexander J. Croke (BUS ’89) is president and CEO of Local Marketing Solutions Group, based in Rolling Meadows, Ill.

» Gregory M. Gilmore (BUS ’89, JD ’93) was named chief of the criminal division for the 46-county Central District of Illinois, which includes Springfield.

» Raju M. Patel (MBA ’89) was appointed market president for the Denver region of Bank of America. He also was named Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Commercial banking market executive for Colorado.

» Suzanne (Martello) Stanish (BUS ’80) was re-elected as executive trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in January 2019. She has been the director of finance for the Naperville (Ill.) Park District for the past five years.

» Narda Alcorn (THE ’92) has been appointed chair of the stage management department of the Yale School of Drama and stage management advisor of the Yale Repertory Theatre. Her five-year appointment begins July 1, 2019.

» Paul W. Eisenmenger (MBA ’92) joined Knox College in Galesburg, Tenn., as vice president of finance.

» William J. Hunter (BUS ’92, MBA ’96) is president and CEO of the AMCI Acquisition Corp.

» Lorna Rivera (EDU ’92) is director of the University of Massachusetts’ Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy. Recently, she was appointed to serve on the Boston School Committee.
IN MEMORIAM

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

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Ann M. Colleary (BUS '50) » Alumni of mercy and love, grant you the souls of our

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with providing tax services. officed as a principal charged has joined CliftonLarsonAl-

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...was promor- to senior vice president and head of enterprise risk management of OCC, an equity derivatives clearing organization.

...started in the national tour of “Miss Saigon,” which played at Broadway in Chicago’s Cadillac Palace Theatre Nov. 14–Dec. 8, 2018.

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of Chicago and will remain its music director. He also is the resident conductor of the Lira Ensemble.

- Juan Morado Jr. (LAS '03) was honored as one of “Chicago’s 2018 Notable Minority Lawyers,” a list compiled by Crain’s Chicago Business. He is a partner with Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP, where he focuses on health care regulations and policy.

- Agostino Ricupati (MST '03) is chief accounting officer for Cooper Companies, a public holding company traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

- Daniel Won (MM '03, CER '05) is in his third season with the Quad City Symphony Orchestra, and he made his solo debut with the orchestra in December 2018 in an all-Bernstein program.

- Samuel J. Yingling (LAS '03) was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives serving the 62nd District.

- Robert J. Domol (JD '04) was named to the 2018 Wisconsin Rising Stars list of lawyers. He works out of the Appleton office of Hupy and Abraham SC.

- Kelley Gandurski (JD '04) was named executive director for Chicago Animal Care and Control. She had been acting director since June 30, 2018.

- Robert P. Strobo (JD '04) was named general counsel, chief legal officer and corporate secretary for 3PEA International Inc.

- Russell A. Carleton (CHS MA '05, PhD '09), a longtime writer for Baseball Prospectus, was hired as an analyst by the New York Mets. Carleton authored “The Shift: The Next Evolution in Baseball Thinking” in 2018.

- Jenni L. Dant (CMN '05) is a member of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association 2019 Hall of Fame class.

- Rodney L. Lewis (JD '05) was honored as one of “Chicago’s 2018 Notable Minority Lawyers,” a list compiled by Crain’s Chicago Business. He is a shareholder in Polsinelli, where he is a litigator.

- Conrad Timbers-Ausar (SNL '05) was named principal of Englewood STEM High School. The new Chicago Public Schools building will open in fall 2019. Previously, Timbers-Ausar was principal of Urban Prep Academy for Young Men in Chicago’s Bronzeville neighborhood.

- Nishant Tomar (CDM MS '05) founded kNEEBU, a startup and app that consolidates apps for household services into a single location, in 2018.

- Patrick C. Gallagher (JD '07), a partner in Duane Morris LLP, was appointed chair of the firm’s pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals litigation and regulatory group. He is based in Boca Raton, Fla.

- Carol M. McGury (LAS MS '07) was elected chair of the Professional Convention Management Association’s Education Foundation board of trustees. She is executive vice president for event and education services at Chicago-based SmithBucklin.

- Steven J. Moravec (LAS MA '07), an orthodontist, recently published “Going the Extra Smile: Merging Technology and Expertise for a Lifetime of Smiles.”

- Shawn Robinson (MED '07), a senior research associate for the Equity and Inclusion Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, is the creator of a black, dyslexic superhero in his new graphic novel, “Doctor Dyslexia Dude,” which he co-authored with his wife, Inshirah. Proceeds from the sale of the book go to the International Dyslexia Association to support a scholarship the couple plans to start.

- Elvia (Toledo) Uriostegui (EDU '07) received the Outstanding Middle School Teacher Award for 2018 from the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics. She received an Illinois Those Who Excel Honorable Recognition Award in 2016.

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**In Memoriam**

John P. Kelly (LAS ’68), the avuncular proprietor of Kelly’s Pub, was beloved by generations of DePaul alumni, faculty and staff. Kelly took over the family business, which was founded in 1933, while he was still in college and ensured that it remained an iconic watering hole for Blue Demons fans and Lincoln Park locals.

“A bar is made for people to talk,” Kelly told the Chicago Tribune shortly before his death. “They come in, they look for the conversations. They’re looking for community.”

Kelly and his wife, Polly, broadened that community in 1969 when they helped found the annual Sheffield Garden Walk. A longtime fan of Blue Demon men’s and women’s basketball, Kelly also was known for founding the imaginary Maguire University, composed of NCAA basketball fans who attend the Final Four each year.

Kelly’s was the site of many DePaul events over the years, most recently an after-party for attendees to the 2018 Alumni Weekend who were celebrating 50+ years as DePaul alumni as part of the Fifty Year Club. Kelly had just joined the club that year.

Kelly attended DePaul Academy, the Vincentian high school housed in what is now Byrne Hall. In addition to running Kelly’s, he became a firefighter. He served on Engine 78 near Wrigley Field before becoming captain of Engine 91 in Logan Square. He retired in 1997.

“John had the ability to be comfortable in the presence of Chicago’s political, financial, artistic and sports elite while always remaining true to his blue-collar Lincoln Park roots,” says Doug Bruno (LAS ’73, MA ’88), DePaul’s women’s basketball coach and Kelly’s close friend. “John Kelly’s legacy will live through Polly, his family, the many Chicagoans he touched and, last but not least, Kelly’s Pub.”
Jennifer Weggeman (SNL MA '07) is a workshop/outreach facilitator with the career services team of the DuPage County Workforce Development Division in Lisle, Ill. For the past 11 years, she also has been an adjunct instructor with DePaul’s School for New Learning and College of Computing & Digital Media.

Alejandro T. Acieroth (MUS ’08) joined the faculty of Vanderbilt University as the Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of Digital Art and New Media.

Gaylon Alcaraz (SNL ’08, MA ’11) is now the new LGBTQ program specialist with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Daniel E. Conley (SNL ’08) rejoined Chicago-based Skender Construction Company as director of manufacturing operations.

Daniel Morris (JD ’08) was honored as one of “Chicago’s 2018 Notable Minority Lawyers,” a list compiled by Crain’s Chicago Business. He is a partner in Hinshaw & Culbertson, downtown Chicago. /T_h e Best of Sandwich,” published in History of America’s Favorite Foods: About the Burger: A Crash Course in the History of America’s Favorite Foods, was recognized as one of the Bicentennial HONOR 200 recipients.

Erin Wilson (JD ’08) is a workshop/outreach facilitator with the law firm Martin & Bell.

The following alumni have new positions as of April 2019.

Suzanne M. Alton (LAS ‘10) is an associate in the litigation practice group in the Chicago office of Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP.

Aaron D. Boeder (JD ’10) was named a partner in the Chicago office of Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard PC.


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Roland Hudson (MM ’59) fell in love with the organ as a child: “I was intrigued that I could make so many different sounds. I could almost sound like an orchestra on it.” Despite being blind since birth, he earned a bachelor’s degree in music from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio—and then hit a roadblock.

“When I went to school years ago, blind students were not around. There were very few of us,” Hudson recalls. Universities were reluctant to admit him at the graduate level, except for DePaul. Arthur Becker, founding dean of the School of Music and an organist himself, persuaded his faculty members that they could indeed teach a student who could not see.

As a graduate, Hudson continued that tradition. He’d tell sighted teachers who asked him to instruct their visually impaired students, “I’d rather you keep them, and I will give you pointers on how to assist a blind student.” Similarly, he had to teach employers about how to work with blind staff. After detecting how uncomfortable recruiters were during his first few interviews, he took the bull by the horns and taught the next recruiter what he should be asking a blind candidate. The result was a 30-year career as a concert artist and teacher trainer for the Yamaha Corporation.

Hudson also moonlighted as a substitute organist for the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox, where he taught longtime Sox organist Nancy Faust how to use her new Yamaha. Now retired and living in Scottsdale, Ariz., Hudson is the organist for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church. He recently was named to the advisory board of the Xavier Society for the Blind, helping to select new material and explore new technology.

“I’ve been using their magazines for five decades at least. Now I receive from them [audio files of] the Proper of the Mass, which change every Sunday. If I had to learn that in Braille, it would take me quite a while, so to have audio done for me is really remarkable,” Hudson says. “It’s a wonderful group.”