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Connecting DePaul

President Robert L. Manuel takes center stage,
energizing the university community



Moments

DePaul basketball coaches Doug Bruno and Tony Stubblefield enjoy the opening festivities at Chicago's Margaret Hie Ding Lin Park, which DePaul renovated to celebrate the university's 125th anniversary and commitment to community service.

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Time to Be Bold



My first few months at DePaul have been among the most energizing I have ever experienced. I'm beyond inspired by the many alumni, faculty, staff, students and family members I have met so far. You make DePaul a unique place, and I'm truly honored to be part of this outstanding university.

In my inauguration speech, which I delivered on Nov. 11, I challenged our university community to be bold. I challenged us to believe we can transform DePaul into THE national model for higher education – not the model for Vincentian or Catholic universities, not the model for Chicago, but THE university that creates THE national model.

Because of the extreme talent and capabilities within our university community, we have an opportunity to design a future that connects our mission and our uniqueness to address the most pressing questions facing our society today. In my opinion, true interdisciplinary education is the solution.

College students today want to feel connected to causes and meaning. They get frustrated when they can't see a direct connection between an academic discipline and how it will help solve health equity, poverty, environmental sustainability or the new frontier of human-computer interaction.

Many faculty at DePaul are actively studying and researching these critical societal topics. My goal is to knit these individual efforts together, unify them at the university level and connect them to Chicago. Let's move from a place where we study issues to one where we truly

partner with corporate and nonprofit entities to make real change happen.

To get us started, I'm happy to announce the Board of Trustees has agreed to dedicate \$20 million from our endowment to fund interdisciplinary learning and research centers at DePaul. These funds will be used to create new endowed chairs, develop new programs that meet student and societal needs, and reinforce the university's research infrastructure.

Interdisciplinary learning and research centers will increase the value and distinction of a DePaul degree. They will extend our Catholic, Vincentian mission by improving the quality of life for the communities in which we live. Ultimately, interdisciplinary education will launch DePaul into a new era of academic excellence.

Transforming DePaul will take every single member of our university community. In the coming months, I will travel coast to coast to meet our alumni in Arizona, California, Florida, New York and Washington, D.C., as well as right here in the Chicago area. I look forward to engaging in conversations, hearing your ideas and learning how we can work together to design DePaul's future.

It's time to be bold. Let's go.

Robert L. Manuel
President

“Let’s move from a place where we study issues to one where we truly partner with corporate and nonprofit entities to make real change happen.”

Photo by DePaul University/Steve Woltmann



Photo courtesy of Daniel Schober

Marquee

Peace Team

Daniel Schober and Chicago-area graduate students collaborate with community partners to understand and reduce gun violence

Gun violence is one of Chicago's most pressing problems. And it's something that researchers at DePaul University, along with other area institutions, are working to understand and change through the Chicago Gun Violence Research Collaborative (CGVRC).

Daniel Schober, a DePaul assistant professor of public health, served as director of the CGVRC from 2020 to 2022. The collaborative, which addresses gun violence through a public health lens, also includes Sinai Urban Health Institute, Rush University, Adler University, Loyola University Chicago and University of Illinois Chicago (UIC).

Schober says he's proud to work at a university that

immerses itself in seeking solutions to urban challenges. DePaul and the other members are directly working with historically underserved communities. "We're not ivory tower institutions," he says.

In Schober's time as director, he says he's most proud of the graduate student fellowship program, a 15-week program that brings together graduate student fellows and faculty fellows in participating institutions to conduct community-based research related to gun violence.

Students take what he calls a research activism approach, using research to stimulate community action and create lasting change.

Last year, the graduate students worked with young

people ages 14 to 24 from Kids Off the Block, a youth-serving organization in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood, to better understand the causes of gun violence and to partner for change.

Myles Castro (LAS MPH '18), a program manager at Sinai Urban Health Institute, participated in the collaborative's work as a DePaul graduate student fellow in 2017 and as a faculty fellow in 2022. His main takeaway: It's critical to include young voices and voices of color in discussions and solutions.

"In terms of homicides due to gun violence, communities of color, particularly young people, are disproportionately impacted," Castro says. "Without including them in

Daniel Schober (fourth from left) and Kids Off the Block founder Diane Latiker (second from left) worked with Chicago Gun Violence Research Collaborative fellows to dialogue with youth in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood.

“You try to create deep systemic change on the issues that caused the problem in the first place, hopefully preventing violence before it occurs.”

–Daniel Schober

the conversation, we really can't get a true sense of how to prevent this issue."

Schober says the ultimate goal of the fellowship is for students to integrate what they've learned into their future careers, paving the way for lasting change.

For Schober, those changes bring hope. Historically, gun violence has been addressed through the lens of criminology and criminal justice. But gun violence is a multidisciplinary problem that demands a public health approach, steeped in data but also action, he says.

"You try to create deep systemic change on the issues that caused the problem in the first place, hopefully preventing violence before it occurs," Schober says. "That's what we try to impart on students." – Kate Silver

Memoranda

Alumni & Family WEEKEND 2022

OCTOBER 13-16

Photos by Tom Vangel



Volunteers from local and affinity alumni chapters, including the Black Alumni Chapter, the Chicagoland Alumni Chapter, the Young Alumni Committee and more, swapped stories and made connections on Friday evening.



Members of the Class of 1972 reunited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their graduation from DePaul at the Fifty Year Club brunch.



After the Blue Demon Bash, fans donned their "We Are DePaul" T-shirts to form a capacity crowd as the men's soccer team played Xavier to a 1-1 draw.



Held under the Fullerton 'L' stop, the Blue Demon Bash featured several DePaul-themed inflatables that were perfect for photo ops with friends and family.



The photo booth was a popular attraction among partygoers at Friday evening's Alumni Weekend Reception.



DIBS came out to enjoy the afternoon sun and spread some Blue Demon spirit!



President Rob Manuel asked alumni to share their post-graduation journeys with him at the Alumni Weekend Reception.



LaReyna Griffin (BUS '08, CDM MS '18), president of the Alumni Board, introduced President Rob Manuel to alumni, family and friends at the Alumni Weekend Reception.

DePaul Community Celebrates at Alumni & Family Weekend

From a formal reception at the Hyatt Regency on the Chicago River to the Blue Demon Bash block party under the Fullerton 'L' stop, DePaul alumni enjoyed a full range of events during Alumni & Family Weekend, Oct. 13-16.

A highlight of the jam-packed weekend was the Friday night alumni reception, held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Alumni of all class years joined DePaul President Robert L. Manuel for an elegant evening featuring hors d'oeuvres, drinks and plenty of good conversation.

Current students, families and alumni had a blast at the third annual Blue Demon Bash on Saturday afternoon. The tailgate under the 'L' tracks next to Wish Field featured snacks, games and music and was the perfect segue to the soccer game, where the DePaul men's team fought Xavier University to a 1-1 draw in front of a capacity crowd.

The weekend also featured brunches, trolley rides to the Lincoln Park Zoo, Sunday mass, a virtual trivia game and the All for DePaul Virtual Fun Run benefiting The Finish Line Fund.



Alumni from all class years came together to celebrate their shared connection to DePaul at the Alumni Weekend Reception, held inside the elegant Hyatt Regency along the Chicago River.



Milestones

Occupational Therapy Program Launched

DePaul launched its Occupational Therapy program this fall, housed in the College of Science and Health and led by Program Director and Associate Professor Kate Barrett. The first cohort of about 30 master's students, who are preparing to work in schools, hospitals, clinics, private practice and other settings, will learn to treat children and adults with developmental, physical, cognitive and psychological conditions.

Civics Initiative Receives Grant Funding

DePaul received a \$285,000, three-year grant from the Teagle Foundation to help develop a multi-section civics course, Lived Civics, the Social Contract and Public Life. Molly Andolina and Ben Epstein, associate professors in the Department of Political Science, and Margaret Storey, professor of history and associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, are leading the program, which builds essential civic skills in various disciplines.

Latinx Initiative Exhibition

DePaul Art Museum presents "A Natural Turn," an exhibition with the works of four surrealist artists living in the Americas — María Berrío, Joiri Minaya, Rosana Paulino and Kelly Sinnaph Mary. The exhibit, part of the museum's Latinx initiative, runs through Feb. 19, 2023.

Trustee John L. Brennan (1962–2022)



In Memoriam

The DePaul community mourns the death of John L. Brennan, a longtime member of DePaul's Board of Trustees. Brennan died on Oct. 3 at the age of 60.

An inspiring leader, Brennan joined the Board of Trustees in 2009, following the model of service to the university set by his father, Edward Brennan, who also was a DePaul trustee and served as chair of the board from 1997 to 2001. During his years of distinguished service to DePaul, John Brennan served on or led multiple committees, including the finance, philanthropy, trusteeship and investment committees.

"John's contributions to DePaul University over the years were profound," says **Gerald Beeson (BUS '94)**, chair of DePaul's Board of Trustees. "John was an active board member who was always ready to serve and, more importantly, a shining beacon of our Catholic, Vincentian mission. His personal warmth and friendship knew no bounds, and he will be sorely missed."

Outside his role with DePaul, Brennan's successful 35-year career in financial services included serving as the head of private wealth management at William Blair and Company. He was also president of Bank of America's Illinois operation and was central region president of its private bank.

"We have lost an exceptionally dedicated and kindhearted leader who was instrumental in building a strong connection between DePaul and the Chicago community," says DePaul President Robert L. Manuel. "Throughout the years, John and his family have made a tremendous impact on DePaul and its students. The entire DePaul community extends our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Jean, his son and daughter, and his extended family."

An active member in his community, Brennan engaged in extensive civic leadership that included service as life director of the Chicago Public Library Foundation, an executive committee member of WTTW and WFMT, a trustee of Rush University Medical Center, the lead director of Miami Corporation, and a trustee for The Harris Theater for Music and Dance.

A Vanderbilt University graduate, Brennan was a devoted family man and is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Jack and Kelly; and many extended family members.



Master Class

How to Make a Festive Eggnog

By Ari Megalis and Christina Stradone

'Tis the season for gathering with loved ones, exchanging gifts with family and friends, and, of course, eating, drinking and being merry.

When we think of holiday cocktails, our attention turns to eggnog. This holiday drink—with its rich, creamy base of milk, eggs and alcohol—has been a winter classic through the years.

Various forms of eggnog have been around since medieval European days. The rum-based version popular today dates to colonial America, when rum from the Caribbean was less expensive than brandy or sherry shipped from England.

Every year around the holidays, the staff at Maplewood Brewery & Distillery prepares batches of this recipe in 1-liter bottles. They are for sale exclusively at the Maplewood Lounge at 2717 N. Maplewood Ave. in Chicago. Because eggnog contains raw eggs, be sure to keep eggnog refrigerated and use within three weeks.

To enjoy eggnog with a festive flair, build a fire in your fireplace, gather with your favorite DePaul friends, and raise a toast to a happy holiday and a happy new year.

MAPLEWOOD EGGNOG

Makes about 3 quarts, or 24 servings

INGREDIENTS

- 12.5 ounces whole milk
- 9 large eggs
- 1 cup brown sugar, lightly packed
- 2 tablespoons ground nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 25.5 ounces heavy cream
- 17 ounces white rum
- 16 ounces golden ale, such as Maplewood Krispie Cakes or Grahammie Cakes Pastry Ale
- Cinnamon sticks, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Combine milk, eggs, brown sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon in a large mixing bowl. Mix with an immersion blender, mixer or whisk until all the sugar is dissolved. (If you like a thicker nog, separate egg yolks from egg whites. Beat egg whites in a separate bowl to form peaks, then stir yolks and whites into the rest of the mixture.)
2. Add cream, rum and beer and continue to mix to bring everything together and achieve desired frothiness.
3. Refrigerate. When ready to serve, ladle into glasses. Garnish each glass with a dash of ground nutmeg and/or a cinnamon stick.

Maplewood Brewery & Distillery, maplewoodbrew.com, has been producing finely crafted beer and spirits since 2014. The company is home to many DePaul alumni, including head distiller and co-founder **Ari Megalis (BUS '05, MBA '09)**, CFO and co-founder **Paul Megalis (BUS '09)**, founding brewer and CEO **Adam Cieslak (JD '11)**, co-founder **Kevin Holl (CDM '04)** and marketing associate **Christina Stradone (CDM '11)**.

Milestones



Rick Sinkuler. Photo by Kathy Hillegonds

College of Business Appoints Leaders

Mark Shore (BUS '87), an alternative investments expert, founder of Shore Capital Research and a Driehaus College of Business professional lecturer, was named executive director of DePaul's Arditti Center for Risk Management. Global real estate consultant **Rick Sinkuler (BUS '83, MS '86)**, previously a senior consulting partner for Ernst & Young's real estate, hospitality and construction practice, was named Douglas and Cynthia Crocker Endowed Director of DePaul's Real Estate Center.

STRC Inaugural Fellows

DePaul's Social Transformation Research Collaborative (STRC) awarded faculty research fellowships to Susana Martínez, associate professor of Spanish and director of Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies, and Chernoh Sesay Jr., associate professor of Religious Studies. It also gave professional development fellowships to Lori Pierce, associate professor of African and Black Diaspora Studies and of Global Asian Studies, and Lourdes Torres, Vincent de Paul professor of Latin American and Latino Studies. STRC supports research in the humanities as a source of justice and healing for communities historically shaped by, and continuously facing, racism, violence and dispossession.



DePaul coach Doug Bruno receives the coveted Eastman trophy at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame induction ceremony from an Eastman Company representative.

Swish Fulfillment

Doug Bruno and Title IX celebrate milestones in hoops heroics and athletics equity

Before embarking on his 37th season this fall as DePaul women's basketball coach, **Doug Bruno (LAS '73, MA '88)** enjoyed a glorious summer of accolades.

In a crowning moment, Bruno, who has dedicated most of his career to advancing women in sports and elevating women's basketball, was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in June.

Bruno was celebrated for his remarkable coaching success as well as his fierce advocacy of gender equity spanning five decades. He's been a prominent supporter of Title IX, which marks its 50th anniversary in 2022 as the landmark civil rights law prohibiting sex-based discrimination in schools and programs that receive federal funding.

In July, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot

bestowed the City of Chicago Title IX Champion Award on Bruno. "The opportunity for a young girl to be educated through athletics is not based on some quota, but it is a civil right," Bruno said at the Chicago Cultural Center ceremony. "Title IX is a federal civil rights law, not just some rule. Gender equality has made significant strides since Title IX was enacted 50 years ago. Unfortunately, gender inequity remains all too prevalent in our country. The battle for gender equality — just like the battle for racial equality — is a fight that must be waged every day."

Bruno's Hall of Fame induction was a professional pinnacle befitting an individual who has spent much of his life fighting for equal treatment of female athletes and women in society.

"Gender equality has made significant strides since Title IX was enacted 50 years ago."

—Doug Bruno

The son of a Marine mother and an Army father, Bruno played on the Blue Demon men's basketball team in the early 1970s for legendary coach Ray Meyer. After his start in coaching boys' basketball, Bruno found his sweet spot in coaching women's teams. In addition to his success at DePaul, he was part of the coaching staff that led Team USA to gold medals in the 2012 and 2016 Summer Olympics, and he coached the Chicago Hustle in the first pro women's basketball league.

"As a male, I am so thankful for the opportunity to coach women's basketball," Bruno says. "Otherwise, I never would have realized the gender inequity in athletics and the vast inequality of media coverage between men's and women's sports."

Heading into the 2022-23 season, he had amassed a sensational career record of 758-367 at DePaul, surpassing Meyer as winningest coach in DePaul history. Bruno has led his teams to 25 NCAA tournament appearances, including four berths in the Sweet 16. His Blue Demons led the nation in scoring last season, playing at a breakneck speed that wins games and entertains fans.

Bruno's ongoing quest is to grow the game of women's basketball and to continue to fight for gender equality. DePaul has been a game-changer in that regard.

When DePaul opened classes to women in 1911, it became the first coed Catholic institution in Chicago. "Since then, there have been many people behind the fight for gender equality and Title IX at DePaul," Bruno says. "When so many other institutions paid lip service to this groundbreaking federal legislation, DePaul embraced Title IX from day one." — *Bob Sakamoto*

BRIEFS

Shot Put Title Won with Record Toss

Noelle Malkamaki, now a DePaul senior, claimed the national title in the shot put at the 2022 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field National Championships. Malkamaki won the event with a throw of 12.18 meters, a national record in the F46 classification for adaptive athletes. The victory followed a collegiate season during which Malkamaki set personal bests in the shot put and discus.

Back-to-Back Men's Tennis Champs

The DePaul men's tennis team won the 2022 BIG EAST Championships in spring, repeating as champion following its title run in 2021. Led by two-time BIG EAST Player of the Year Vito Tonejc and freshman Marino Jakic, the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, the Blue Demons knocked off No. 1 seed St. John's 4-2 in the title match. Tonejc was selected All-BIG EAST First Team; Jakic made All-BIG EAST Second Team and was named BIG EAST Freshman of the Year. Coach Matt Brothers and Assistant Coach Stefan Milicevic were honored as BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year.



Travis Bell/BIG EAST

DePaul men's tennis team claimed the 2022 BIG EAST title.

Women's Tennis Hits Title Match

The DePaul women's tennis team upset top-seeded St. John's 4-2 in the 2022 BIG EAST Championships semifinals before falling 4-0 to Xavier in the title match in spring. The Blue Demons have advanced to the title match for eight consecutive years (aside from 2020, when the event was canceled), claiming the crown four times during their amazing run. Yuliya Kizelbasheva was selected All-BIG EAST First Team, and **Marija Jovicic (CDM '21, MS '22)** was voted All-BIG EAST Second Team.



DePaul Athletics/Steve Woltmann

Noelle Malkamaki, who also competes in the discus, claimed the national title in the shot put with a record throw.

Multiple Accolades for Aneesah Morrow

Women's basketball breakout star Aneesah Morrow, a 6-foot-1-inch power forward now in her sophomore year, earned multiple honors following a freshman season when she led the nation in rebounding while averaging nearly 22 points and 14 rebounds a game. Morrow was named second-team All-American by the Associated Press, U.S. Basketball Writers Association (USBWA), Sports Illustrated and The Athletic; honorable mention All-American by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA); National Freshman of the Year by the WBCA, USBWA and The Athletic; All-BIG EAST first team; and BIG EAST Freshman of the Year. She was a finalist for the prestigious John Wooden award and semifinalist for the 2022 Naismith Women's Defensive Player of the Year award.

Softball Standouts Earn Honors

In spring 2022, shortstop and graduate student **Maranda Gutierrez (COE '22)** was named BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year for the third time in the four seasons the post-season honor has been awarded. Graduate student **Kate Polucha (LAS '21)** and junior Brooke Johnson landed on the All-BIG EAST First Team, while Gutierrez joined graduate

student Sarah Lehman, junior Tori Meyer and freshman Anna Wohlers on the second team. This is the fourth time Polucha and Gutierrez have earned All-BIG EAST distinction, the second time for Johnson, and the first time for Lehman, Meyer and Wohlers.



DePaul Athletics/Steve Woltmann

Women's basketball phenom Aneesah Morrow

CONNECTING

**President Manuel
inspires and
invigorates the
DePaul community,
creating a renewed
sense of mission**

By Eve Becker

New DePaul University President Robert L. Manuel is all about connection: connection to students, faculty and staff; connection to the city of Chicago; connection to alumni and their communities.

And for Manuel, connection starts with meeting people, which he is doing with vigor in his quest to broaden the impact of a DePaul education and make DePaul a national leader in educational excellence.

Some of those connections have frayed due to the pandemic. "I have come to realize that we are now more isolated than ever and that we need to reconnect to our mission – and each other – if we are to find our path forward," Manuel says.

"My job is to bolster the talent and expertise of our faculty and staff and at the same time build connections with the people who are addressing the large questions in Chicago. Then, we can bridge the two together, to engage in the most pressing issues of the day," he says.

Photo by DePaul University/Steve Woltmann

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FOLLOW PRESIDENT MANUEL

Instagram: @prezdepaul
 Twitter: @PrezDePaul
 BeReal: @Rob M

President Manuel is active on social media, using it as a way to forge connections across DePaul's campuses and communities. Here are some highlights from his Instagram feed, @prezdepaul, that show his reach and his personality.

prezdepaul



275 likes
 prezdepaul The energy was amazing - this was my first @depaulu move in day. I met students from all over the world - @depaulhousing and @veep_gene's team of student affairs people were amazing. I'm looking forward to the start of the quarter.

prezdepaul



219 likes
 prezdepaul Today I toured the @depaulu @cinespace_chicago studios. Being connected to Chicago is a clear advantage for us. But the real advantage to the education at DePaul comes from the creativity and dedication of our faculty. Today's tour showcased the exposure our 2000+ students get to the profession - and the opportunities they have to produce original and substantial work with state of the art technology.



DePaul President Rob Manuel; his daughter, Margaux; and his wife, Wilmara, get in the spirit with DIBS. (DePaul University/Randall Spriggs)

"The impact will be incredible for research, practice, student engagement and, ultimately, society," Manuel says. "We will live our mission and also help our Chicago community. Who better to not just engage, but potentially solve, a major issue such as poverty than DePaul?"

Manuel has ambitious goals to expand DePaul's impact as well as its service to the Chicago community, tying those efforts to DePaul's Vincentian mission.

"We need to get bold, courageous and self-confident about connecting what we do in class and research labs to the questions that are animating growth strategies for Chicago," he says.

"We should be devoted to our Catholic, Vincentian faith tradition and connect it to the healing and progress of the communities we serve," he said in his convocation address in September. "We should hold our mission first in everything we do and plan in a way that secures our future ability to carry that mission out."

A Genuine Connection

Although Manuel enjoys serious talk about the future of higher education, he also relishes more casual chats with students. From his first day on campus, Manuel immediately made his mark interacting with students, high-fiving DIBS and taking a turn behind a video camera at DePaul's Cinespace Studios.

Actually, photography is his passion. "If I could do anything in this world, I would be

a photographer," he says. With his favorite Nikon D90 camera, he has taken dramatic, color-soaked photos of his travels to Africa, China and India, as well as shots of his three daughters, who are often the subject of his lens.

He's equally as passionate about jazz and tennis. "Jazz clubs are one of my favorite things," says Manuel, who is a big fan of the jazz pianist Chick Corea. He also has an impressive tennis serve, learning from the men's tennis coach at the University of Indianapolis.

Manuel is living with his family at University House on the Lincoln Park campus - a first for DePaul. He chose to live on campus because "I want to be immersed in and inspired by the things that happen on the ground at the university," he says. "That's where the magic happens. That's where faculty and student connections are at their best. That's where our mission lives."

Manuel is feeding off that magic in all corners of the university. "I find energy in the three anchors of DePaul's campus: Lincoln Park, the Loop and Wintrust," he says. "The differences that exist in those places are part of the magic of being in Chicago. Students can experience an awful lot from our location in the city. Chicago truly is DePaul's campus."

Manuel comes to DePaul after serving 10 years as president of the University of Indianapolis. He's new to Chicago, but he's catching on quickly, marveling at the city's past and present during an architectural boat tour and learning

that in Chicago you must never put ketchup on your hot dog.

He's active on social media, posting photos on Instagram and BeReal and commenting on Twitter. Much like a college student, he admits to obsessing over Instagram captions.

"The picture is easy. But I always worry about things like grammar. Did I use the right 'they're' or 'their'?" he laughs. But, he cautions, don't expect policies or statements to come out of his Twitter feed. "This is my personality and thoughts. Policies will come out of my office."

As active as he is on social media, Manuel prefers a personal connection. "Social media is the door, but we have to engage in person. So, come to events and let's talk, see each other and create our community again, create our real community."

Invigorating DePaul

For Manuel, connection is not just glad-handing. It's a way to invigorate faculty, students, staff and alumni, to inspire them to create a palpable feeling of energy throughout DePaul.

"I want you to feel invigorated. I want you to have a renewed sense of purpose and value. I want you to be involved. I want you to own our mission," Manuel said in his convocation address. "That's how we emerge from this moment to our spot of national prominence. Today, let's commit ourselves to live our mission as a community that cares for everyone, serves everyone and has a real impact on the most pressing issues of our day."

Manuel also wants to engage with alumni, to learn what they value about DePaul. "We have to

design a way for the university to stay relevant to our alumni throughout their lives," he says. Engaging with alumni will help DePaul develop relationships, enhance career development and help alumni connect to current students.

Manuel's priority areas include enhancing shared governance with input from all corners of the university, showcasing DePaul's mission and supporting academic distinction. And he has already convened a summit to create a plan of action to advance diversity, equity and inclusion within the university.

"It's important to not just talk about diversity, equity and inclusion anymore. There have to be demonstrated changes that are put into place. Our community - Chicago and DePaul - is ready for action. We're ready for motion in this space. And we have among our faculty and staff some very smart experts on how this can be done. Connecting them together and believing their voices is what will get us to a point where we make those changes."

Manuel says he wants to unleash the full potential of faculty, staff and students. He wants DePaul to define the model of faith-based education for the country, living out its mission as an institution that makes an impact.

In his 18th floor office in the Daley Building, overlooking the Loop, he leans forward with calm, focused energy and says, "There is so much capacity here that can be connected and put into action. The kinetic energy here is tremendous. There's capacity in every office, classroom and residence hall that, if connected in the right way, can set the world on fire."

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ANSWERING THE CALL

With a strong spirit of service, DePaul initiatives aid displaced populations in Chicago and internationally

By Chris Quirk

DePaul has provided free online courses to students at Ukrainian Catholic University, shown here in 2021.



Photo courtesy of Ukrainian Catholic University

Welcoming the stranger who arrives at your door is a fundamental act of empathy. Sometimes, though, you have to go find the stranger yourself.

Through its people and programs, DePaul has become widely known as a refuge and advocate for those in need. But current events have demanded more services and more compassion to provide for people in distress. And the university community has answered the call.

Ukrainian Student Outreach

After the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February, GianMario Besana began thinking about what he could do to help students in Ukraine whose lives were being upended by the war.

Besana, who is associate provost for global engagement and online learning and a professor in the Eugene P. Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media, had been in touch with a colleague at the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv to set up virtual collaborative projects with faculty.

When war broke out, Besana and his Ukrainian colleagues quickly changed gears to brainstorm how DePaul could help students.

"Our partners at UCU wanted to know if we had any openings in our classes. They wanted their students to be able to continue to study, if possible, despite the war," Besana says. "This was toward the end of February. Given DePaul is on the quarter system, we were perfectly positioned to act."

The DePaul team didn't waste any time. With the support of DePaul's president and provost, Besana gathered a team to identify suitable online classes and open them to the students. "The faculty not only were enthusiastic, but some of them also set up special Zoom meetings with the Ukrainians to ensure the hours of their classes were convenient and the students would be able to stay on track," Besana says.

DePaul waived tuition and fees for the Ukrainian students for spring classes, and almost 100 Ukrainian students signed up. "It was an outpouring of generosity and hard work from people here that was heartwarming and affirming," Besana says.

Sofia Kekukh is a 19-year-old Ukrainian student who attended classes remotely at DePaul in the spring as part of the initiative. "I am studying during the war, and I am surviving during the war, so this is my life right now," Kekukh says. "It is really important for us students to continue because our future is in our hands."

Kekukh was in Kyiv at the start of the invasion and was urged to leave immediately as the city came under intense bombardment. After arriving in Lviv, which was farther from the front, Kekukh found a post on the UCU

Facebook feed inviting students to sign up for DePaul remote-learning courses. She took a French class and a media communications class and also took advantage of French tutoring through DePaul's Tutoring and Language Learning Center.

"I really improved my French and media skills," Kekukh says. "It was outside my comfort zone, but it was a great opportunity. I think things like this help to open people's minds. A lot of wonderful people were kind and supported me."

Clara Orban, a professor of French and Italian, had six Ukrainian students in her Italian 101 class. "GianMario sent faculty an email asking if we wanted to participate. I immediately said yes, although I wasn't sure how much benefit a beginning Italian class might be to the students."

As it turned out, two of her Ukrainian students were refugees living in Italy at that time. "These students in Italy were grateful, as they were able to converse a little better," Orban says. "The Ukrainian students were focused. They handed in their work absolutely on time and were enthusiastic about participating. Overall, there was a lot of curiosity between all the students, and we learned a lot about Lviv and the Ukrainian language as well."



Sofia Kekukh



Left: Avery Tunstill, a leader of the DePaul Sanctuary Group, collects donations for Afghan refugees; middle: Associate Professor Anne Saw; bottom: alumna Morgan Drake.



Resettling Afghan Refugees

DePaul's reputation as a refuge is strong. In fall 2021, Christian Hudson, an attorney from the Mayer Brown law firm working on an initiative to help Afghan refugees, was seeking allies. He contacted his friends Tara Magner, from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, who had worked extensively in immigration policy, and her husband Scott Hibbard, chair of DePaul's political science department.

A group of women who had escaped from Kabul just prior to the Taliban takeover were on their way to the United States. Could anyone at DePaul help resettle them in Chicago?

"It was natural for Christian to turn to DePaul, given the long-standing commitment to the Vincentian mission and serving those in need," Hibbard says. "The DePaul staff and community are genuinely committed to the mission and stepped up." Hibbard put Hudson in touch with Besana, who pulled together advocates and resources from across the university to support the refugees.

Working with RefugeeOne, a nonprofit resettlement agency, numerous DePaul faculty and staff members pitched in to relocate the Afghan women to Chicago and help them feel at home. "It's what you would expect at DePaul, isn't it?" Besana says. "It's just remarkable to see how this group of students, mentors and experts jumped in and did whatever was needed."

The DePaul Sanctuary Group, a student organization, was an integral part of the response team, setting up a peer network to mentor the newly arrived Afghan women, says Kathleen Arnold, director of the Refugee and Forced Migration Studies graduate program.

"The students and I collected clothing donations and arranged the clothing to look like a store so the Afghan women could select socks, belts, purses and other items that they liked, rather than handing them a bag of things," Arnold says. They also raised funds so the women would have spending money to purchase personal items such as toiletries.

"Our students were just awesome. They created genuine friendships and a social network with these women who were forced to flee their country," Arnold says. Some of the Afghan refugees are now in the process of improving their English skills and taking classes at DePaul.

Assisting with Asylum

DePaul's Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic is also involved in assisting Afghan refugees, says Sioban Albiol, clinic director and senior professional lecturer in the College of Law.

The clinic began in 1996, training law students to assist asylum seekers in the United States. Since then, its mandate has expanded to assist clients with other immigration and humanitarian remedies, defend against deportations and aid clients obtaining citizenship or naturalization.

"Right now, there are about 2,500 Afghan refugees in the state of Illinois," Albiol says. "The law students I supervise have been working with families who have arrived through the evacuation flights from Afghanistan. They are assisting them and navigating the asylum process."

Albiol is also co-director of the recently formed DePaul Migration Collaborative, which brings together the Asylum & Immigration Law Clinic, which is in the College of Law, and the Refugee and Forced Migration Studies program in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Students in the two colleges share their expertise in law, public health and social sciences, working together to serve others.

Avery Tunstill photo courtesy of Kathleen Arnold; Anne Saw photo by DePaul University/Jamie Moncrief; Morgan Drake photo by Rose Austra

Ensuring Human Rights

Another program at the College of Law dedicated to assisting those in need is the International Human Rights Law Institute (IHRLI), which since 1990 has engaged in projects and research to protect human rights. The institute, run by Executive Director Elisabeth Ward, prepares students to be effective attorneys and advocates.

In the International Human Rights Law Practicum, a year-long course that Ward created, law students study human rights legal issues. "The course is designed to give students a substantive understanding of the law and also give them a glimpse of what the field of international human rights law looks like," Ward says.

The work is intense, and progress can be frustratingly fitful. "In human rights work, you're never going to get a slam dunk," Ward says. "I try to give my students an understanding of the frustrations that characterize day-to-day work in this field in order to better prepare them for the reality of the work."

Morgan Drake (JD '22) took the IHRLI practicum course in her second year in law school. Prior to enrolling at DePaul, Drake worked for the National Immigrant Justice Center, where she represented unaccompanied immigrant children before government agencies. "I chose DePaul in large part because of its dedication to service work and values, but also because of its investment in the international human rights practicum and the opportunities that come with that. That's pretty rare for a law school," Drake says.

As part of the practicum, Drake and her classmate **Michelle Redondo (JD '22)** presented oral arguments remotely before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, based in San José, Costa Rica. Their five other classmates helped them prepare the arguments and write an amicus brief saying that particular groups of people—such as children and pregnant or postpartum individuals—are more vulnerable in detainment and should be afforded increased care to meet the standards of international human rights law.

"Practicing attorneys don't usually get to do that. The fact that I testified as a second-year law student still blows my mind," Drake says. "Seeing the inner workings of that court is something that is incredibly rare to witness as a law student. It was an experience unmatched by any other that I had in law school."

Countering Anti-Asian Hate

The DePaul community safeguards rights in many ways. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, acts of hate, harassment, discrimination and assault against Asian Americans have surged. Moreover, the needs of Asian American-Pacific Islander (AAPI) people in the United States are often underreported.

"Structural racism magnifies problems for Asian Americans," says Anne Saw, a DePaul associate professor of psychology. "Racial stereotypes portray them as a model minority, and we haven't adequately acknowledged the needs of those



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—GianMario Besana

communities and directed resources toward those who are most vulnerable."

While Saw was on the board of directors of the Asian American Psychological Association, she coordinated a survey to learn more about the needs of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations during, and as a result of, the pandemic.

The survey was the first of its kind in terms of its broad scope. The questionnaire was produced in 13 languages, with about 5,000 people from around the country responding.

The survey revealed that during the pandemic Asian Americans broadly reported declines in self-assessments of their health and economic situation and faced significant discrimination. Plus, seven in 10 felt physically endangered due to their racial or ethnic background. The violence and discrimination have contributed to increased physical and mental health issues.

"Asian Americans have been left out of many health equity conversations and policies," Saw explains. "So when the pandemic rolls around and stress—including anti-Asian racism—is on the rise, our health care systems can't address the increased threats adequately."

The survey had the ear of lawmakers at the national level. U.S. Rep. Karen Bass, former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, was instrumental in getting the survey off the ground, and Saw briefed the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and other representatives on the findings.

There is a growing urgency on Capitol Hill to ensure equity for AAPI communities. The COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, passed in 2021, addresses AAPI hate crimes in particular. Efforts such as Saw's survey add important data to inform policy changes and advance equity.

Walking the Walk

For Besana, the work being done throughout the university is evidence that DePaul is walking the walk.

"Folks look to DePaul and say they can do something here," he says. "The work is not easy, but life is full of these opportunities. You can see need wherever you look. The miracle of DePaul is that the right people are always there, and they're always willing to get in there and stick with it."

The People's Advocate

A conversation with Cook County Public Defender and DePaul alumnus Sharone Mitchell Jr.

By Craig Keller

DePaul College of Law alumnus **Sharone Mitchell Jr. (JD '09)**, 39, is the youngest person to ever serve as Cook County public defender. He leads a vast public criminal defense office for the Chicago area that protects the rights of indigent defendants who cannot afford to hire private attorneys.

The office's 450-plus attorneys annually represent tens of thousands of clients accused of offenses from traffic violations and misdemeanors to felonies including murder. In 2021, their efforts contributed to approximately 11,000 not-guilty findings or case dismissals.

We spoke with Mitchell, who was president of DePaul's Black Law Students Association, about his opinion on representing the underserved, the paths that shaped his career and the pursuit of justice for all.

You've been involved with the public defender's office for years. What does that experience mean to you?

Very early on, first as an intern and then as a young trial attorney here, I got to work with some of the finest attorneys in our state and learn from them. It's been a great responsibility and honor to represent people let down by so many systems.

Did growing up on Chicago's South Side contribute to your perspective?

I did not have the prerequisite naivete to believe the untruth that the criminal justice system is just filled

with good guys chasing bad guys. Growing up as a young Black man, you learn from a young age that your perception of the police may be a little bit different from that of other folks. I remember seeing sirens in my rearview mirror and being concerned that I could be arrested for no cause, and all the good things I was doing in my life could be derailed.

How did DePaul influence your career path?

There's an incredible pipeline between the College of Law and public service. Many of the folks I graduated with are serving in the public defender's office. **Theo Thomas (JD '09)**, for example, is our deputy of professional development and teaches the mock trial team at DePaul. **Rachelle Hatcher (JD '09)** and **Ashley Shambley (JD '10)** are attorneys working on our felony caseload and handling homicide cases, respectively. There are many more.

You've also served as director of the Illinois Justice Project, a nonprofit criminal justice reform organization that helped draft a bill to end cash bail in Illinois. Why is that important?

It was important for us to ensure that people didn't find themselves in jail just because they were poor. We need to change the entire pretrial justice system and make sure that pretrial detention decisions are made more equitably. That bill was passed in February 2021, and the end of money bonds will take place on January 1, 2023.

Photos by Tom Evans

"There's an incredible pipeline between the College of Law and public service," says Cook County Public Defender **Sharone Mitchell Jr. (JD '09)**, who is among many DePaul alumni working to ensure equity and justice in the field of indigent criminal defense.





How do you think the cash bail system connects to the issue of mass incarceration?

I believe that pretrial incarceration is the front door to mass incarceration. When somebody is put in jail before a trial or any formal presentation of evidence, they are far more likely to plead guilty and serve a longer prison sentence. The use of jails has grown incredibly in the last 20, 30, 40 years. The cash bail reforms don't end jails or pretrial incarceration, but we're building a system that allows for judges to make better public safety decisions while moving away from the cash bail process that's robbed millions of dollars out of our communities, especially Black and brown, and from people essentially paying ransoms for their family's freedom.

Do you think that coerced confessions are a pervasive problem?

Our region has been called the false confession capital of the nation. We have a history of relying on confessions to establish prosecutions. There has been massive misconduct involved in that practice. The public defender's office has a police station response unit that provides public defenders to individuals in police custody, because we know that people, especially youth, are likely to give statements that are not true. We want to make sure those folks understand their rights and that they are protected.

How systemic do you think police brutality is here and across the United States?

Too often we get into conversations about good apples

and bad apples. I'm not an expert on police accountability. My work has been more on the court side after there's been an arrest. What I will say is that we focus too much on individuals and not on systems. I'm sure there are lots of fine people in law enforcement trying to do the right thing, but I don't think we have a system that breeds quality constitutional policing or is aggressive in rooting out bad behavior.

You've stated that laws criminalizing gun possession devastate Black and brown communities and fail to reduce the supply of guns on our streets. Can you explain why you think that?

These are complicated issues that will take complicated solutions. While I am no gun supporter, and I believe the evidence that guns make situations more deadly, I do not believe the path we've taken – locking up thousands of people for not having a gun license – has done anything for us. It hasn't increased or reduced the supply, it hasn't reduced the demand, and it's had its own negative impacts. It has created so many criminal records and put people in a position where they can't provide for their families, which creates a vicious cycle. There are solutions that I think do work to significantly reduce the supply or demand for guns, such as violence intervention and holding the gun industry accountable.

Can equity in education, employment and housing lead to harm reduction and restorative justice?

Addressing root causes is the only way we're going to get out of this mess. If we are to achieve the safety we all deserve, it's going to be because people are given the things they need to succeed. We, unfortunately, are living in a world where we turn a blind eye to income inequality, we have failed to hold the gun industry accountable for the untold carnage they've enacted in our communities, and we've abandoned the needs of young people. Investing in communities and in violence intervention – sitting down with young people and ensuring they have alternatives for conflict resolution – is the way we're going to solve this violence problem.



Go online at depaulmagazine.com to read our full conversation with Sharone Mitchell Jr.

Professional Partners

DePaul students draw on specialized skills to serve business and community clients

By Craig Keller

DePaul has a robust tradition of students working with industry and community clients to gain experience, knowledge and connections that give them a head start on career paths. Whether fabricating hacker conference badges, creating an ad campaign for the Meta Quest 2 virtual reality headset or providing therapy for speech disorders, DePaul students work directly with external clients, gaining experience that helps them as well as aids community members and businesses.

Here are six examples that span educational and professional fields, showcasing how DePaul students build skills while serving vital needs.

Designing Products

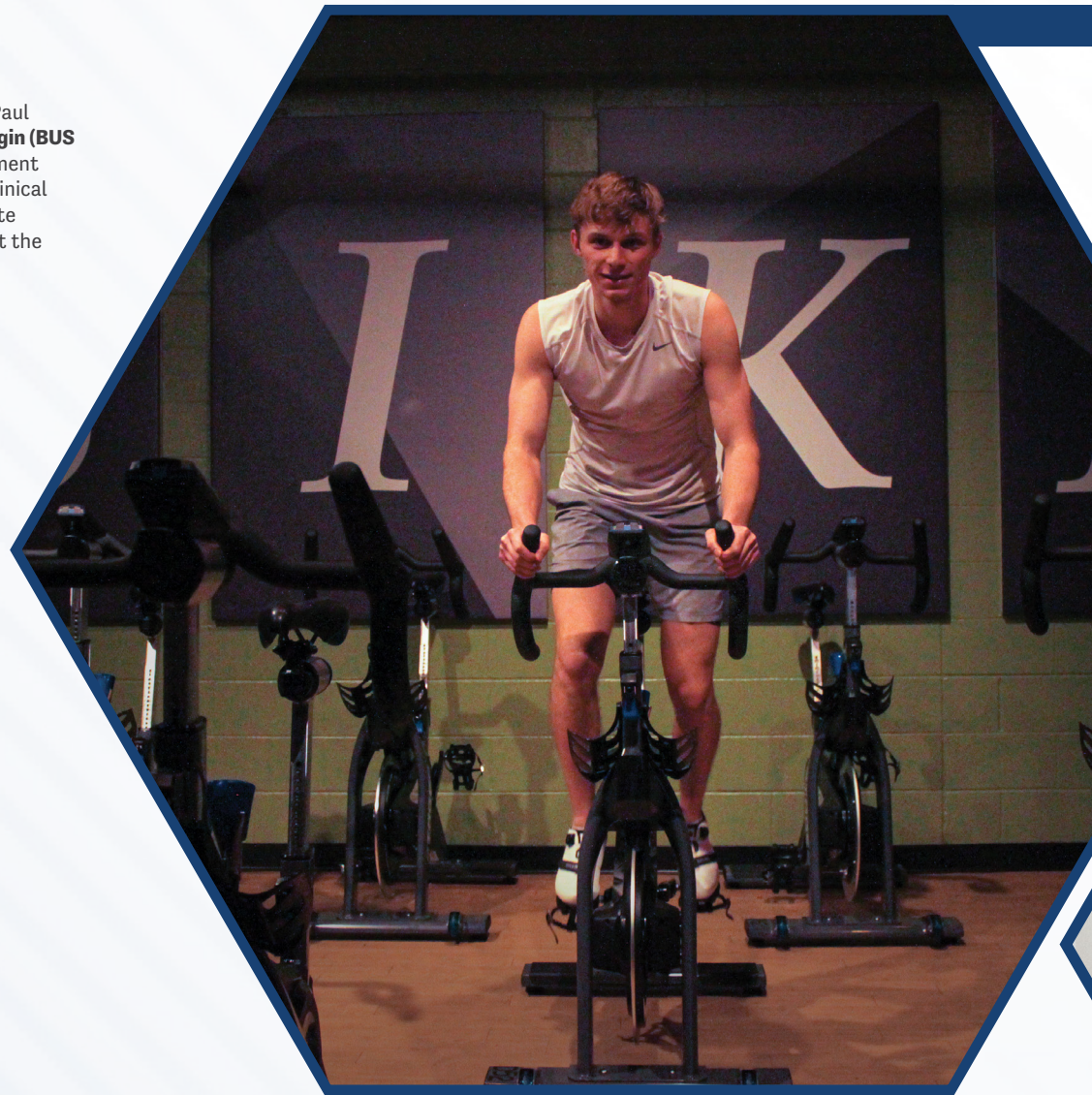
DePaul's Idea Realization Lab (IRL), a makerspace in the Eugene P. Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media (CDM), is equipped with 3D printers, laser cutters and other resources for students to create and innovate. A recently formed student consulting team takes that hands-on learning one step further, using the equipment to test, prototype and deliver products for external clients.

Last spring, Idea Realization Lab consulting team members Amelia Schroeder (top), Charlie Trowbridge (middle) and Gabriel Rickabaugh (CDM '22) (bottom, left, with Trowbridge) designed and built a video game arcade cabinet for video game designer and DePaul donor Eugene Jarvis.



Photos by Craig Keller

As Coleman Entrepreneurship Center interns, DePaul alumni **Jake Bolger (BUS '22)**, right, and **Ilayda Bilgin (BUS '22)**, above far right, helped fitness and entertainment startups market new products. Below far right: Clinical Assistant Professor Suzanne Williams and graduate student Rachel Chin connect with a young client at the DePaul Speech and Language Clinic.



Students in the select group, supervised by IRL Director **Jay Margalus (CDM MS '21)**, come from the lab's student staff. The students, many of whom are pursuing a BFA in Industrial Design, gain extensive experience and a portfolio of professional projects even before they graduate.

"A lot of employers in the industrial design world want you to have experience in product pitches, business model canvases, market analysis and shipped products. I had that before I was out of college, which is kind of unheard of," says **Gabriel Rickabaugh (CDM '22)**, who served as the group's project manager. "We dove right into the deep end."

The group has designed hacker conference badges equipped with interactive game consoles and provided user testing and design recommendations for projects such as a modular aluminum shelving unit.

Members are also collaborating with oncologists at the University of Chicago to design a microscope slide scanner that connects to a mobile phone and an app. "The intent is that people in developing areas who don't have access to cancer screening can use this \$60 device to scan slides with blood cells and help detect cancer," Margalus says.

In spring 2022, DePaul's Division of Advancement and External Relations enlisted the group to build a video game arcade cabinet with a console featuring games made by DePaul students. The team decked out the cabinet with flashing LED lights and covered side panels in original art renderings of characters and graphics from the games, then presented

it as a gift to Eugene Jarvis after the pioneering video game designer and his wife, DePaul Trustee **Sasha Gerritson (SOM '99)**, made a landmark gift to CDM last March.

"He was a surprise client as well as an inspiration," Rickabaugh says. "The standards he helped set for arcade-game design have a lasting effect we referenced while also beckoning in new technology."

Treating Speech and Language Disorders

Each week, about 100 community members, from pediatric to geriatric clients, come to the state-of-the-art DePaul Speech and Language Clinic on the Lincoln Park campus. At the donation-based bilingual clinic, they get help for communication and swallowing disorders.

Graduate student clinicians supervised by doctoral-level faculty practitioners provide evaluations and therapy for a range of disorders and needs, from aiding articulation and speech-sound production for toddlers to teaching stroke survivors with aphasia to read again.

The clinic opened in fall 2021 as part of the launch of the Speech Language Pathology master's program at the College of Science and Health.

"In addition to not charging or turning anyone away, what sets us apart is creating practitioners who want to serve the underserved," says Dr. Treasyri Williams Wood, the clinic's director. The students and the faculty are motivated to make a difference, improving clients' outcomes as well as increasing their quality of life, she says.

"We cultivated a comfortable place for him to talk about things he's feeling, his insecurities. He told us, 'I'm so happy to have come here. I love how I sound.'"

—Rachel Chin

the business," says **Jake Bolger (BUS '22)**, who supported sales, market research and logo design for SplitPass, a peer-to-peer mobile app developed by **Alex Plonsker (BUS '17)** that lets users buy and sell unused gym memberships and classes.

Ilayda Bilgin (BUS '22) grasped the nuances of trade-show product pitching for a grown-up version of an arcade-style claw machine game conceived by **Russ Gottesman (MBA '11)** for events such as weddings and corporate parties. In the game, players maneuver a claw to grab a mini bottle of alcohol.

"It's a childhood classic with an adult twist," Bilgin says. "Who wants to win a plush toy when you can grab a cute little bottle of booze?"

Bilgin helped Gottesman, who also founded a company that displays GPS-enabled ads on public transit, with marketing campaigns and social media promotions. "Russ taught me about PR and how to reach clients," she says, "and that I don't have to confine myself to one business as an entrepreneur."

Aiding Entrepreneurs

Students in the internship program at the Driehaus College of Business' Coleman Entrepreneurship Center work alongside founders of startup companies.

The summer internship provides them with mentorship, fresh skills and a front-row view of the challenges entrepreneurs face in launching new ideas, along with a \$2,000 stipend and course credit from DePaul.

"I was wearing a lot of different hats while also learning the ins and outs of

Rachel Chin, a graduate student in the program's first cohort, worked with a transgender client to provide gender-affirming voice care, which involves using visual and auditory biofeedback equipment to help individuals find a voice that's authentic for them.

"We worked on pitch modulation, resonance, intonation patterns and where the voice is presented in the body," Chin says. "We cultivated a comfortable place for him to talk about things he's feeling, his insecurities. He told us, 'I'm so happy to have come here. I love how I sound.'"

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Teaching Music

For nearly three decades, the music education program at DePaul’s School of Music has partnered with a Chicago public or Catholic school for its practicum program. Juniors in the program, under the supervision of Director of Music Education Jacqueline Kelly-McHale, plan and lead weekly 30-minute lessons for their assigned classrooms throughout an entire academic year.

The practicum program gives students immersive preparation for senior-year student teaching. It also

provides elementary schools with music education they may lack.

Classroom ensembles include egg shakers, hand drums and tuned percussion tubes. “Our lesson plans involve a mixture of activities – kinesthetic, oral, visual – to make sure students are getting a lot in that half hour,” says senior Ruben Stasevsky, who completed the program last spring at Hamilton Elementary School.

“We try to understand their school culture, personal and family backgrounds, along with what they listen to, and plan our lessons accordingly.”

Building community and honoring diversity are also key motifs. “We want to create a safe and welcoming space for all types of students,” says Mitch Barrett, another senior who taught at Hamilton. “Music class lets kids express their emotions and individuality and share joy and community with others. That’s so important for developing minds and has been especially so during the pandemic, which left some kids developmentally behind.”

Creating Ad Campaigns

Students in the College of Communication’s Public Relations and Advertising program learn about the entire ad campaign process, from strategy and planning to creation and presentation. As part of that, student teams work like an advertising agency to create an ad campaign for a prominent company and compete in the American Advertising Federation (AAF) National Student Advertising Competition.

Strategic pivots are often part of the challenge. Facebook, rebranding as Meta in fall 2021, gave 2021–22 team members a client brief to market its Meta Quest 2 virtual reality headset to young adults.

“We initially pursued a mental health angle, because the device has apps for meditation and stress relief that we thought would connect with college students,” says senior Lily Lowndes, the team’s strategist.

When reports surfaced about Meta’s inaction on research showing its Instagram platform’s negative psychological impact on young women

and girls, the team refocused on ways the product could help users reconnect with friends, activities and places they’d missed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It was good real-world experience, because not every client is going to be perfect, and that’s the nature of the business,” Lowndes says.

The DePaul team took third place at its district level after presenting its market research and creative work to a panel of judges from AAF and Meta. Although they didn’t advance to the national competition, it was the journey that mattered.

“The program gave me more confidence in my skills,” says senior Aaron

Monroe, the team’s copywriter, “and in my ability to succeed in the industry and learn how to work as a team over 22 weeks.”

Tutoring Kids and Teens

On a weekly basis, often for an entire academic year, DePaul undergraduate and graduate students work with K-12 students from the surrounding community to help them with reading, math and science homework and other academic needs, such as planning for the SAT. The sessions are part of an extracurricular volunteer tutoring program that’s grown by leaps and bounds at the Education and Counseling Center (ECC), housed within the College of Education (COE).

“We started with 15 families in fall 2021, and by the following spring we’d served almost 100,” says Courtney Romero, a COE PhD candidate and graduate assistant who manages the program. “We provide sliding-scale financial assistance and never turn anyone away.”

Tutors are often COE students pursuing careers as teachers and counselors, but students in health sciences, finance, art and music have also lent their expertise.

“Having a diverse population of DePaul students expert in different fields expands the breadth of subjects we can cover,” says ECC Director Kathy Iwashima.

Tutors receive training that extends beyond teaching specific skills.

“We’ve also developed curriculum for academic mentorship, which helps kids set goals and plan for the future in a systematic way,” Romero says.

Sustaining a tutor-student pairing over months also supports social and emotional engagement, she says. “The virtual-learning yo-yo situation during COVID took a toll on learning. This consistency helps rebuild confidence through empathy.”

And when students use their empathy – and their solid skills – to aid real-world clients, it’s a real win for all involved.



Left: Music Education senior Laura Vesco taught practicum lessons at Hamilton Elementary School last year. Opposite page: Lily Lowndes, wearing a Meta Quest 2 virtual reality headset, helped create an ad campaign for the product; Courtney Romero and Hannah Weeks (MEd '22) tutored a young client at the Education and Counseling Center.

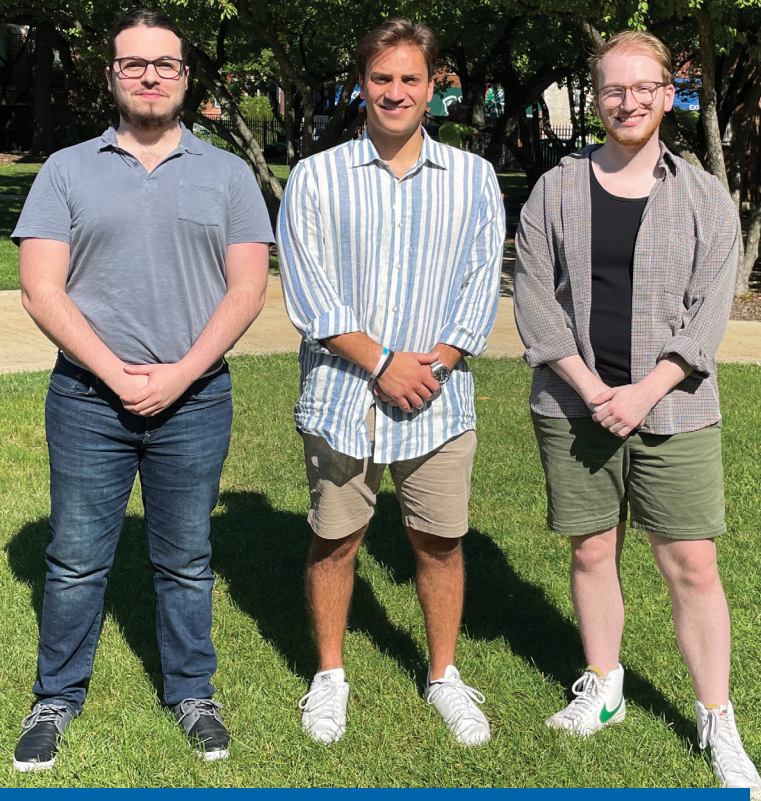


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Left: TIC students Kesniel Ariza and Anthony Bevevino and TIC alumnus **Joe Chapman (CMN '22)**; below: Ariza (left) provides simultaneous interpreting during a workshop at Roberto Clemente Community Academy in Humboldt Park.



Photo by Brenda Rivera

Language

Liaisons

Students in DePaul's Translator and Interpreter Corps break down communication barriers

By Rachel Fernandez (CMN '18)

When someone moves to Berwyn, in Chicago's western suburbs, one of the most useful items they can pick up is the Berwyn Area Community Resource Guide. The magazine has page after page of information ranging from a local government directory to restaurant recommendations. It has the power to bring the city's community together, yet people who don't read or speak English have difficulty accessing those resources.

Over 60% of the population in Berwyn is Latinx and over 50% speak Spanish, so having

a Spanish version of the guide is important for residents. Knowing the resources available at DePaul, the Berwyn Development Corporation reached out to the university's Translator and Interpreter Corps (TIC).

Established in 2015, TIC provides free need-based translation, interpreting and related services to Chicago-land clients. TIC student workers, who work under the supervision of Elias Shakkour, TIC director, gain important experience in translating, interpreting and breaking

down language barriers. Projects range from translating legal documents and academic articles to providing simultaneous interpreting for community meetings.

Communication and Media student Kesniel Ariza translated portions of the resource guide from English to Spanish. "I was a little hesitant at first. I was intimidated," Ariza says, especially since the content included everything from legal terms to advertisements. "When I was translating, I could tell that there was a lot of useful information, so I was happy

to help give access to that information to more people."

The current staff of student workers at TIC work in Spanish, French and German. The program looks to expand its language offerings based on factors such as demand and world events, Shakkour says. In the past, TIC has also provided translation services in Arabic, Russian and Polish.

It's hard to imagine someone more qualified than Shakkour for any kind of language service. He has advanced proficiency in English, Arabic, German,

Spanish and French; intermediate proficiency in Italian and Hebrew; basic proficiency in Dutch; and some knowledge of Portuguese, Turkish and Korean. He stepped into his role as TIC director in 2019 and not only advises and mentors the student workers, but also designs and teaches courses related to translating and interpreting.

◆ Different Purposes

Although translation and interpreting both involve moving between two languages, they serve different purposes and pose unique challenges for those on the front line of cross-cultural communication.

Translation services specifically center on written material, much like the Berwyn Area Community

Resource Guide. A translator's job is nuanced because some words and phrases may not make sense if translated word for word.

Take student worker Anthony Bevevino's experience translating "passation des marchés" from French to English, for example. "Literally, this phrase would mean 'the passing down of markets,' but through research and discussion, we came to the conclusion that this meant 'awarding public contracts,'" Bevevino says.

On the other hand, interpreting happens when those involved are speaking in real time. The quick pace is hard to prepare for and comes with the added challenge of needing to understand specific dialects.

◆ Making an Impact

One of TIC's regular clients is DePaul's Egan Office of Urban Education and Community Partnerships, which focuses on community engagement with many of Chicago's disadvantaged communities. The program uses interpreters in live sessions it hosts through the Egan Family Engagement and Coalition Initiative, which works with families in the Little Village and North Lawndale neighborhoods.

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—Mónica Haydeé Ramos

When these sessions temporarily moved online during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Egan Office needed to determine the best way to conduct the sessions through Zoom, knowing that some community members had less technology experience or a slower internet bandwidth.

"We learned as we went. Elias and his team were instrumental in our success of the program," says Mónica Haydeé Ramos, associate director of the Egan Office.

The student workers were a hit. "Because of their personalities and their professional demeanors, the families felt comfortable with them," Ramos says. "Families were not hesitant to say what they needed to say because they knew that this team was going to deliver their message to the other group with fidelity."

By approaching their assignments with compassion and accuracy, the TIC students did more than just interpret. They broke down language and information barriers among Chicagoans and expanded their own horizons too.



Photo by Brenda Rivera

Ariza helps familiarize a client with interpreting equipment.

125 FACES OF DEPAUL

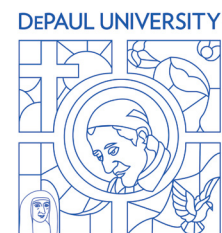
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

Nearly 125 years ago, the Vincentians founded St. Vincent's College on a 5-acre plot on Chicago's North Side with seven faculty members and 70 students. From that small start, DePaul has grown into the largest Catholic university in the country, with about 22,000 students on two campuses in Lincoln Park and the Loop.

During the 2022-23 academic year, DePaul is commemorating 125 years – its quasiquintennial – of providing a transformative education steeped in Vincentian values.

As part of that celebration, the university asked its community to nominate people, past and present, who have made significant contributions to DePaul. The planning committee selected 125 representative faces – a sampling of the many faces that make DePaul what it is today.

The 125 faces of DePaul showcase outstanding leaders, groundbreaking STEM experts, artists, athletes and lifelong learners. For more information, photos and quotes about the faces featured, visit the anniversary website at 125.depaul.edu.



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WINNING LOGO

DePaul senior Vick-Ariel Privert, a political science major from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, created the logo for the 125th anniversary. Privert, inspired by DePaul's Vincentian values and its commitment to its larger community, won a logo design challenge open to all students. She received a \$3,000 scholarship for the winning design.

CLASS QUOTES

Looking to the university's next 125 years, we'd like to know how you plan to carry DePaul's mission forward.

Answer this question, and we may print your quote in the spring 2023 issue of DePaul Magazine, as well as on the Alumni & Friends website, alumni.depaul.edu.

How has your DePaul education influenced your life and work, and how do you plan to carry those lessons forward?

Email your answer to depaulmag@depaul.edu, along with your first and last name, class year and degree received. Use the subject line "Class Quotes."



Class Notes

1970s



Philip Schefke (CSH '83) was sworn in as treasurer of the Chicago Dental Society. He maintains a private dental practice in Orland Park, Ill.

Anthony J. Chereso (BUS '85) was appointed chief financial officer of the Inland Real Estate Group, headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill.

Denise Maiolo (LAS '85) was appointed director of the human resources department for the government of Will County, Ill.

John Mazzeffi (MBA '75) celebrated more than 10 years as a consultant with the Executive Service Corps of Chicago.

1980s

Haydee Ortiz Olinger (BUS '80, JD '83) was elected to serve as chair of the board of TransAct Technologies Incorporated. She is a senior advisor with consulting firm BarkerGilmore LLC and joined DePaul's Board of Trustees in 2021.

Steven D. Pearson (JD '85) was elected co-managing partner at Chicago law firm Freeborn & Peters. He is also a partner in the firm's litigation practice group and co-leader of its insurance brokerage team.

Joseph L. Fogel (JD '86), former co-managing partner at Chicago law firm Freeborn & Peters, was elected to the firm's executive committee. He is also a partner in the firm's litigation practice group.

Aurora Abella Austriaco (BUS '87, JD '90), a partner at women-owned Chicago law firm Valentine, Austriaco and Bueschel, was appointed as a judge on the Illinois Court of Claims.

Mary Ellen Trevino (COE '87) retired after 34 years of service as a Chicago Public Schools teacher.

Dan Coughlin (MBA '89) was appointed to serve as chairman of the board of Alerus Financial Corporation, a chain of financial institutions headquartered in Grand Forks, N.D.

1990s

Timothy Kripper (JD '90) was named a partner

at Manning Gross & Massenburg LLP in its Chicago office. Kripper, who primarily works on catastrophic loss and long-tail liability matters, previously worked at Chicago-based law firm Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd. for 32 years.

Brian Rogal (LAS '90) joined the Chicago Tribune as senior real estate reporter.

Kenneth T. Lumb (JD '91), managing partner at Chicago-based personal injury law firm Corboy & Demetrio, was recognized in the National Law Journal's 2022 edition of Trailblazers: Plaintiffs' Lawyers.

Linda Szyper (MBA '91) was appointed to the board of Harmony Biosciences Holdings Inc. She previously served as global chief operating officer of McCann Health, headquartered in Chicago, and now works as an independent life sciences consultant.

Michael Burns (JD '92) was promoted to associate dean for diversity, equity, inclusion and engagement at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law in Chicago.

Anthony Colucci (BUS '92, MBA '98) joined Enerpac Tool Group Corp., a global industrial tools and services company, as executive vice president and chief financial officer.

James Robinson (BUS '92) was appointed to the board of Applied Genetics Technology Corp. He is president and CEO of Urovant Sciences Ltd. in Irvine, Calif.

Michael Schodrof (BUS '92) joined UBS Private

Wealth Management as a financial advisor at its Chicago office. Previously, Schodrof spent two decades in institutional equity sales, advising professional money managers, insurance companies and hedge funds.

Kaveh Safavi (JD '94), senior managing director of Accenture Health, has been elected to the board of directors of Easterseals.

Christopher Gold (LAS '95) was hired as Dallas market president at BNY Mellon Wealth Administration.

James G. Lundy (JD '96, MBA '96) joined Foley & Lardner LLP's Chicago office as a partner in its litigation department and securities enforcement and litigation practice group.

Blake Culver (LAS '97, JD '02) was hired as an attorney at Gardi, Haught, Fischer & Bhosale, a Schaumburg, Ill.-based law firm.

Erik Bender (LAS '99) joined investment firm Passaic Partners in Newark, N.J., as partner and head of investor relations.

Joan Rockey (BUS MS '99, MST '16), CFO of The Mather Group LLC, has been elected treasurer of the board of directors of Easterseals.

Lee Schor (MBA '99) was named chief revenue officer at VIPRE Security Group, a global cybersecurity, privacy and data protection company within Ziff Davis Inc.

2000s

David Becker (JD '00) joined Dickinson Wright as an attorney in the law firm's Chicago office.

COLLEGE AND SCHOOL abbreviation key

- » **BUS** Driehaus College of Business
- » **CDM** Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media
- » **CMN** College of Communication
- » **COE** College of Education
- » **CSH** College of Science and Health
- » **JD** College of Law
- » **LAS** College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- » **SCPS** School of Continuing and Professional Studies
- » **SOM** School of Music
- » **TTS** The Theatre School

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Let's celebrate you! We want to hear about your promotion, career move, award, wedding, birth announcement and other accomplishments and milestones – from performances to publications.

Email us at dpalumni@depaul.edu with the subject "Class Notes," or fill out the submissions form at alumni.depaul.edu.

Please include your name (and maiden name if applicable), along with your email, degree(s) and year(s) of graduation. Feel free to include a photo of yourself!

Visit alumni.depaul.edu to change your name, address or email, or call (800) 437-1898.

Please note: Class Notes submissions are considered for use in all university publications. DePaul reserves the right to edit Class Notes.

Melissa Bradford-Klug (MBA '00) was appointed chief operating officer at Akari Therapeutics, a late-stage biotechnology company focused on developing advanced therapies for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases.

Kathleen Colgan (MEd '00) is now assistant superintendent for human resources for Des Plaines Community School District 62 in Illinois.

Dennis Gilhooley Jr. (MEd '00) was appointed chief operating officer at Adroit North America, an enterprise resource planning, supply chain and food safety consulting firm.

Damian Jones (LAS MA '00) became head of school at The Center for Early Education in West Hollywood, Calif. Jones was previously head of school at Edmund Burke School in Washington, D.C., and assistant head of school at Francis Parker School in Chicago.



Arun Maiya (CDM '00) was presented with the Goodpaster Award for Excellence in Research by the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA), based in Alexandria, Va. Maiya is a research staff member in the Information Technology and Systems Division at IDA, a nonprofit corporation that provides research and development related to U.S. security and science policy.

Spotlight



Nicole Robinson (BUS '92, MBA '00), CEO of YWCA Metropolitan Chicago, has a deep respect for the enduring impact of the 145-year-old organization she's led since January 2022.

"The YWCA has been at the forefront of addressing our city's and region's most challenging problems including poverty, inadequate child care, racial inequity, violence and mental health challenges," says Robinson, who previously worked in executive roles at the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

"We do this by building community resilience to heal from trauma, unleashing

youth and family potential, and creating the economic equity needed for communities to thrive," she says.

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago offers a range of services such as early childhood and youth programs, employment training and placement in high-demand careers, entrepreneurship programs, and programs that support mental and physical well-being. The programs reach deep into the community, promoting change and growth.

For example, the organization was selected as the lead community outreach partner for the Chicago Resilient Communities Pilot, the city of Chicago's cash-assistance

program that provides \$500 a month for a year to selected low-income households.

Home ownership is a leading way to build wealth, Robinson says, so the YWCA Metropolitan Chicago works with the Illinois Small Business Development Centers to offer home-ownership counseling and entrepreneurship education on topics such as how to start a child care business.

"Embedded in our programs and advocacy efforts is the fundamental belief that racial equity, belonging and gender equity is essential to ensuring that women and their families have the resources they need to reach their full potential," she says.

Robinson's education at DePaul, where she earned a bachelor's degree in finance and an MBA with a focus on entrepreneurship, bolstered her ability to serve communities, she says.

"I started out in liberal arts, but it was transitioning to DePaul's great business school that made such a difference for me. It sparked my curiosity on how to do well while doing well for others," she says.

"I formed strong relationships and tremendous bonds at DePaul, which made me feel included and feel that DePaul was a place where I belonged," Robinson says. "DePaul offers community. I want YWCA members with many different goals to have that feeling of community that I've felt."

— Eric Butterman

Rachel Bossard (JD '01), a partner at Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella, was elected a shareholder of the Chicago-based law firm. She chairs the firm's labor and employment law practice group.

Daniel Farris (BUS '01, CDM MS '02) joined global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright as a founding partner of its Chicago office. Farris focuses his practice on technology, privacy and compliance issues, including data center operations, fiber-optic networking, cloud computing, information governance, emerging technologies, and privacy and data security.

Timothy M. Holic (MBA '01) was hired by Green Courte Partners, a Chicago-based private equity real estate investment firm, as chief financial officer of Green Courte Residential Holdings, which oversees Green Courte's senior housing and land-lease community operating companies.

Amanda Martin (JD '01) joined Chicago-based Disparti Law Group as a trial attorney and supervisor of litigation.

Cheryl Pattelli (MBA '01) is now CFO for Weld County, Colo. She is responsible for the overall financial management processes for the county.

Jason Wick (SOM '01) was promoted to director of product development at MakeMusic, a Boulder, Colo.-based provider of music technology and applications for composing, arranging, teaching, learning and playing.

Michael D. Adams (JD '02) was named a partner at national law firm Hinshaw & Culbertson, where he represents the law firm's personal injury and property damage area in its Chicago office.

Jill M. Jene (MBA '02) was appointed to the board of directors at Lipocine, a Salt Lake City-based biopharmaceutical company focused on neuroendocrine and metabolic disorders. Jene is the founder and principal of Jene Advisors, a biopharmaceutical advisory firm.

Gregory Pike (MBA '02) was named executive vice president and chief credit officer at Old Second National Bank in Aurora, Ill.

Belen Tokarski (MBA '02) was promoted to president of Mylo, a Kansas City-based digital insurance broker.

Lenae Williams Fergerson (CMN '02), an All-America honorable mention at DePaul who played in the WNBA and for 12 years in Europe, has been hired by Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Ill., as the second head girls basketball coach in program history.

Ennedi Rivera (JD '03) was appointed a member of the Commission on Equity and Inclusion by Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker. Rivera previously served as chief legal counsel at the Office of the City Clerk for the City of Chicago, deputy general counsel at Central Management Services and general counsel for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.



Deanna Shoss (SCPS '03) published her first book, "Where Two Worlds Meet: A Guide to Connecting with Your Teenage Grandchildren," co-authored with

grandparenting expert **Jerry Witkovsky.**

Nicole White (MBA '03) was appointed chief information officer at Odyssey Logistics & Technology Corporation, a global provider of logistics and technology solutions.

Kim Ferraro (SCPS '04) was hired as senior staff attorney at the Conservation Law Center in Bloomington, Ind. She formerly served as senior attorney at the Hoosier Environmental Council.

Amy R. Jonker (JD '04) joined Ferguson Schindler Law Firm, a litigation boutique law firm with offices in Aspen and Basalt, Colo.

Dan Kotowski (LAS MA '04) and his wife, Anne, launched The Kotowski Detection Device Fund in support of The Danny Did Foundation. The initiative enables seizure-alerting devices for children with epilepsy. Kotowski previously served many years on the board of directors for the foundation, which works to prevent deaths caused by seizures.

Stella Pappas (LAS '04) joined TruAmerica Multifamily as senior managing director and head of investor relations.

Robert Perrelli (BUS '04, MBA '06) was appointed vice president of partnership development at Alliant Credit Union.

Michael Petrella (CMN '04) produced the film "Our Father," a true crime documentary about a fertility clinician, which was released on Netflix in May.

Marvet Sweis (CSH '04) was appointed by Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker to serve as a member of the state's Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes. Sweis is the founder of MSD Injury Lawyers, where she

works as an attorney on cases pertaining to medical malpractice.

Douglass J. Adair (MBA '05) was named chairman of the board of directors of Exchange Bank & Trust, headquartered in Atchison, Kan.

Jaime Bochantin (CMN '05, MA '06) is now vice president of consulting services for the Credit Union Executives Society, based in Madison, Wis.

Michael Chachula (SCPS '05) was hired as chief information officer at FAT Brands, a global franchising company that owns 17 restaurant brands and develops dining concepts.

Mica Cole (TTS '05) was named executive director of TimeLine Theatre Company in Chicago. Cole previously served for eight seasons as the repertory producer at Oregon Shakespeare Festival and in Chicago as executive director of Free Street Theater and director of education and engagement at Writers Theatre.

Art Doering (MBA '05) joined the equipment finance team at Pinnacle Financial Partners, based in Nashville, Tenn.

Elizabeth Lally (JD '05) joined Spencer Fane as a partner in its bankruptcy, restructuring and creditors' rights practice group. She works in the firm's Omaha, Neb., office.

Tim McClinton (SCPS '05) was named chief executive officer of Meazure Learning, a provider of online test development and delivery solutions for higher-education and professional testing organizations.

Suzanne Nance (SOM '05), president and CEO of All Classical Public Media in Portland, Ore., was honored by Portland Business Journal as one of its 2022 Women of Influence.



Akeem Ogunsegun (LAS '05) was hired as the director of accounting and pod leader for Propeller Industries, a financial management firm that supports venture-stage startups.



Derek Bonifer (MBA '06) joined Baird Trust, headquartered in Louisville, Ky., as senior vice president and portfolio manager.

Sam Boye Jr. (MBA '06) joined Ardmore Roderick, one of Illinois' largest minority-owned infrastructure engineering firms, as vice president of buildings and facilities.

Eric Delli Bovi (SCPS MA '06) was named executive director at the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation, which supports outstanding high school seniors from Cook County, Ill., with merit- and need-based college scholarships.

Jacey Duprie (CMN '06), founder of the fashion blog Damsel in Dior, authored the book "Liking Myself Back: An Influencer's Journey From Self-Doubt to Self-Acceptance."

Stan E. Jacot Jr. (BUS '06), president and chief executive officer of Arcadia Biosciences, a Davis, Calif.-based developer of agricultural biotechnology products, was appointed to serve as a Class III director of the company.

Andrea Marin (MBA '06) is now CFO of Logicalis US, headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Neil Patel (JD '06) opened the Law Offices of Neil Patel in Joliet, Ill. He is an experienced litigator and defense attorney.

Terrinieka Powell (CSH MA '06) was appointed Bloomberg Associate Professor of American Health in the areas of equity and adolescent health at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health. Powell also serves as vice chair of inclusion, diversity, anti-racism and equity in the school's Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health and directs the C. Sylvia and Eddie C. Brown Community Health Scholarship Program.

Jasmina Radjevic Dolce (CMN '06) has joined the marketing team at Bailey Nurseries as trade communications strategist.



Barbara Young (MEd '06) was named a regional winner in the Specialized Education Services' Teacher of the Year program at Chicago's Safe Achieve Academy, a transitional school for students who have experienced behavioral difficulties adapting to a traditional school environment.

Stacy Beattie (LAS MS '07) is now chief operating officer of Los Angeles-based Lido Advisors LLC.

Prashant V. Bhavaraju (CDM MS '07) was promoted to head of digital engineering and digital studio practices at Trianz, a global digital transformation technology and services firm.

Cecilia Huelva (BUS '07) was named senior

vice president of human resources at Logistics Property Company, a Chicago-based industrial real estate company focused on the acquisition, development and management of properties nationwide.

Jared Manes (JD '07) joined Covington & Burling LLP as partner and co-chair of the firm's Nordic Initiative and as a member of the mergers and acquisitions and private equity practice groups. He is based in the firm's New York office.

Hetal Patel (MBA '07) was named vice president of marketing at Baylor Genetics, a Houston-based provider of genetic testing and clinically relevant solutions.

Julianne Sitch (COE '07) was hired as head men's soccer coach at the University of Chicago. Previously, Sitch was assistant women's soccer coach for the Chicago Red Stars, who compete in the National Women's Soccer League.

Matthew L. Deans (MBA '08) was named chief strategy officer and executive vice president of the Renal Division at

Pentec Health, a nationwide provider of patient-specific, compounded, sterile medications and complex, in-home clinical services.

Tony DiFilippo (MBA '08) was promoted to vice president of national sales at Mspark, a Helena, Ala.-based business-to-consumer marketing services company specializing in driving rural market brand growth. DiFilippo first joined Mspark in 2015 as national account director.

Megan Flynn (SCPS '08), executive vice president and client partner at Dallas-based marketing agency Tandem Theory, was profiled by Authority Magazine in its "How to Take Your Company From Good to Great" series.

Michael Gnesin (JD '08) joined Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith as a partner. He splits his time between the law firm's Florida and Chicago offices.

Tyler Norkus (LAS '08) joined Dynam.AI, an artificial intelligence software development firm in San Diego, as chief revenue officer.

Curtis Price (BUS '08) was named athletic director at

Chicago's St. Rita of Cascia High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for young men. Price graduated from St. Rita in 1988 before attending and playing basketball at DePaul.

Nicole Szczepanek (BUS MST '08) received the Experienced Leader Award from the Illinois CPA Society (ICPAS) at its 2022 Women to Watch Awards presentation at the ICPAS Women's Leadership Forum. Szczepanek is a tax partner in the manufacturing and distribution services team at Baker Tilly US in Chicago.

Bernessa Wilson (SCPS '08) is now officer and vice president of marketing, communications and research for Illinois Mutual.

Marcus Campbell (COE MA '09) was appointed superintendent of Evanston Township High School (ETHS) in Evanston, Ill. Campbell began as an ETHS English teacher 19 years ago and served as principal for nine years.

David Lundstrom (MBA '09) joined SilkRoad Technology as senior vice president of engineering. SilkRoad is a global software and

services platform that helps organizations attract, retain and align people to their business. Lundstrom was previously senior vice president of engineering at Echo Global Logistics, a provider of technology-enabled transportation services.

Boris Yovchev (CDM MS '09) was appointed chief product officer at Corestream as part of its plan to expand its footprint in human resources technology.

2010s

Alexander Clemons (JD '10) was appointed managing director in

the intellectual property disputes, financial damages and related expert testimony practice at Ocean Tomo, an intellectual property merchant bank headquartered in Chicago.

Brian Easley (LAS '10) published his first book, "The Bracken Road," a collection of poems, observations and lyrics that includes comments on his military experiences.

Robert Gutierrez (CSH MA '10, PhD '16) was promoted to clinical associate professor of psychology at Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago. He was also the recipient of the university's annual Alice B.

Hayes Award for Advising and Mentoring.

Tony A. Ovalle (BUS '10) was named sales manager at Ambassador Chicago, a JDV by Hyatt Hotel.

Jason G. Shore (JD '10), a divorce, family and immigration lawyer, joined Stern Perkoski Mendez as partner in its Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., office.

Jorge Diaz (MBA '11) was hired as chief human resource officer at Katapult, a lease-to-own platform that integrates with major e-commerce platforms to power online shopping. Diaz builds and executes the talent strategies to

support the company's expansion plans.

Alyssa Levy (JD '11) joined Fisher Phillips, a national labor and employment law firm representing employers, as an associate in its Denver office.

John A. Mikulich (MBA '11) was named chief financial officer at The Fresh Factory, a Carol Stream, Ill.-based platform for fresh, clean-label, plant-based food and beverage brands.

Benjamin D. Rotman (JD '11) joined Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C. in the law firm's Chicago office as counsel in the intellectual property practice group.

Fatima Jaafar Al Sairafi (MBA '12) was inducted by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa by royal decree into his cabinet as tourism minister of Bahrain. Al Sairafi is also the deputy chief executive officer of the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority. Previously, she was director of strategic planning and director of communication and media relations at the National Communication Centre and also headed the government communication department at the Ministry of Information Affairs.

Eric Dobradin (JD '12) was hired as an attorney at Gardi, Hought, Fischer & Bhosale, a Schaumburg, Ill.-based law firm.

Spotlight



Roy Coleman (CSH MS '74), a former chair and judge of the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) student science fair, believes that science skills often begin from practical experience, rather than from computer simulations.

For decades, Coleman was involved with the CPS science fairs, judging his last science fair in 2021. He continues to be on

the CPS science fair board of directors.

"I believe that many kids have lost the ability to build things on their own," says Coleman, who credits his aptitude for physics partly to his childhood spent working on his grandfather's dark blue '51 Plymouth. "Many people who learned to use their hands like I did will agree that it can make you better in science."

As a physics teacher at Morgan Park High School from 1965 to 2006, Coleman championed an experiential approach to learning. That hands-on approach led him to build bridges – literally – between students and science.

Coleman is the founder of the Chicago Regional Bridge Building Contest, which takes place annually at the Illinois Institute of Technology, as well as the international arm of the contest.

The bridge-building competition gives students the chance to learn from their successes as well as their failures. "It gives students the opportunity to actually build something and test it," he says.

Coleman – who taught **Eric Landahl (CSH MS '96)**, associate professor of physics at DePaul, and astronaut Mae

Jemison, the first Black woman astronaut – found his own helpful instruction at DePaul, where he received his master's in physics in 1974.

"I remember good, inventive instructors with interactive labs and experiments to inspire," says Coleman, who won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching presented by Ronald Reagan in 1988. "It made me feel right at home and that I was at the right place at DePaul."

To ignite that spark in others, Coleman and his wife, Dianna Uchida, also a long-time science educator and science fair organizer, have established an endowed scholarship for physics majors in DePaul's College of Science and Health. They also support the Fund for Physics, which aids hands-on learning experiences at DePaul.

Coleman has fond memories of setting students' imaginations aglow as a teacher. "It was always about the students and that moment where you show them something surprising that gives them a jaw-dropping moment," he says. "That's when you have them hooked. That's the fun." – *Eric Butterman*

In Memoriam

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

Alumni

Patricia Lyng (BUS '49) ▪ Eugene J. Becker (JD '52) ▪ John J. Kinsella (MBA '52) ▪ Shauneille Ryder (TTS '52) ▪ Annette Butryn (SOM '53) ▪ Lois J. Stratemeier (LAS '53) ▪ E. Ronald Dreas (LAW '55) ▪ Susan R. Galbreath (CSH '55) ▪ The Hon. Mel R. Jiganti (JD '56) ▪ William Schyman Jr. (LAS '57) ▪ Earl F. Nicholas (LAS '58) ▪ John P. Volkman (BUS '58) ▪ Morton Jaffe (JD '59) ▪ John

Kroepfl (CSH '60) ▪ Paul M. Levy (JD '60) ▪ Lawrence J. Lolli (BUS '60) ▪ Harvey L. Coustan (BUS '61, MST '79) ▪ Robert E. Dwan (BUS '61) ▪ Jacob A. Gall (BUS '61) ▪ James Nolan (LAS '61, LAW '66) ▪ Robert J. Osborn (BUS '61) ▪ The Honorable Joel Gerber (JD '65) ▪ Brian C. Winterberg (BUS '65) ▪ Frank J. Morales (LAS '66) ▪ Leonard J. Ricco (BUS '66) ▪ Paul A. O'Dell (MEd '71) ▪ James A. Doyle (BUS '72) ▪ Paul Naselli (JD '72) ▪ Sister Helen Diane McGuirt (MEd '73) ▪ Thomas J. O'Sullivan (LAS MA '73) ▪ Remo Turano (CSH '74) ▪ Mary J. McNulty (Krol (CSH '75, MBA '82) ▪ David B. Martin (BUS '76, MBA '86)

▪ Rick J. Pritikin (BUS '76) ▪ Lawrence E. Goebel (MBA '77) ▪ Susan Nussbaum (TTS '78) ▪ William C. Chapman (MBA '79) ▪ Wayne A. Kok (MBA '79) ▪ Jane A. McCullough (JD '81) ▪ Leonard H. Karpowich (BUS '82, JD '86) ▪ Janet L. Bartels (BUS '83) ▪ Jeanette F. Cannon (COE MA '83) ▪ Terrance M. Gray (SOM '86) ▪ Hazel J. Divinity (SCPS '89) ▪ David C. Kublank Sr. (MM '89) ▪ Annette M. Scott (MS '89) ▪ John K. Wallace (MBA '89) ▪ Amy Hoagland Kane (JD '91) ▪ Maureen M. Kogen (JD '92) ▪ Delores Eligan (BUS '95) ▪ Harry A. Hagg Jr. (BUS '96) ▪ Susanne M. Barloga (JD '00) ▪ Daniel J. Garrison (JD '01)

▪ Stephanie D. Boyer (SCPS '05) ▪ Nathina Fields (BUS '08) ▪ Irina McCarthy (BUS '09) ▪ Kevin M. McCarthy (BUS '11) ▪ Amanda M. Calo (CSH '14)

Faculty, Staff and Friends

Lana Eisenberg ▪ Peter A. Fasseas ▪ Dr. Jacqueline Krump ▪ Kay A. Lynch ▪ Donald V. Peck ▪ John T. Richardson ▪ Patricia Slowik ▪ Maryanne Terpstra ▪ Alan Ward

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.



Laurie Hamen (JD '12) was named CEO of Jean Stoffer Design, a home interior design company based in southwest Michigan. Hamen previously served as interim president of the College of Saint Benedict in Saint Joseph, Minn.

Marquis Hill (MM '12) was profiled in an article in DownBeat magazine, which reviewed the trumpeter's latest album, "New Gospel Revisited." Hill, who won the Thelonious Monk International Trumpet Competition in 2014, also teaches at the Berklee College of Music.

Megan Mayer (CDM MS '12) was named director of cybersecurity services at Entara, a security-focused extended service provider.

Ian Frank (TTS MFA '13) became managing director of Commonwealth Theatre Center, a performing arts education organization in Louisville, Ky., that produces professional performances and offers a youth conservatory, classes, camps and outreach programs. Frank was previously associate artistic director of Remy Bumpgo Theatre Company in Chicago.

Vijay Pendakur (COE PhD '13) joined VMware, a Palo Alto, Calif.-based provider of multicloud services for apps, as its global head of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Edwind McGhee (CMN '14, MA '16) was named associate head coach of

the men's basketball team at North Park University in Chicago. McGee was formerly head coach at Lincoln College in Lincoln, Ill., and a four-time BIG EAST All-Academic Team recipient during his playing career on DePaul's men's basketball team.

James R. Wilke (BUS MS '14), a multidisciplinary artist, was named artist in residence at the International Museum of Surgical Science in Chicago. His exhibition, "Pox Americana: How Smallpox Once Plagued America and the World," was on view in July and August.

Jose R. Pizarro (MBA '15) was promoted to vice president of acquisitions at Avanta Residential, a Denver-based developer of single-family, residential rental properties.

Ryann Harrison (CDM MS '16) was promoted to editor at Cutters, a high-end editorial boutique serving the broadcast advertising industry. She is based at the company's Detroit office.



Balwinder Kaur Beasley (BUS MS '16) earned a doctorate in business management from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management, where she was also a Fowler Center scholar. She continues to work as an accountant for the U.S. Department of Defense and teaches part-time at Notre Dame College and Ursuline College in Cleveland.



Richard Davey (MBA '17) has been promoted to vice president of operations at W.E. O'Neil Construction Co., a Chicago-based construction services leader with operating units in Chicago, Denver, Colorado Springs, Tucson, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Orange County, Ontario, San Diego and Nashville.

Jessica Villagomez (CMN '17), a former Chicago Tribune reporter, has joined the faculty of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, Media and Integrated Marketing Communications as a full-time lecturer.



Matthew A. Slipchuk (JD '18) joined Bodman PLC as an associate in the law firm's business practice group based in Detroit.

Sean Steves (SCPS '18) was promoted to senior vice president and chief operating officer of Solid Waste Operations at Casella Waste Systems, a regional solid waste, recycling and resource management services company in Vermont.

Sidney Fox (CDM MS '19) was named vice president of data analysis and design at Marsh, a Chicago-based global leader in insurance brokering and risk management.

Teri Grossheim (MBA '19) was presented with the Diamond Award by Booz Allen Hamilton Management for her strategic client work related to cybersecurity.

Meghan R. Hartnett (JD '19) joined Schaumburg, Ill.-based Lavelle Law as an associate.

Jason Pisarski (BUS MS '19) joined Chicago-based Maranon's capital raise team as a marketing associate.

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Gwen Bialas (SCPS '20) was promoted to president of brands Carter-Hoffmann, Doyon and Nu-Vu at Middleby, a global provider of commercial kitchen products. Bialas joined Middleby in 2021 as a general manager.

Landon Campbell (CMN '20) is head of events and a member of the executive team of Inside.com, an online business-content creator based in San Francisco.

George Dowd (JD '20) is a contributing author of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education publication "Digital Assets, Cryptocurrencies, and Blockchain 2022 Edition."

Emma Durgin (TTS '20) is now director of marketing and community engagement with Chicago's Shattered Globe Theatre.

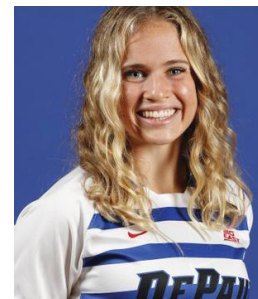
Kate A. Jarrett (JD '20) joined McDonald Hopkins LLC in Detroit as an associate in the litigation department, adding her experience to the firm's national data privacy and cybersecurity practice group.

Keira Wingate (CMN '20) joined Ad Age as a reporter covering agency news.

Lizzie Baumgartner (CMN MA '21), a former assistant producer in the newsroom at WBBM 780-AM/WCFS 105.9-FM, returned to the Audacy all-news station as managing editor of podcasts. She previously worked as audio production coordinator for Audacy's alternative rock and country stations.

John Hawks (CMN '21) now works as a reporter for WPTZ-TV in Burlington, Vt. He was a reporter and producer for "Good Day DePaul" during his time at the university.

Tom Nguyen (LAS MS '21) is now vice president of corporate development for Easterseals, headquartered in Chicago.



Morgan Turner (LAS '21) signed with Sport Clube União Torreense in Portugal's top professional women's soccer league. Turner ranks fourth all-time for career goals at DePaul University.

James Valentine (DBA '21) was named director of the Applied Investment Management program at Marquette University's College of Business Administration. Valentine is also the author of the book "Best Practices for Equity Research Analysts."

Theodora Koulouvaris (LAS '22) joined WCIA-TV Channel 3, a CBS affiliate in Champaign, Ill., as a reporter covering the state capital in Springfield.

Helping Dreams Take Flight

Becky Winkler (CSH MA '03, PhD '04) believes in the power of high expectations. That push to succeed explains much of her professional and philanthropic work, as she guides corporate executives and encourages students to pursue their promise.

"So much of our responsibility on this earth is to develop, nurture and grow human potential," says Winkler, who received her master's degree and PhD in Industrial-Organizational Psychology from DePaul.

As a corporate psychologist, Winkler works with private equity and corporate clients to build executive teams, helping to select and develop leaders. She believes in the value of human capital and the power of people.

She unlocks that power not only in her corporate clients but also in students, from grade school to college.

Winkler, who lives in Charlotte, N.C., is a former board chair for KIPP North Carolina, a network of college-prep charter schools in educationally underserved communities.

"Education is one of the great – if not the greatest – equalizers in our society," she says. "Once you have it, no one can take it away from you. It does so much to develop not only competence but also character."

But not everyone has equal access to education, which is why Winkler established the Cathleen Ann Winkler Endowed Scholarship in the College of Science and Health at DePaul. Specifically, the scholarship supports underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The scholarship is named in honor of her mother, Cathy, who grew up in Cicero with a big heart, a love for animals and dreams of being a veterinarian. However, Cathy's family lacked the resources to encourage her, and she never attended college.



Cathy Winkler and Becky Winkler

Winkler wants to support DePaul STEM students as they follow their passions, allowing future Cathys to achieve their aspirations.

"Watching someone else's dream never become realized motivated me to take away those obstacles for others and let those dreams take wings," she says.

While the endowed scholarship is named after her mother, Winkler's consulting company, Department 732c, is named in honor of her grandmother, Florence, a secretary for more than 20 years at Department 732c at Sears.

"We are a product of where we came from and who we came from," Winkler says. "Honoring our ancestors and paying it forward by bowing backward is critical."

A quick thinker and a quick talker, Winkler credits DePaul's Industrial-Organizational Psychology program for giving her a strong network and professional success.

"Our cohort was unbelievably tight with each other, and we still are, even though we've all gone in different directions," she says. "I'm really glad I had the support of the community I had – and, frankly, still have – from going through that program."

As part of her work to lift people up, Winkler has been an advocate for bringing marginalized voices to the forefront, addressing inequities and breaking down barriers. She has realized that she has benefited from her experiences, and she wants to open doors for others. "It's all about sharing my power," she says. – *Eve Becker*

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