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DePaul Spirit at the University Club of Chicago

This winter, DePaul alumni who are members of the University Club of Chicago showed their pride in their alma mater by hanging a specially designed banner in the 128-year-old facility. Tom O’Brien (MBA ‘80), an active member of the club for graduates of any university, noticed that DePaul was conspicuously absent among the universities whose alumni funded banners to hang in the club. He made an appeal to club members who are DePaul alumni to contribute to installing the banner, and their reaction was immediate. "DePaul is a great school," he says, "and it ought to be represented. The response made me very happy."

1940s

Jerome F. Thomas (CSH ‘43) was honored along with other veterans for his years of service in the Navy during World War II. He is professor emeritus in the civil and environmental engineering department at the University of California, Berkeley, where he taught from 1955 through 1987.

1960s

Arthur O. Peterson (MUS ‘60) formed the Washington, Conn.-based Litchfield Hills Brass Ensemble, for which he plays trumpet.

Patricia Cienkus (LAS ‘62) and her husband, Robert Cienkus (LAS ‘62, MA CSH ‘70), were given the Dolores Hope Perpetual Guardian Angel Award at the St. Theresa School 55th Annual Holiday Fashion Gala in Palm Springs, Calif. Her family was involved in the founding of the school, and she continues her involvement as a Eucharist minister and lector.

John E. Furcon (CSH ‘63, MA ‘65) was hired as director of research and consulting, a recently relaunched division of the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

The Hon. Edward A. Bobrick (JD ‘64) presided over a $3 billion international breach-of-contract claim brought by Kraft Foods Global Inc. against Starbucks Corp. in an arbitration proceeding. He rendered an award in favor of Kraft. Bobrick is an arbitrator and mediator with Chicago’s JAMS, the largest private alternative dispute resolution provider in the world.

Frank E. Fabian (BUS ‘68) was presented with the Illinois District Award for Barbershop Excellence, the highest award given to an Illinois district barbershop. He sings with the Fermata D’Aria Quartet.

The Hon. Sidney H. Mathias (JD ‘68) was sworn in as a Lake County, Ill., board member for District 20, where he will serve a two-year term. Mathias is a former state representative, president of the Village of Buffalo Grove, Ill., and a retired attorney.

Wayne D. Niemeyer (CSH ‘69) was appointed to the subcommittee on gunshot residue, one of five Scientific Area Committee areas focusing on chemistry and instrumental analysis for the Organization for Scientific Area Committees. Niemeyer is a senior research scientist for McCrone Associates Inc., the analytical service division of The McCrone Group, in Westmont, Ill.

1970s

Karyn J. Holm (CSH ’70, MS ‘72) was named associate dean for research at Loyola University Chicago’s Marcia Niehoff School of Nursing.

The Hon. Sheila M. Murphy (JD ‘70) received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois Judges Association.

Katheryn M. Dutenhaver (JD ‘72) was awarded the 2014 Award of Excellence by the International Academy of Mediators.

John K. Fitzgerald (CSH ’72) joined Rutan & Tucker LLP in Costa Mesa, Calif., as senior counsel.

The Hon. Arlander Keys (LAS ’72, JD ‘75) has been appointed to the screening committee that will assist in the selection of the next U.S. marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

Frank Jakosz (BUS ’73) is a partner in the not-for-profit services practice at Sikich LLP and was appointed to American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ inaugural Not-For-Profit Advisory Council, which will provide counsel for nonprofit organizations and those who serve in the not-for-profit sector.

Daniel Ustian (BUS ’73) joined the strategic advisory board of HPEV Inc. He is formerly the chairman & CEO of Navistar International Corp.

Henry L. Jackson (BUS ’74) is founder and CEO of Millennium Steel Service LLC, a steel supplier for Toyota and other Toyota parts makers based in Princeton, Ind.

Gale F. Childs (GSD ’76, MFA ‘77) adapted the Charles Dickens classic “Great Expectations,” which was performed at Chicago’s Strawdog Theatre Nov. 11–Dec. 22, 2014.

Marguerite E. McDermed (JD ‘76) was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives, representing Illinois House District 37. She was sworn in on Jan. 14.

Robert A. Swiech (MST ’76, JD ’80) is listed as the top contributing author of the book “Income Taxation of Natural Resources,” which discusses the recent legislation, regulations, rulings and court cases that affect the taxation of natural resources.

Mario P. Portanova (BUS ’77, MST ’80) was a judge in the Daily Herald’s Cook of the Week Challenge. He is currently a director at Porte Brown LLC in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

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Carol A. Joyce (BUS ’78), a licensed professional counselor, led the Meditation with Hemi-Sync workshop at the Illinois Counseling Association Annual Conference. Joyce owns CoachingByCarol and serves as a residential trainer for The Monroe Institute in Virginia. Her research study on the effect of music on relaxation states was published in the Journal of Music Therapy, and she is the author of “How to Meditate.”

Diane Marshall (BUS ’78) was appointed vice president and national banking officer for the commercial banking group at Bank of the West. She will be responsible for new business development, due diligence, underwriting, negotiating and structuring middle-market transactions in the Chicago market. Marshall serves as treasurer for the Keeping the Promise Foundation, which provides college scholarships to students in the Elgin, Ill., area.

Jean Lenti Ponsetto (EDU ’78) was inducted into the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame and named the 2014 Sportswoman of the Year. She has served as athletic director at DePaul since 2002.

Cynthia D. Schaffer (EDU MA ’79) co-authored “Mollie’s War” with her mother, Mollie Weinstein Schaffer. The book chronicles Mollie’s time as a member of the Women’s Army Corps (WAC) during WWII. Schaffer was selected as an Illinois Humanities Council 2014–15 Road Scholar and travels around Illinois with her presentation “The Journey to Mollie’s War: WACs and World War II.”

1980s

Pushpika Freitas (LAS MA ’80) is the founder and president of Marketplace Handwork of India, a clothing and home catalog distributed in the U.S. that features goods made by low-income women in India.

The Hon. Henry R. Simmons (JD ’80) has been named managing partner of Clifford Law Offices in Chicago.

Ira N. Helfgot (JD ’81) was sworn in as treasurer for the Illinois Tollway Authority. He focuses his practice on matters related to banking, business, real estate, probate, municipal law, estate planning, and commercial and civil litigation.

James J. Flynn (BUS ’82) has joined CarMax of Charleston, S.C., as a sales consultant.

Michael A. Rooker (THE ’82) was in the feature film “Guardians of the Galaxy,” which was the highest-grossing superhero film of 2014. He also portrayed Merle on AMC’s “The Walking Dead” in the first three seasons.

Charles P. Rose (JD ’82), a nationally recognized education attorney, joined Chicago’s Hogan Marren Ltd. as shareholder. He also chairs the firm’s education practice. Previously, Rose was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as general counsel to the U.S. Department of Education and was confirmed in 2009.

Michael J. Zarleno (MST ’82) was promoted to principal at Ryan LLC, a global tax services firm in Dallas. He offers a variety of multidisciplinary tax services to large multinational clients. Zarleno is a certified public accountant and co-author of “Internet Filing Guidelines for State Tax Returns.”

Steven A. Betts (JD ’83) is president of the Chanen Development Co., an affiliate of Chanen Construction Company Inc., headquartered in Phoenix. He was recently elected as one of three directors at Tejon Ranch Co.

Mary A. Foote (CSH MS ’83), a registered nurse of 40 years, was selected for publication in Worldwide Who’s Who, a registered nurse of 40 years, was selected for publication in Worldwide Who’s Who.

Steven C. Sahara (BUS MA ’85, MAC ’85) was promoted to director of valuation and consulting at regional to national level.

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Jodi Nedrow-Counihan (MBA ’86) is vice president of marketing for Gorton’s of Gloucester. She also serves as director of marketing for the Cape Ann Symphony Board of Directors.

Carol A. Brandt (MBA ’87), a senior vice president and wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch & Co., was recognized by REP Magazine on its list of the Top 50 Wirehouse Women in 2014.

Doris V. Ewing (MBA ’87) was appointed to the investment committee of the general retirement system of the City of Detroit. She is owner of Madison Ewing LLC, where she provides investment services to tax-exempt institutions in immediate need of assistance.

Susan C. Christoph (MBA ’88) was promoted to partner and senior wealth manager at RMB Capital, an independent advisory firm in Chicago where she previously served as a senior vice president.

James Owens (BUS ’88) was appointed president of the board of directors at MOMS Orange County, a nonprofit organization that provides access to prenatal health care for low-income women. He has been active on the board for five years. Owens is an associate vice president and a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC in Santa Ana, Calif.

Cathleen A. Tymoszenko (LAS ’88) was named head of the economic development department for Geneva, Ill. She previously served as the director of community development for the Village of West Dundee, Ill.

Robert J. Sala (MBA ’78) has retired as CEO of Distribution Advantage Inc., which he started in 1986. At their annual meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., he was recognized by the board of directors and other industry executives for his leadership and contributions to the food service industry. His retirement plans include relocating from Long Grove, Ill., to La Quinta, Calif.

Jeanne M. (Pelter) Haderlein (BUS ’79) and her husband, Bill Haderlein (BUS ’79), co-owners of Chicagoland Deck Cleaning & Sealing Inc., celebrated 20 seasons in business in 2014.

James Carlini (MBA ’82) founded the Carlini Press, which published his book, “Location Location Connectivity,” which discusses next-generation real estate.

Richard D. Fincher (JD ’82) received a Fulbright Specialist Program Award in Law to teach at the School of Labor and Employment Relations at Ton Duc Thang University in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Lise Taylor Spacapan (JD ’84, LLM ’14) received the inaugural Tom Segalla Excellence in Education Award from the Defense Research Institute (DRI). The award honors a DRI member whose commitment to legal scholarship exemplifies the organizations high educational standards and promotes its mission to improve the skills of the defense practitioner. She is a partner at Husch Blackwell LLP, working with the manufacturing/transportation and healthcare/life sciences/pharmaceuticals teams.

Sammie Wayne IV (CDM ’84) was selected as an Illinois Humanities Women’s Army Corps (WAC) member whose commitment to legal scholarship exemplifies the organizations high educational standards and promotes its mission to improve the skills of the defense practitioner. She is a partner at Husch Blackwell LLP, working with the manufacturing/transportation and healthcare/life sciences/pharmaceuticals teams.

Tyrene K. Corbin (CDM ’85) will serve as the interim head coach of the Sacramento Kings. He played with the Kings (1995–96; 1999–00) and became assistant coach in 2014. He previously served as coach of the Utah Jazz from 2011 to 2014.

Debra L. Johnson (CSH ’85) was appointed to the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees.

Patrick K. McCaskey (LAS MA ’85) spoke at Elmhurst College in a special presentation on sports and faith on Nov. 6. McCaskey is a board member and senior director of special projects for the Chicago Bears.

Steven C. Sahara (BUS ’85, MAC ’85) was promoted to director of valuation and financial opinions at Stout Rius Ross Global Financial Advisory Services.

Bradford J. White (JD ’85) was appointed to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation by President Barack Obama. He currently serves as the associate director for the Alphawood Foundation and was previously a principal at CB White in Evanston, Ill., where he provided development consulting on affordable housing and historic resources.

Natalie Ann Jaresko (BUS ’87) was appointed Minister of Finance of Ukraine on Dec. 2, 2014.

Vincent R. Biskupic (JD ’89) was appointed to the investment committee of the general retirement system of the City of Detroit. He is owner of Madison Ewing LLC, where she provides investment services to tax-exempt institutions in immediate need of assistance.

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Vincent R. Biskupic (JD ’89) was appointed to the Outagamie County Circuit Court by Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker.
John F. Fisher (CDM MS '89) joined Fox Lake, Ill.-based MVP Advisory Group as a partner. He will focus on expansion of advisory services in IT transformation, solution package selection, service level agreements and strategic vendor management.

Jeffery L. Mowery (LLM '89) was inducted into the 2014 Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. Mowery is co-founder of Mowery & Schoenfeld, a CPA firm for business owners based in Lincolnshire, Ill.

1990s

Kim S. Abello (MST '90) joined Wells Fargo Bank NA's commercial banking division as head of the employee stock ownership plan unit.

Richard W. Lange (MST '90) was appointed as chief financial officer of Aegis Living, which is based in Redmond, Wash. In this role, Lange will oversee accounting, finance, tax, IT and real estate development.

Bernard A. Lietz (LAS '90, MBA '97) joined Oversee Reisin Berk & Abrams Ltd. as firm administrator.

Sanjay J. Patel (BUS '90, MBA '95) is chief operating officer of the Illinois Power Agency. He has also published his first e-book, “From Layoff to Take-Off.”

Karen S. Thomas Yehle (CSH MS '90) was awarded the Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Award by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Alison L. Dawley (JD '91) has been selected to serve as the first female city attorney in Melbourne, Fla. She has been assistant city attorney since 2007.

Deanna C. Johnson (JD '91) was appointed as a circuit court judge for the 21st Judicial District by Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam.

Bruce J. Mettel (MBA '91) was hired as vice president and senior underwriter at First Capital, a commercial finance company. He is based at the Chicago office and will be responsible for underwriting and risk analysis of new business throughout the upper Midwest.

Heather A. Hunt-Ruddy (LAS '92) is regional president for the Gateway Region of Wells Fargo Advisors LLC.

Deborah A. O’Connor (BUS '92) joined Trustmark Companies in the newly created position of vice president of marketing strategy and brand management. She will be responsible for helping the company focus on the integration of consumer insights. Most recently, she served as vice president of brand strategy and lead generation for Combined Insurance in Glenview, Ill.

Julie A. Sullivan (JD '92), a lawyer at Miller Johnson in Kalamazoo, Mich., was admitted to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers as a fellow. To be admitted, she had to pass a rigorous ethical screening and be recognized by the bench and bar in her jurisdiction as an expert practitioner in matrimonial law.

Fay West (BUS '92) was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer of SunCoke Energy Inc. and SunCoke Energy Partners LP.

Christopher F. Dekker (JD '93) was named vice president, general counsel and secretary of the Brunswick Corp. He started at Brunswick in 2010 as associate general counsel and most recently served as interim general counsel and secretary.

Helen N. Ezenwa (LAS '94) is director of the career management center at Illinois Institute of Technology Stuart School of Business in Chicago.

Christopher Gugora (BUS '94) was promoted to principal at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in Oak Brook, Ill. He was previously senior manager.

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Charles C. Huber (THE '94), a voice, TV, film and stage actor, made an appearance at Anime Midwest, a summer anime convention hosted in Chicago.

Michael J. Leonard (MBA '94) was hired as group president in MB Financial Bank NA’s commercial banking group. He previously served as regional president at First Midwest Bank.

Kenya D. McRae (LAS '94) was hired as vice president of research and development for the Chicago office of the American Osteopathic Association.

Jill A. Wolowitz (JD '94, LLM '96) was promoted to vice president of health policy for the Illinois division at Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Michael K. Borrows (MBA '95) joined USA Truck Inc., a transportation and logistics provider in North America, as chief financial officer.
In Memoriam

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

Alumni

Richard W. McCullip (BUS ’40)
Marcel B. Gervais (BUS ’44)
Frank J. Schaffer (BUS ’46)
Mary E. McManus (LAS MA ’47)
Ulysses A. Carlini Sr. (LAS ’49)
William E. Dennehy (BUS ’49)
Lawrence L. Larkin (BUS ’49)
Anne J. Maliszewski (LAS ’49)
Charles R. Fausch (BUS ’50)
Orlando L. Gagliardi (MUS ’50)
Casimir J. Magda (BUS ’50)
Joseph A. Howell (LAS ’51)
Kurt B. Karmin (LAS ’51)
Edward J. McCarthy Jr. (LAS ’51)
Harri Tomaras (LAS MA ’51)
Antoinette T. Garofalo (MED ’52)
Robert G. Stager (LAS ’52)
Jack R. Willeford (LAS MS ’52)
Earl J. Joyce (BUS ’53)
Eugene J. Briars (BUS ’54, JD ’57)
William E. Hill (LAS ’54)
James P. Daley Jr. (JD ’55)
Stella V. Henneson (LAS ’55)
David Edwards (MUS ’56, MM ’62)

Friends

Richard J. Bannon
Sister Maureen A. Brogan
Mary Ellen Fisher
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Mary Ellen Fisher

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Ron Nahser (LAS PhD ’95)
presented a lecture at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Conn., on the integration of sustainable management and social responsibility in corporate business practices.

Sheryl M. Arrigo (JD ’96) was named a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Edward R. Barrios (LAS ’96, MED ’02) was selected as a lead principal for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in Nashville, Tenn. Lead principal candidates are required to demonstrate prior success in driving student achievement, demonstrating teacher leadership and promoting a positive school culture.

Edward J. Bucher (BUS ’96, MBA ’01) joined Mercer LLC in its Chicago office as partner in global workforce rewards. He specializes in the development and implementation of global compensation and total rewards programs.

Ross Buitendorp (LAS MS ’96) was appointed to the Mental Health Diversion Council by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

Brian W. Chaiken (JD ’96) joined Perlmann, Bajandas, Yeveli & Albright P.A. as a partner. He previously served as chief legal and financial officer for Z’Trim Holdings Inc. in Mundelein, Ill.

Sergio A. Garcia (CDM ’96) was named acting village clerk for the Village of Summit in Cook County, Ill.

Rosemary C. Griesmer (MBA ’96) joined Elavon Inc. as vice president of global product marketing at its headquarters in Atlanta. Elavon is a wholly owned subsidiary of US Bank.

Michael G. Keeley (JD ’96) joined Norton Rose Fullbright LLP as a partner at the firm’s Dallas office.

David J. Navetta (JD ’96), a nationally recognized leader in cybersecurity, privacy and data protection law, joined Norton Rose Fullbright LLP as a partner at its Denver office.

Steve S. Sandvoss (JD ’96) was promoted to executive director of the Illinois State Board of Elections, where he has worked since 1988, most recently as general counsel.

Keith S. Baldwin (LAS ’97) appointed second vice president on the Justiniun Society’s 2014–15 Board of Officers. He has held various roles with the board since 2011.

Richard K. Babica (LAS MS ’98) is the public works director for Geneva, Ill. He previously served as public works director for West Dundee, Ill., for nearly a decade.

Tanya L. Jachimik (JD ’98) is the first full-time Title IX coordinator at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. She previously served as executive associate director for the Office for Access and Equity and as Title IX coordinator at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Michelle D. Jackson (JD ’98) was named general counsel for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Ronnys S. Kular (CDM ’98) and his family were honored as the Asian-American model family by Asian Chronicle USA TV. Kular is a telecommuni- cations professional and is vice president of the board for the Panjabi Cultural Society of Chicago.

Anna H. Morzy (BUS ’98) was promoted to partner at Fragomen Worldwide. She practices at the Chicago office, advising multinational corporations, U.S. employers and foreign nationals on all aspects of U.S. immigration law and compliance. She is the president of the Polish American Chamber of Commerce and the steering committee of the Illinois Business Immigration Coalition.

Heather Wright (MBA ’99) was hired as executive vice president and co-fiduciary officer at First Community Trust NA in Dubuque, Iowa.

Jose Jaime (LAS ’97) joined Atreca U.S., the second-largest producer of Spanish-language content in the world, as vice president of network and spot sales. He previously served as national sales manager at FOX Chicago.

David T. Meehan (JD ’97) joined Chicago’s Ulmer & Berne LLP as a partner. Previously, he worked at BMO Financial Group as vice president and associate general counsel.

Frank A. Sommario (BUS ’97, JD ’00), a partner at Romanucci & Blandin LLC, was appointed second vice president on the Justitiun Society’s 2014–15 Board of Officers. He has held various roles with the board since 2011.

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Joshua B. Anderson (BUS ’99) was named as financial an- alyst for John Deere Worldwide. In this role he will support the growth and development of the global business.

W. Terrell Burgess (EDU ’99, MBA ’99) was promoted to assistant principal of George Westinghouse College Prep in Chicago.

H. Chris Carlstead III (JD ’99, MBA ’99) joined the tax and accounting business of Thomson Reuters as managing director.

Karen S. Carter (MBA ’99) is global marketing director in packaging and specialty plastics at Chicago’s Dow Chemical Co., where she has worked for more than 20 years.

Terence K. McNamie (MED ’99) was promoted to assistant principal at Rosati-Kain High School in St. Louis. He was previously dean of students.

Wendy M. Musielak (BUS ’99, JD ’03) was listed on Super Lawyers magazine’s list of Top Women Attorneys in Illinois. She is a partner at Esq Kreuzer Cores LLP in Wheaton, Ill.

2000s

William G. Brandenburg (SNL ’96, MBA ’05) was hired as managing director of foreign exchange at PNC Bank in Chicago. He previously served as foreign exchange sales team lead at JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Arkadiusz J. Rusak (BUS ’00) is the owner of the Ark Rusak Insurance Agency, where he works alongside his brother, Robert Rusak (BUS ’03).

Brett P. Smiley (BUS ’00, MBA ’03) was appointed as chief operating officer for the City of Providence, R.I.

Michael K. Smith (MBA ’00) was appointed to the McHenry County College Board of Trustees. He is president of Flexus Financial Services LLC, a financial advisory firm in Deer Park, Ill.

Tracey A. Anderson (CHS MS ’91) joined University of Colorado Health Brain and Spine in Loveland, Colo., as a nurse practitioner.
Shaw LLP.

the Chicago office of Seyfarth Institute, in Zionsville, Ind. Myron S. Goldman Union Camp Recording Preservation Board. The RPTF works under first national radio preservation (RPTF), which is in charge of the project. The RPTF was created for the Library of Congress’ Kiss,” which showed at California’s Kiss, was performed in the Maryland Colleen J. Daly (MUS ’03) was hired as design director at the Chicago program “Check, Please!” was featured recently on the PBS and Brown Water,” which was released in 2014. The book tells the story of a 24-year-old Kate, as she moves into a new apartment and tries to establish her independence. Ryan R. Kasten (MBA ’06) is chief financial officer for MarkITx, the first online exchange for trading enterprise IT hardware. Brett E. Klein (LAS MS ’06) is the city administrator for Windsor Heights, Iowa, which is near the Des Moines, Iowa, metro area. Aaron Kubey (THE ’06) served as the director of artistic sign language for the play “Visible Language,” a musical that combines spoken word and American Sign Language. The play ran at the Eastman Theatre at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., through November 2014. Melissa M. Nigro (JD ’06) joined WJ Weiser & Associates Inc. as executive director in its Schaumberg, Ill., office. She provides oversight and board development to multiple medical boards of directors. Lindsay M. O’Neil (JD ’06) was promoted to counsel at Mayer Brown LLP. O’Neil works in the banking and finance group representing issuers, borrowers, underwriters, domestic and international banks, and asset-backed commercial paper conduits in securitization and other structured finance transactions in public and private markets. Taylor F. Regan (CDM MS ’06) was hired as design director at BlueMetal’s strategy and design practice in Chicago. He previously served as a user experience manager at Rightpoint in Chicago. Dina Villis (BUS ’06) joined Walgreens’ health care clinics division as manager of provider alliances. Her responsibilities include identifying, developing, and maintaining alliances with collaborative physicians in the health care clinics market. Micah L. Wheat (JD ’06) is a tax partner at Chicago’s Plante Moran PLLC, an international certified public accounting and business advisory firm. Jeremy S. Wynes (JD ’06) was hired as the Midwest regional director of the newly opened Chicago office of the Republican Jewish Coalition. Jason N. Abrahams (MBA ’07) is vice president of marketing at Root3 Growth Marketing in Chicago. Previously, he served as marketing director for Rightpoint Facility Performance in Chicago. Scott Coren (LAS MS ’07) is the city manager for Highwood, Ill. He previously served as assistant city manager for Darien, Ill.

Suheyli Natal Davis (JD ’07) was chosen as a 2014 Illini Comeback honoree at the University of Illinois hometowning. She works for McDonald’s Corp. on the global labor and employment law team.

Andrea J. Fogg (SNL ’07) is the assistant finance director for the Village of Lake in the Hills in Illinois.

Jonathan H. Kim (JD ’07) was promoted to counsel at the Chicago office of Mayer Brown LLP. He works in the intellectual property group, focusing on patent management, counseling and litigation involving pharmaceutical drug products.

Tricia Y. Malovey (MED ’07) teaches English language learning to immigrant and refugee students in grades three through eight. She was recently honored as a Symmetra Hero in the Classroom and was recognized at a Chicago Bears game in September 2014.

Timothy A. Phistry (SNL ’07) completed a master’s of pastoral studies at Chicago’s Catholic Theological Union in May 2014.

Meghan M. Teigen (JD ’07) joined WisPACT Inc. in Madison, Wis., as trust advisor. She will be assisting the organization and private attorneys in creating special-needs trusts and public benefits matters. Teigen previously worked for the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Inc. as a benefit specialist supervising attorney.

Robert Vargas (LAS ’07) is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His research focuses on urban sociology, urban politics, health and criminology.

Daniel Bond (JD ’08) was named to the Puget Sound Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 list. He is currently serving as vice president of risk management and insurance at Downers Grove-based Advocate Health Care, where he has worked for more than a decade.

Todd A. Mickelson (MST ’01) joined KPMG LLP as a managing director with the federal tax group. He will support the tax transformation practice with a focus in the financial services and industrial manufacturing industries.

Patricia Ruiz (BUS ’01) joined Chicago’s Ostrow Reisin Berk & Abrams Ltd., in the accounting services department.

Josh Shepperd (LAS ‘01, EDU MA ’06), an assistant professor at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., has been appointed as the research director for the Library of Congress’ Radio Preservation Task Force (RPTF), which is in charge of the first national radio preservation project. The RPTF works under the aegis of the National Recording Preservation Plan of the National Recording Preservation Board.

Frank T. Tebbe (LAS ’01, JD ’10) was hired as an attorney in the real estate practice group at the Chicago office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP.

Bradley H. Greenberg (MST ’02) joined the Deerfield, Ill.-based accounting firm Kessler Orlene Silver & Co. PC as a partner.

Jeremy A. Klotz (JD ’02) was appointed director of GUCL, the Myron S. Goldman Union Camp Institute, in Zionville, Ind.

Sarah E. Pacini (JD ’02) was named one of Modern Healthcare’s Up & Comers of 2014. She currently serves as vice president of risk management and insurance at Downers Grove, Ill-based Advocate Health Care, where she has worked for more than a decade.

Jing Zhang (MST ’02) was elected to the Jinpan International Ltd. board of directors as a member of the audit committee. She is a life coach at Pathfinder Coach Jing LLC.

Colleen J. Daly (MUS ’03) performed in the Maryland Symphony Orchestra’s 27th annual “Home for the Holidays” concert.

Tarell A. McCraney (THE ’03) wrote the play “In the Red and Brown Water,” which was performed at Indiana University Dec. 5-13, 2014. The play is the coming-of-age story of an African-American girl in rural Louisiana. Michael S. McGrory (JD ’03) was selected as one of the 40 Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch in 2014 by Law Bulletin Publishing Co. He is a partner at Chicago’s SmithAmundsen, working in the firm’s aerospace and commercial transportation practice group.

Joseph E. Huppert (THE ’04) was sound designer for “Stop Kiss,” which showed at California’s Pasadena Playhouse Nov. 4-30, 2014.

Sajad A. Husain (LAS ’04) and his brother, Shaua Husain (CDM ’09), own and run Burt Ridge, Ill-based Intellectual-Tech, a technology company that provides services in web development, business consulting and related concerns.

Ernest A. Nolan (MFA ’04), assistant professor at The Theatre School at DePaul, created and directed the interactive children’s production “Bingo’s Birthday,” which is currently running through May 17, 2015, at Emerald City Theatre Company’s Little Theatre in Chicago.

Kameka L. Brown (CCH MS ’05) was named to the Puget Sound Business Journal’s Top 40 Under 40. She is the nurse practitioner director for the Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education with VA Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle.

James E. Brugger-Orman (MUS ’05) was a guest soloist in the University of Michigan’s University Musical Society Choral Union’s production of Handel’s “Messiah.”

Fayez S. Butt (CDM ’05, JD ’14) joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP as an associate in the firm’s St. Louis office. He will focus on the preparation and prosecution of U.S. and international patent applications in the areas of computing and digital media.

Michael J. Eickhoff (LAS MS ’05) was promoted to managing director in the property tax and incentives group at Grant Thornton LLP in Chicago.

Daniel A. Herzog (MBA ’05) was hired as an architect for content and collaboration with BlueMetal in Chicago.

Joshua M. Jackson (JD ’05) was promoted to partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP in the firm’s Lake Forest, Ill., office. He joined the firm in 2003 as a law clerk and started as an attorney in 2005. Jackson focuses his practice exclusively on the litigation and negotiation of complex divorce matters.

Patrick T. Ryan (JD ’05) has been promoted to partner at Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP in Chicago. He also earned his certified financial planner certification, the recognized standard of excellence for competent and ethical personal financial planning.

Mathew T. Siporin (JD ’05) is a partner at the Law Offices of Richard L. Pullano. He was recently named one of the Top 40 Under 40 by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin.

Thomas A. Van Lente (CMN ’05) is executive chef at Two Restaurant and Bar, which was named to the Michelin Guide’s 2015 Bib Gourmand list. His restaurant was featured recently on the PBS Chicago program “Check, Please!”

Colleen K. Wagner (MED ’05) published her debut novel, “Seven for a Secret,” which was released in August 2014 under the pseudonym Rumer Haven. The book tells the story of 24-year-old Kate, as she moves into a new apartment and tries to establish her independence.

Jason N. Abrahams (MBA ’07) is vice president of marketing at Root3 Growth Marketing in Chicago. Previously, he served as marketing director for Rightpoint Facility Performance in Chicago.

Scott Coren (LAS MS ’07) is the city manager for Highwood, Ill. He previously served as assistant city manager for Darien, Ill.

Suheyli Natal Davis (JD ’07) was chosen as a 2014 Illini Comeback honoree at the University of Illinois hometowning. She works for McDonald’s Corp. on the global labor and employment law team.

Andrea J. Fogg (SNL ’07) is the assistant finance director for the Village of Lake in the Hills in Illinois.

Jonathan H. Kim (JD ’07) was promoted to counsel at the Chicago office of Mayer Brown LLP. He works in the intellectual property group, focusing on patent management, counseling and litigation involving pharmaceutical drug products.

Tricia Y. Malovey (MED ’07) teaches English language learning to immigrant and refugee students in grades three through eight. She was recently honored as a Symmetra Hero in the Classroom and was recognized at a Chicago Bears game in September 2014.

Timothy A. Phistry (SNL ’07) completed a master’s of pastoral studies at Chicago’s Catholic Theological Union in May 2014.

Meghan M. Teigen (JD ’07) joined WisPACT Inc. in Madison, Wis., as trust advisor. She will be assisting the organization and private attorneys in creating special-needs trusts and public benefits matters. Teigen previously worked for the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources Inc. as a benefit specialist supervising attorney.

Robert Vargas (LAS ’07) is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. His research focuses on urban sociology, urban politics, health and criminology.

Daniel Bond (JD ’08) was promoted to partner at the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP.
Engagements & Marriages

Margo H. Weitzman (LAS ’02) married David Forrythe on Sept. 20, 2014, at Millcreek Barns in Waterford, Mich. Although the ceremony was moved inside due to rain, the sky cleared up long enough for a game of croquet and a roaring bonfire.

McKenzie L. (Mahoney) Roman (LAS ’05) married David Harrison Roman on Sept. 20, 2014, at the University Club of New York in New York City. A friend of the bride and groom performed the ceremony. Roman works in New York as a senior account executive in media relations for MSLGroup.

Jared I. Rothkopf (JD ’06) is engaged to Abby Droz. He is an attorney at Ginsberg Jacobs LLC in Chicago.

Nhung (Nancy T.) (Nguyen) Liles (MBA ’09) married Derek Liles in Raleigh, N.C. The couple unknowingly rode the same school bus from elementary through high school. Liles is founder of Sweet T Salon in Raleigh, N.C.

Megan A. (Burke) Bowman (LAS ’12) married Matthew Bowman in Chicago. They currently live in Minneapolis.

Karina M. Fernandez (CMN MA ’12) is engaged to Christopher Knoerzer (LAS ’12). The couple met while attending DePaul and will be married in spring 2015. Knoerzer was recently promoted to senior consultant of managed services at Project Leadership Associates in Chicago.

Mary Voncx (LAS ’02) and her husband, William Laviano, welcomed a baby daughter, Olivia Muir Laviano, on Nov. 19, 2014.

Alexandra M. Ivakhnenko (JD ’09) and his spouse, Lina Hungerford, welcomed their son, Nikolay Ivakhnenko, on Sept. 9, 2014.

John M. Graves (JD ’10) and his wife, Lindsay (Chambers) Graves (JD ’10), proudly announce the birth of their son, John Marshall Graves II, on Aug. 14, 2014. John works at Freund, Freeze & Arnold LPA in downtown Cincinnati, and Lindsay works at Sanders & Associates LPA in Mason, Ohio.

Births & Adoptions

Mildred Sandi Gisken (EDU ’75) became a grandmother to Jack Henry Stanton in 2014.
Marquis F. Hill (MM ’12) won the 2014 Thelonious Monk International Trumpet Competition. He is currently a teaching associate at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Theatre and Music.

Ryan Seymour (BUS ’12) is a rapper, songwriter and entrepreneur. He first gained prominence as a rapper/emcee with TheDREAMERS, a collaborative group of young artists, emcees and producers from around the world.

Rochelle L. Turrisi (JD ’12) joined Bruning & Associates PC as an associate in the firm’s Schaumburg, Ill., office. She will focus her practice on divorce and family law.

Kurt J. Akers (BUS ’13) completed a master’s in finance and management at Cranfield University in England.

Jason T. Balla (BUS ’13) is a singer and guitarist for the up-and-coming Chicago band Ne-Hi. James J. Weir (LAS ’13) is bassist for the band.

Christopher R. Beasley (CSH PhD ’13) is an assistant professor of psychology at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. He teaches environmental and health psychology and is working on curricula for new courses.

Erin Calandriello Cluck (JD ’13) has been appointed as an associate attorney at Romanucci & Blandin LLC, located in Chicago. She previously served at the firm as a law clerk.

Jose F. Flores (BUS ’13) joined Chicago’s SVN Auction-Works as an associate advisor and will focus on commercial and residential real estate auctions and brokerage. Previously, he worked as realtor relations manager and leasing coordinator for MACK Industries.

Katherine A. Harry (CMN ’13) plays basketball for SGT Calligaris in Trieste, Italy.

Aimee L. Mandolini (SNL ’13) is director of development and major gifts officer at the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver. She is responsible for alumni engagement in Colorado, New York, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

Christopher K. Officer (CMN ’13) is in charge of special reports at the Pacific Coast Business Times. In this role, he will produce 23 special reports, the publication’s top 25 lists, the annual report on the region’s richest and other content.

Vijay Pendakur (EdD ’13) is the associate vice president for student affairs in charge of the student retention cluster at California State University, Fullerton.

Kathleen A. Barrett (JD ’14) is an associate attorney at Cassiday Schade LLP in Chicago.

Megan J. Clemens (CMN ’14) is an associate editor for BNP Media. As associate editor, Clemens writes and edits, manages social media accounts and newsletters, and represents the magazine at trade shows and events.

Andrew S. McCarthy (THE ’14) is a production management intern at Aurora Productions in midtown Manhattan, where he is assisting production managers during the 2014–15 Broadway season. He is currently working on “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,” “A Delicate Balance” and “The Elephant Man.”

Jenna G. Moran (JD ’14) was hired as an associate at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati, where she will work with the firm’s corporate department. She previously served as an extern for Judge Raymond Mitchell in the Circuit Court of Cook County of the State of Illinois.

Matthew Novaria (JD ’14) joined Nicolaides Fink Thorpe Michalides Sullivan LLP in Chicago as an associate.

Amy N. Schiller-Neustedter (JD ’14) was hired as an associate at the Chicago office of Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP.

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