1950s

Aaron Jaffe (JD ‘53) was appointed chairman of the Illinois Gaming Board by Governor Pat Quinn.

1960s

Charles R. Winkler (JD ’60) retired from the Circuit Court of Cook County and resumed his mediation practice with Resolute Systems LLC. In addition, Winkler serves as the chair of the alternative dispute resolution section for the Illinois State Bar Association.

1970s

Roger I. Burgraff (CSH ’63, MA ’69) published “Deacon’s Winter,” a thriller rife with blackmail, kidnapping, murder and corruption in Chicago politics.

Barry J. Epstein (BUS ’67) is a principal in forensic accounting and litigation consulting services at Cendrowski Corporate Advisors.

Terrence J. Benshoof (JD ’71, LLM ’80) was elected to the board of directors of the DuPage County Bar Association (DCBA) in May 2013. Previously, he was editor-in-chief of the DCBA Brief (2012-15).

Bruce Boxleitner (THE ’71) plays Bob Beldon in “Cedar Cove,” a Hallmark Channel original series.

David R. Donnersberger (JD ’72) was appointed general counsel of the Chicago Park District by its board of commissioners in June 2013. Previously, he was a judge with the Circuit Court of Cook County, where he retired in Jan. 2007.

Michael J. Brennan (LAS ’73, JD ’76) was appointed as a commissioner on the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission.

Robert A. Clifford (BUS ’73, JD ’76, LLD ’03) spoke at the spring meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers March 6-9 in La Quinta, Calif.

Sarah Frutig (THE ’73) was a guest star on ABC’s “Scandal.”

Miguel A. Valdes (MST ’74, JD ’78) joined WTAS as managing director in its New York office. He has more than 35 years of experience in U.S. and international tax planning, particularly Latin American and Caribbean tax matters.

Jennie G. Spallone (EDU ’75) published “Fatal Reaction,” a suspense novel involving a junior high school student who poisons his father.

Thomas L. Paliferro (LAS ’70, MA ’77) is the program director of Acting to Teach, an organization that uses acting to address the needs of at-risk youth, the elderly and the community. He has more than 36 years of experience in entertainment, from performing on Broadway and directing off-Broadway and regional theatre to appearing in films and on television.

Robert W. McGee (MST ’76) competed in the Taekwondo National Championships in Orlando on Oct. 18-19, 2013. He competed in the 60-99-year-old category in all eight events and won eight gold medals.

Anne M. Burke (SNL ’76, DHL ’05) served as supreme court liaison to a series of 2013 events sponsored by the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum that concerned the extradition hearings of Joseph Smith, a Mormon prophet.

Margaret H. McCormick (JD ’77) has assumed the presidency of the Federal Bar Association’s Chicago chapter.

Mary A. Bak (JD ’78) retired as director of planning and economic development for Glenview, Ill., on Dec. 13, 2013, after serving the village for more than 28 years.

Paul G. Greig (MBA ’78) was elected to the board of directors of the American Bankers Association. He is chairman, president and CEO of FirstMerit Corp.

Tom Mendel (MUS ’78) is serving his third term as president of the Theatre Musicians Association, a player conference for the American Federation of Musicians. He played bass for “The Book of Mormon” at the Bank of America Theatre in Chicago through Oct. 6, 2013, and for “Wicked” at the Ford Oriental Theatre in Chicago through Dec. 21, 2013.

Robert J. Musur (MBA ’79) is director of valuation and financial risk management at Navigant Consulting.

For the 11th consecutive year, Thomas W. Tuohy (BUS ’79, JD ’82) was awarded the highest possible rating by Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent, for legal and ethical standards. He was featured in the May 2013 issue of Chicago Lawyer as an inspiring innovator.
1980s

Emilia DiMenco (BUS ’80, MBA ’83) was named president of the Women’s Business Development Center, an organization that provides programs and services to start-up and established business owners.

Kevin P. Durkin (JD ’80) has been appointed to the executive committee of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. He is a partner at Clifford Law Offices.

Mark S. Ernst (JD ’80) is the new corporate vice president of human resources for Meruelo Group, a privately held holding company with vested interests in gaming, construction, restaurants, food production, commercial real estate, banking and broadcast media.

Steven W. Forrest (JD ’80) has been appointed a permanent acting county court judge. He handles felonies, family court cases and estates. He and his wife Linda have five children and reside in Elmira, N.Y.

Leslee G. Stein (CSH ’80) was appointed to the state emergency medical services advisory council by Governor Pat Quinn. She is director of medical administration and regulatory compliance for the Chicago Fire Department and a registered nurse.

Catherine A. Coyne Reiter (JD ’81) was named to the 2013 Illinois Super Lawyers in the category of top women attorneys in Illinois. She is a partner at HeplerBroom LLC in Chicago and focuses her practice in the area of medical malpractice defense.

David M. Goldman (JD ’81) is a partner at Davis Friedman, a Chicago-based family law firm.

Ira N. Helfgot (JD ’81) was sworn in as treasurer of the Lawyers’ Assistance Program at its annual dinner on Nov. 1, 2013.

Lynne Kawamoto (JD ’81) retired from the Circuit Court of Cook County, where she was the first Asian-American judge to serve in an Illinois state court.

Sergio E. Acosta (LAS ’82) was appointed to the concealed carry licensing review board by Governor Pat Quinn. He is a partner with Hinshaw and Culbertson LLP.

James Carlini (MBA ’82) accepted the annual Shoup Trophy from the national Rolls-Royce Owners’ Club. It was awarded to the Lake Michigan Region, for which he serves as regional chairman, for holding the largest gathering of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys at a regional event.

Eugene A. Delaney (MBA ’82) was appointed to the board of directors at Sanmina, an integrated manufacturing solutions company that makes complex and innovative optical, electronic and mechanical products.

Michael A. Gregory (MBA ’82) published “The Servant Manager: 203 Tips From the Best Places to Work in America.”

Thomas A. Corfman (JD ’83) is the assistant managing editor of government and politics at Crain’s Chicago Business.

James M. Fahey (MUS ’83) celebrated his 30th anniversary working for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in September 2013, as well as the 20th anniversary of the Symphony Center Presents Jazz series. He is the director of programming for Symphony Center Presents.

On behalf of Clifford Law Offices, Partner Keith A. Hebeisen (JD ’83) accepted the honor of being inducted into the National Law Journal’s Hot List Hall of Fame in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 4, 2013. In addition, the firm was selected by Trial Lawyer magazine as a 2014 member of The Forum: America’s 30 Most Influential Law Firms.

Reunion Weekend
October 18-20, 2013

Reunion Weekend 2013 brought together more than 400 alumni and friends for a fantastic weekend of engaging events and activities. Those who graduated in years ending in “3” and “8,” as well as alumni of the Honors Program and alumni who were involved with University Ministry’s Community Service program, came from near and far to reconnect with old friends, see how the campus has changed and make new memories.

The festivities kicked off on Friday, Oct. 18, as alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago reunited for a catered lunch and a special induction ceremony for new members of the Fifty Year Club. That evening, young alumni gathered at Hubbard Inn to enjoy drinks, hors d’oeuvres and a DePaul-themed photo booth.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, alumni participated in campus tours, visited the DePaul Art Museum and exercised at The Ray before donning cocktail attire for the Reunion Celebration. Held at the historic Palmer House Hilton, the evening reception gave alumni and friends an opportunity to mingle across class years. The College of Law also hosted a concurrent reunion celebration at the Hotel InterContinental.

Other Reunion Weekend highlights included the Reunion Brunch, theatre productions, an open house with the men’s and women’s basketball teams, and Reunion and Family Weekend Mass.
Class Notes

Marla M. Gamze (CMN ’84) is marketing director at the Chicago Loop Alliance, an organization that creates, manages and promotes high-performing urban experiences to attract people and investment to the Loop.

Lillian E. Cilano (BUS ’86) was promoted to senior manager of financial reporting at The Trustmark Companies. She is now an officer of the company.

Richard A. Hoker (BUS ’86) was appointed to the board of directors at Terra Nitrogen GP Inc., where he is vice president and corporate controller.

Marlene M. Williamson (MBA ’86) was appointed chief administrative law judge to the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal by Governor Pat Quinn. He is the associate chief of the criminal division for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Chicago.

James M. Conway (LLM ’87) was appointed chief administrative law judge to the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal by Governor Pat Quinn. He is the associate chief of the criminal division for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Chicago.

Tina G. Maloney (THE ’88) was in Porchlight Theatre’s “A Class Act,” which received the 2013 Joseph Jefferson Award for best midsize musical. In addition, she is a vocalist and tin whistle player in a volunteer musical ensemble that frequently brings the healing joy of music to hospitalized children and adults, as well as residents in long-term care facilities.

Brian P. Swift (JD ’88) published “Up: Getting Up Is the Key to Life,” an inspirational autobiographical story about the extraordinary life of a man living as a C6 quadriplegic.

Mark A. Chorazyczewski (MUS ’89, MM ’91) was elected president of the Illinois Music Education Association, effective January 2015. In addition, he was recently named 2015 Chicagoland Outstanding Music Educator.

Joe A. Farinella (MBA ‘89) is an associate professor of finance at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where he teaches courses in investments and corporate finance at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Joseph J. Kinsella (LAS ’09, MA ’96) is the assistant academic vice president for the Center of Global Engagement at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Lorrie J. Rogowski (BUS ’87) was promoted to senior marketing manager at the international engineering firm Thornton Tomasetti. She was previously a marketing manager in its Chicago office.

John C. Robak Jr. (BUS ’89) was named president of Gneeley and Hansen, a global civil and environmental engineering firm in Chicago. He is responsible for all internal operations and business affairs and direct international business operations.

1990s

Lily M. Guilik (CDM ’90) was appointed vice president of system integrator sales for the Americas for T-Systems International GmbH. She is responsible for the overall sales and growth of the sales and industry leadership units in the United States, Mexico, Canada and Brazil.

Richard G. Danaher (JD ’91) was selected to serve on the board of Lawyers Lend-A-Hand to Youth, which channels the legal community’s resources to promote best-practice mentoring and tutoring programs in disadvantaged communities.

Susan M. Johnson (LAS ’91) was appointed assistant dean for student success at the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater’s College of Letters and Sciences.

Meredith H. Ritchie (JD ’91) was appointed vice president, general counsel and chief ethics and compliance officer at Alliant Credit Union, where she has served as the associate general counsel for the past six years.

2000s

Beverly A. Ross Normand (MED ’84) retired from her position as co-chair of communications at South Shore United Methodist Church on Nov. 1, 2013. She is founder and director of Rald Institute, an educational and arts charity that serves at-risk, special needs and gifted children.

Sally J. Madden (BUS ’85) is the director of employee collaboration at the Academy of General Dentistry.

Rene D. Luna (LAS ’84) was appointed to the capital development board by Governor Pat Quinn. He is a community organizer and advocate with Access Living in Chicago.

Kwame Raoul (LAS ’87) was selected as one of 45 business executives to be featured in the 2013 Business Leaders of Color, a publication of Chicago United. He is a member of the labor and employment group at Quarles & Brady LLP and serves as an Illinois state senator.

Paul L. Stephanides (LAS ’87, JD ’90) is the new village attorney for Oak Park, Ill.

John P. Tynan (MBA ’87) was named interim CEO and president of VG Life Sciences Inc., a biotechnology company focused on discovering and developing drug therapies for cancer, infectious diseases and autoimmune disorders.

Lillian E. Cilano (BUS ’86) was appointed chief marketing officer of BigMachines, where she is responsible for worldwide marketing efforts and managing the company’s market position.

John P. Tynan (MBA ’87) was appointed CEO of Greeley and Hansen, a global civil and environmental engineering firm in Chicago. He is responsible for all internal operations and business affairs and direct international business operations.

2010s

Karen W. Blunden (LAS ’94) was named interim CEO and president of YouthMediaInc., a biotechnology company focused on discovering and developing drug therapies for cancer, infectious diseases and autoimmune disorders.

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Rochelle Robinson (LAS MA ’93) was recognized as a 2013 distinguished professor at Olive-Harvey College in Chicago. She was also named lead negotiator for the security contract between the Cook County Colleges Teachers Union (Local 1600) and the City Colleges of Chicago. Robinson is an associate professor of English and editor of Brownstone Barrio Bards, a literary series for South Side Chicago poets.

Justin C. Dearborn (JD ’94) was appointed CEO and president of Merge Healthcare Inc.


Kenya D. McRae (LAS ’94) is vice president of grants at the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation in Rosemont, Ill.

Gayle L. Nelson (JD ’94) was appointed to the Illinois Commission for the Elimination of Poverty in Sept. 2013.
Tony W. Hunter (MBA ’95) was elected chairman of the Metropolitan Family Services board. He is president and CEO of the Chicago Tribune Media Group and publisher of the Chicago Tribune.

Alex Rudle (BUS ’95) and Joseph M. Smith (BUS ’02) received emerald awards from Northwestern Mutual McTigue Financial Group recognizing their work helping clients achieve financial security in the past year.

Andrew S. Ryerson (JD ’95) is counsel at Chicago’s Polsinelli Shughart PC, where he focuses his work on real estate lending.

Raymond Salazar (EDU ’95, LAS MA ’03) received second place in the blog category of the Education Writers Association’s national writing contest for White Rhino (chicagonow.com/white-rhino), a blog that covers educational and Latino issues.

Alexsandra Sukhoy (CMN ’95) published her third book, “The ’90s: Diary of a Mess.”

Steven A. Werlein (LAS ’95, MED ’00) was appointed principal of Nevada Connections Academy, the top-rated virtual school in the state. He has more than 11 years of school leadership experience in Illinois and Texas.

Lesley E. Cohen (JD ’96) was appointed to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Law by the Nevada Legislature. Cohen practices in Henderson, Nev., and represents Assembly District 29 in the Nevada State Legislature.

Michael Metzler (MED ’96) published “Carpe College! Seize Your Whole College Experience” to help recent high school graduates and their families navigate the transition into college. Metzler is an educator with nearly two decades of high school and college teaching experience.

Paul B. Porvaznik (JD ’96) launched a litigation blog, paulporvaznik.com, where he draws from his 17 years of commercial experience and provides case summaries, Illinois law primers and practice tips in the areas of commercial litigation, breach of contract, landlord-tenant, trade secrets, employment and social media law.

Angela L. Underwood (SNL ’96) published “Building Your Financial Future Even to the Point of Giving: God’s Purpose for Us in Reaching Our Ultimate Goal.”

Toni Apicelli (LAS MA ’97) published “A Sixties Story,” about her journey from popular high school cheerleader to a member of the ’60s counterculture.

Michael S. Krazak (JD ’97) was elected secretary of the aviation law section of the American Association for Justice, a group of national trial lawyers whose mission is to promote a fair and effective justice system. He is a partner at Clifford Law Offices.

Frank A. Sommario (BUS ’97, JD ’00) was promoted to partner at Romanucci & Blandin. He specializes in personal injury and workers’ compensation. Currently, Sommario is the president of the Workers’ Compensation Lawyers Association.

Cynthia L. Bassig (LAS ’06, JD ’10), Samuel B. Chae (JD ’13), Joseph G. Bucci (JD ’11), Monica-Kaye Gamble (JD ’10) and Lisanne M. Pugliese (JD ’94) were recently sworn in as newly appointed Cook County assistant state’s attorneys. Pictured with Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez (center).

Recent Alumni Events

Career Week 2014
DePaul’s annual Career Week, held Feb. 9-15, offered a full slate of workshops, networking opportunities, guest speakers, resume reviews and more. The opening brunch focused on creating a personal brand, and other topics included using LinkedIn, standing out in the job search and assessing personal strengths. With on-campus sessions, regional events and teleconferences, alumni from across the country gained valuable insights and skills during Career Week 2014.

Blue Demon Day 2014
On Feb. 22, the DePaul community shared their Blue Demon pride as they cheered for the men’s and women’s basketball teams. In Chicago, Blue Demon Day 2014 featured receptions before both games, while 13 regional sites hosted game-watches for alumni and friends.

Alumni & Friends Reception With the President
Hundreds of Chicagoland alumni and friends met for lively conversation, drinks and hors d’oeuvres during an evening reception on Feb. 26. The stunning Preston Bradley Hall in the Chicago Cultural Center added to the evening’s ambience. The Rev. Dennis H. Holtschneider, C.M., president of DePaul University, welcomed guests and shared the latest university updates.

More alumni photos at flickr.com/depaulspirit.
2000s

Valerie C. Fuson (SNL '00) is a certified World Class Speaking Coach who helps entrepreneurs and business leaders create their signature stories and keynote speeches to help transform their businesses. In addition, she was appointed 2013-14 speakers bureau chair for District 30 Chicagoland Toastmasters.

Edgar E. Ramirez (LAS '00) is a trial lawyer and partner in the litigation group at Maslon Ballard MSEventrois PLLC. He is the youngest person to do so in more than 50 years.

Beth L. Schwarz (JD '00) opened her own Chicago-based law practice, Beth L. Schwarz Family Law & Litigation.

Michael L. Gallagher (JD '03) was promoted from deputy supervisor to supervisor of the torts and general civil rights section of the office of the Cook County State’s Attorney, the youngest supervisor in an office of more than 800 attorneys. He is responsible for the supervision of 16 attorneys and more than 415 state and federal lawsuits against Cook County and its employees.

Michael J. Gilmartin (JD '03) joined Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC. He focuses his practice in the financial sector, representing regional financial institutions, community banks and private equity firms in transactional and litigation matters.

Michael S. McGrory (JD '03) has been elected to the board of directors for Florida and Federal Civil Rights Section of the Illinois. He is a partner at SmithAmundsen, focusing his practice in aviation law and commercial litigation.

Vijay Prathap (LAS MS '03) co-founded Bears for Humanity, an online retailer that sells personalized, handcrafted teddy bears and donates a portion of its profits to charitable organizations.

Lawrence P. Vonckx (LAS '03) was promoted to general counsel of IFS North America Inc., where he has worked since 2012.

Michael T. Bailey (CDM MS '04) developed widerversify.com, a website geared to help colleges and universities recruit and enroll minority students, as well as help employers attract and retain minority college students and alumni.

Stephen B. Cook (MUS MM '04, CER '06) started Oracle Piano Society, a nonprofit musical organization that serves Oracle, Ariz., by providing the community with innovative performances, music festivals, classes and outreach programs for schools.

Kathleen M. Waitzman (JD '04) is an associate with Arnstein & Lehr LLP in Chicago. She brings nearly 10 years of experience, most recently counseling large corporations on litigation matters with a focus on contract matters, tort claims and insurance coverage issues.

Ben L. Welsh (CMN '04) was recognized as thesavviest online presence by the L.A. Weekly’s 2015 Web Awards.

Nikolas A. DePass-Herron (MUS '05) is a live audio engineer for PSAV. In addition, he works as a freelance engineer for various companies in south Florida, as well as the Seminole Tribe of Florida. He also works with Black Orchard Group on a web series entitled “Black Women Don’t Deserve to Be Loved.” The series was featured at the Sasse Awards and Festival in Atlanta in 2013.

Patrick J. Jessee (CSH '05) was nominated for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s 2014 Man of the Year title. He is a firefighter and paramedic with the Chicago Fire Department.

Paula S. Kim (JD '05) has been named shareholder and lawyer for Goulston & Storrs. She serves on the board of directors for 10 global finalists in the 2013 Sassie Awards and Festival in Chicago.

Robert D. Fortney (CSH MS '07) is chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care at Norwegian American Hospital in Chicago.

Karyn A. Haney (MED '07) received the Chicago Public Schools’ citywide Counselor Leadership Award. Currently, she serves 850 students as the counselor and case manager at West Ridge Elementary School.

Stacy L. Nadeau (CSH '07) was featured as one of six models for Dove’s Campaign for Real Beauty.

Amanda D. Powell (THE '07) and Andrew Goettten (THE '07) were in the cast of Chicago’s Sideshow Theatre Company’s “9 Circles,” which ran Aug. 29-Oct. 6, 2013.

Nida Shakir (LAS '07) joined Milwaukee-based Whyte Hirschboeck Duhde SC in the firm’s litigation practice group.


Susan Triebmann (SNL '07) was a finalist in the L’Oreal Paris Women of Worth contest. She was honored for her work at Evanston’s Curt’s Café, a nonprofit restaurant that provides at-risk youth with hands-on job and life skills training.
Marriages & Engagements

Emily R. Darak (LAS ‘89) is engaged to Kevin Pokrylke. They will marry in autumn 2014. Darak is a human resources professional with Readerlink Distribution Services, and Pokrylke is a network administrator for Presence Healthcare.

Donna Zurawski Metrou (BUS ‘04) married George Metrou (BUS ‘08) in Chicago in May 2013.

Kat McCullough (CMN ‘08) married Michael Ryan Braun on Dec. 7, 2013, at the W Union Square Hotel in New York. McCullough is a television producer for the CNN Headline News channel, while Braun is a producer’s assistant at Warner Brothers Television for “The Following.”

Manny Realivasquez (BUS ‘06) and Christine Zwolinski (CSH ‘06) had a special guest at their June 22, 2013, wedding at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. The couple met while attending DePaul.

Danielle C. Ferrari (BUS ‘07) and Ryan Marshall (BUS ‘07) married on Feb. 8 in Winfield, Ill. They met at DePaul as freshmen in the fall of 2006. Ferrari is a financial advisor for Edward Jones in Wheaton, Ill., and Marshall is a corporate accountant for McMaster-Carr in Elmhurst, Ill.

Alex J. Nowak (BUS ‘08) is engaged to his college sweetheart, Raquel Richards (CSH ‘08).

Michelle Auk (BUS ‘09) and Brian Baio (BUS ‘09) will marry in August 2014 in Chicago. The couple met their senior year at DePaul. Auk is an investment bank associate at JPMorgan Chase and vice president of the DePaul Circle of Finance Opportunities, while Baio is a senior auditor at a private CPA firm and a member of Ledger & Quill.

Sara C. Foulk (MED ’11) married DJ Loerzel on Aug. 24, 2013, at Waterloo First United Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa.

Richard A. Merrick (MUS ‘99) and his wife Lasa announce the birth of their second son, Matthew Allen Merrick, on July 3, 2013. He joins big brother Andrew James.

Kathryn S. Clark (LAS ‘02, JD ‘06) and John Schietinger (JD ‘06) welcomed their second child, Abram Levon Schietinger, on June 4, 2013. Abram joins big sister Ella.

Katie J. Vankampen (CSH ‘09) married Andrew Kyker on Nov. 9, 2013.

Dawn M. Hume (CSH ‘03) and her husband Edward welcomed their first child, Lily Ann Cash, on July 31, 2012.

Christopher M. Kopacz (JD ‘05) and his wife Anne Divita Kopacz (LAS MS ‘10) welcomed their first child, Caroline Brenna Kopacz, in June 2013.

Elizabeth S. Wheeler (CMN ‘07) is vice president of business development at National Gift Card Corp. in Elgin, Ill. She manages the company’s inside sales team, and oversees sales growth within the existing client base and development of new markets and customers.

Sarah E. Ashbrook (SNL ‘08) is the program coordinator of the environmental workforce development and job training program at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Anais M. González Castellano (LAS ‘08) was promoted to manager of citizenship and adult education at Chinese Mutual Aid Association in Chicago after teaching English to immigrants and refugees in the same agency. Previously, she lived in Cameroon as a Peace Corps volunteer from 2009 to 2012.

Tracey L. Levy (CDM MS ‘08) and her husband Matt founded DMEntity, a leading provider of innovative and customer-focused IT services and solutions. The company, which has been recognized as one of the world’s top IT Managed Service Providers and named a top-performing SMB channel partner in the United States in 2012 and 2013, was acquired by iNETWORKS Services LLC in July 2013. In addition, Levy is founder and president of MTX Foods LLC and has signed a multi-unit franchise deal with “How Do You Roll?” She plans to open three locations in Chicago and the surrounding area in the next three years.

Christopher M. Strupp (LAS MS ‘08) is the public relations and communications manager at Concordia Place in Chicago.

Ryan Wietholtz (CSH ‘08) is a sales engineer at GEA Westfalia Separator Inc., where he manages process equipment sales in pharmaceutical, chemical and mineral markets for the Midwest region.

Teresa G. Carcioppolo (LAS ‘09) joined Weston Hurd LLP in Cleveland, Ohio, as an associate. She focuses her practice on matters involving business, employment, estate planning, real estate and white-collar litigation.

Kelly Chiricotti (CMN ‘09) was promoted to associate media director on the digital investment team at Spark SMG in Chicago.

Marc A. Lukasik (CSH MA ‘09, PhD ‘13) is a senior test development specialist at the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, where he manages the development of published examinations and internal processes.

Theresa M. Chu (CMN MA ‘09) is co-owner of Barley Labs LLC, a small business based in Durham, N.C., that creates all-natural dog treats out of recycled barley from a local brewery.
In Memoriam
Lord, we commend to you the souls of our dearly departed.
In your mercy and love, grant them eternal peace.

Alumni
Joseph S. Kessel (JD ’35)
Arthur A. Wollinsohn (JD ’37)
Francis E. O’Connor (JD ’37)
Sister Mary Magdalene Fearon (LJM ’59)
William G. Gardner (LAW ’59)
Joseph B. Judge (BUS ’59)
Joan A. McCarran (MED ’59)
David J. Regner (BUS ’59)
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Robert A. Martin (LMA ’62)
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John J. Reidy, Jr. (BUS ’64, JD ’66)
Genevieve M. Capstaff (LJM ’65, MA ’68)
Avril A. Kaiser (MED ’65)
Paul M. Ludes (BUS ’66)
Malcolm H. Matheson (LMA ’66)
Jeremiah P. Riordan (MBB ’66)
Diane J. Baxter (LMA ’67)
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Sister Patricia David, O.S.F. (MED ’73)
Jeronimo H. Stasiek (LJM ’73)
Dennis J. Ulbert (BUS ’74)
Gus R. Ledonne (MBB ’75)
Lucy M. Alexander (LJM ’76)
Jackson W. Anderson (MBB ’76)
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Joan Copel (MED ’76)
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Patricia A. Conley (JD ’78)
Jeffrey F. Hudson (MBB ’78)
Susan E. Mikia (MST ’78)
David L. Jebsen (BUS ’79)
Ellen J. Mios (LAM ’79)
Sandra K. Rose
(LAM ’79, MA ’79)
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Robert T. Stepph (BUS ’83)
Robert G. Alexander (LJM ’84)
Debra F. Leary (MED ’84)
Mila Levitti (MED ’85)
Madeline A. Carrier (SNL ’89)
Deborah L. Whitten (BUS ’90)
Bradley J. Ipema (JD ’91)
Michael Rankin (BUS ’91)
Lisa Kelly (THE ’92)
Richard A. Hendershot (JD ’93)
Donna F. Quinlan (CMN ’94)
Michael G. Gibbs (LAM ’95, MS ’97, EDD ’02)
Bennett Reimer (DHL ’97)
Jason M. Reynolds (LAM ’00)
Monique J. Bradley (CMN ’02)
Monte L. Bensig (CMN ’03)
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is a partner in the international
tax practice as well as the national
leader of the Japan business
group at Grant Thornton LLP in
Chicago.

Benjamin J. Zimmer (CMN ’09)and his brother created
Rebbo, a social network for sober
individuals to connect based
upon location.

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Ashley M. Ambuehl (LAS ’10)is the sales training coordinator
for AEP Energy in Chicago.

Heriberto Cruz (BUS ’10)was promoted to vice
president of operations at Access Community
Health Network, where he
is responsible for all health
center operations. In addition,
he has been selected as
one of six scholars for the
inaugural Thomas C. Dolan
Executive Diversity Program,
through the American College of
Healthcare Executives.

Whitney F. Fink
(CSH ’10)is a Math
for America Fellow who
currently splits her time
between teaching in New
York City public schools and
pursuing a graduate degree
from New York University.

Gary A. Fuller (CDM MS ’10)joined Converged
Technology Professionals as
director of marketing. He
oversees both domestic
and international marketing
efforts out of the Crystal
Lake, Ill., office.

Molly S. Galvin (MST ’10)is an early childhood education
teacher at Oak School in
Hinsdale, Ill.

Jens M. Hussey (MST ’10)opened a second office
for his private counseling
and psychotherapy practice
in downtown Chicago. He
specializes in working with
executives and professionals.

Scott H. Koontz (JD ’10)joined Hildebrandt LLC as an associate in its
Chicago office.

Kristin M. Paxinos (MUS MM ’10)performed at the St.
Charles Public Library on Oct.
27, 2013, as part of the Da
Capo Duo.

Courtney M. King (CMN ’11)is a sports anchor and
reporter with Fox6 NOW in
Milwaukee.

Sarah King (JD ’11) has been
appointed fundraising chair of
Women Everywhere: Partners
in Service Project. She also
serves on the project’s planning
committee as the Illinois Trial
Lawyers Association delegate.
King is an associate at Clifford
Law Offices.

Christine T. Landschoot
(EDU ’11) is a science teacher at
McClure Junior High in
Western Springs, Ill.

Hamoda Mohamad (LAS ’11)is a DePaul ASK Mentor and
serves as a member of the Young
Alumni Committee.

Shannon E. Murphy (CSH ’11)launched her own life
coaching business, Stepping
Forward Inc.

Katie A. Ruane
(EDU ’11) is a math teacher at
Eisenhower High School in
Blue Island, Ill.

Heather H. Stephens (JD ’11)is
director of the Meadowlands
Museum in Rutherford, N.J.

Lisa R. Brough (EDU ’12)is a sixth-grade language arts
and Spanish teacher at
Hinsdale Middle School in
Hinsdale, Ill.

Editor’s Note: Due to space limitations, this memorial list includes only those
alumni and friends who our offices have confirmed have passed away.
Kambium E. Buckner (JD ’12) joined the community affairs and legal department for the Chicago Cubs, where he coordinates and implements the Cubs’ government and neighborhood relations.

Lamis G. Eli (JD ’12) has been named an associate at Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney Ltd.

Sierra M. Falter (JD ’12) was admitted to the Nebraska Bar and joined Sattler & Bogen, where she is part of the firm’s railroad litigation practice.

Ashley N. Fenton (BUS ’12) joined Ostrow Reisin Berk & Abrams Ltd. as a staff accountant.

Laurie M. Hamen (JD ’12) is the ninth president of Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She was previously the vice president for enrollment management, athletics and student affairs at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., where she served for the past 18 years.

Maureen E. McCarthy (SNL MA ’12) founded Parenting for a Caring World. She offers parenting consultant services, drawing on science to promote empathetic and responsive infant rearing and the raising of caring and confident children.

Andrew M. Johnson (LAS ’12) is the operations manager at Madame Tussauds in Washington, D.C.


Matthew J. Dostal (JD ’13) joined Stellato & Schwartz Ltd. as an associate.

Thomas D. Peterson (CMN ’13) is a residential leasing agent with First Western Properties in Chicago.

DePaul Pride

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1. John Palmares (CSH ’07) in front of the Obelisco de Buenos Aires in Argentina.
2. Bai Yuen (CSH MS ’88) in front of the Blackheads House, a historic landmark in Riga, Latvia.
3. DePaul staff member David Brand at a restaurant in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic.
4. Miriam Manahan (MBA ’08, BUS MS ’09, MS ’10) at the Great Wall of China.
5. Sam Bostrom (CSH ’12) on a service trip in Chepnyal, Kenya.
6. Jen Bruno (BUS ’95) on Italy’s Amalfi Coast.
8. Jim Hoff (LAS MS ’09) in Venice, Italy.