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Professor Emeritus Alexander Davis Celebrates 100th Birthday

Alexander V. Davis, a former professor in DePaul's modern languages department, celebrated his 100th birthday on Sept. 15. Davis, who specialized in teaching Spanish, began his career at DePaul in 1952; he retired in 1981 as a full professor. Davis is a member of the DePaul Emeritus Society, an organization open to long-term faculty and staff members who have retired.

Davis recalls his beginnings and his immigration to the United States in 1932. “I was born in the small German town of Bad Nauheim, near Frankfurt. When I was 16, my family immigrated to the United States. I attended DePaul Academy and got interested in studying Spanish.” He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Chicago but remembers that the Depression made it difficult to continue his education. “Things were very inexpensive in Mexico, so I decided to go there to finish my studies,” he remembers. Davis received his master’s and doctoral degrees from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. He went on to teach at The Ohio State University, at the University of Maine and in Buenos Aires, Argentina, before coming to DePaul.

In 1956, when the Delta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, was established at DePaul, Davis was named an honorary member. In 1964, he was elected to the presidency of the Pan American Board of Education, Chicago Chapter, an organization dedicated to developing an understanding of Latin America in the United States. The organization has ceased operations.

Nancy Koga (LAS ’65) keeps in touch with her former professor and remembers Davis’ influence. “He helped me get a scholarship to study in Spain and inspired me to see the world.” She notes that Davis has stayed active and interested in travel. “He taught on a naval ship after retirement,” says Koga. “He was traveling on his own until a few years ago. In his early 90s, he went to Paris.”

Davis enjoys reflecting on his 30 plus years in Chicago. “Life has changed so much in the last few generations. Things used to be more parochial. In Chicago, you still had your ethnic neighborhoods, and listening to music in different communities was like going around the world. Now things are more cosmopolitan, and I think we are more understanding. Things are better as a whole now.”

Davis says fondly, “I think of DePaul every day. For me, DePaul was something very special. I was very much impressed with the Vincentian fathers. Today we live in a very competitive world, and at DePaul there are people who give to others—you still have that personal touch and so many people who still care.”

1950s

The Hon. William J. Bauer (JD ’52, LLD ’83, LLD ’08) was recognized by the city of Wheaton, Ill., with an exhibit at the William J. Bauer Judicial Office Facility Annex. The exhibit tells the story of his career through newspaper clippings, photographs and other artifacts.

1960s

Nicholas J. Valenziano (MUS ’58) was inducted into the 2015 Bands of America Hall of Fame by Music for All Inc., a national music organization. Valenziano served as the first director of education for the Bands of America program in 1975 and later filled the role of executive director.

Alan M. Hoffberg (BUS ’62) was presented with the inaugural Dr. Norris Pilot Awards Gala in West Palm Beach, Fla., on April 10.

Robert J. Craig (CSH ’63, CSH MA ’68), published his 11th book, “State of Mind: Life and Work in a Mental Hospital,” which chronicles his personal observations and experiences as a clinical psychologist working with and treating psychiatric patients.

Correction
In the Summer 2015 DePaul Magazine article “Hidden Treasure: Special Collections and Archives,” an illustration from an 1817 book by William Mudford is incorrectly described as “British and Russian forces following the Battle of Waterloo.” The caption should have read “British and Russian forces.” We regret the error.
John E. Eber (BUS ’68, MBA ’71) retired at the end of the 2014-15 academic year after 47 years in Catholic higher education. During his career, he worked in many roles at different universities, including DePaul, Benedictine University (Lisle, Ill.) and Saint Xavier University (Chicago), where he served as dean of the Graham School of Management and as dean emeritus and professor of accounting. Eber and his wife, retired teacher Frances (Kitterick) Eber (BUS ’70), live in Diversors Grove, Ill.

Robert A. Dobski (BUS ’69) was appointed to the Illinois State University board of trustees by Gov. Bruce Rauner. Dobski owns and operates several McDonald’s franchises in central Illinois.

Michael J. Rallege (LAS ’69) published his ninth book, “Peerless Detective.” He is an instructor in DePaul’s writing, rhetoric and discourse honors program.

1970s

Edward G. Willer (LAS ’70, JD ’73) was named partner at Coeboy & Demetrio in Chicago, where he focuses his practice on personal injury and wrongful death cases in the areas of product liability, construction negligence, premises liability and vehicular negligence.

Gail Silver (GSD ’71) guest-starred as Ruth in the season one finale of Amazon’s original series “Transparent.” Silver also had a role in HBO Films’ “Phil Spector,” “Transparent.” Silver also had a role in HBO Films’ “Phil Spector,” “Transparent.” Silver also had a role in HBO Films’ “Phil Spector,” “Transparent.”

Chaz Hammel-Smith Ebert (JD ’77) is producing a feature film that will tell the story of Mamie Till-Mobley, mother of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old black boy who was murdered while visiting relatives in Mississippi in 1955. The film will be released in 2016. Previously, Ebert practiced litigation in environmental and equal opportunity law. She is president of Ebert Productions and vice president of The Ebert Co., a position she has held since the passing of her husband, film critic and journalist Roger Ebert, in April 2013.

Curtis J. Crawford (MBB ’78, DHL ’98) was selected to serve on the board of directors at The Chemours Co., following the company’s spinoff from E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. in July. Crawford is founder, president and CEO of XCEO Inc., a consulting firm that specializes in leadership and corporate governance.

Robert A. Cantone (CSH ’74) was reappointed by Gov. Bruce Rauner as commissioner of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, which he has served on since 2011. Cantone is a personal injury claims attorney in Orland Park, Ill.

Richard A. Hanson (MST ’74) is a principal at Avanion, a commercial real estate services firm headquartered in Toronto that acquired Mesa Development LLC in Chicago, where Hanson led the conceptualization, entitlement and construction of projects valued in excess of $1 billion.

Robert W. McGee (MST ’76) won three silver medals at the American Taekwondo Association World Championships, held in Little Rock, Ark., on July 9. McGee is author of the novel “Justifiable Homicide: A Political Thriller.”

Scott Ellis (GSD ’78) was nominated for a 2015 Tony Award in the Best Direction of a Play category for his production of “You Can’t Take It With You” by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. The play ran on Broadway at the Longacre Theatre from Sept. 28, 2014, to Feb. 22, 2015.

Grazina R. Vizinhas (CSH ’78) was honored by America’s Registry of Outstanding Professionals and by Strathmore’s Who’s Who for her outstanding work in medical administration. She is office manager at the medical practice of her husband, Edmund Vizinhas.

Michael R. Callahan (JD ’79) was appointed chair of the medical staff for the credentialing and peer review practice group of the American Health Lawyers Association. Additionally, he was selected as one of the top eight health care attorneys in Illinois by Chambers USA, was appointed to the board of directors for the National Association Medical Staff Services and was selected for Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America. He is a partner at the Chicago office of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

Robert J. Musur (MBA ’79) is managing director for international investments at Navigant Consulting Inc.

Ernest J. Sampias (MST ’79) was appointed as a class I director for the Dot Hill Systems Corp. board of directors. Sampias is CEO of Sampias Holdings LLC.

Mark S. Lange (MST ’81) was appointed to the publication board of the journal of the DuPage County Bar Association, The DCBA Brief. Klein is an attorney in Bloomington, Ill., and focuses his practice on business and corporate services, civil litigation, contested wills and trusts, real estate and development, and nonprofit organizations.

Peter A. Monahan (JD ’81) was selected as Volunteer of the Year for the Children and Family Services Group at the Legal Assistance Foundation, where he serves as pro bono counsel.

Scott R. Hales (MBA ’81) joined Appel & Co. SC. as a shareholder in the tax and real estate practice. Hales is responsible for managing the firm’s tax and financial reporting valuation practice. Musur is based in Chicago and leads the Chicago-area market. He previously served as director of valuation and financial risk management at Navigant Consulting Inc.

Marcia A. Harrison (MBA ’81) received the Anne McGlone Burke Olympian Service Award for outstanding commitment to Special Olympics Chicago. The award is presented annually at the opening ceremony for the spring games.

Timothy J. Klein (JD ’81) was appointed to serve on the publication board of the journal of the DuPage County Bar Association, The DCBA Brief. Klein is an attorney in Bloomington, Ill., and focuses his practice on business and corporate services, civil litigation, contested wills and trusts, real estate and development, and nonprofit organizations.

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James E. Michalik (LAS ’82) is the first executive director of the Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions in Tallahassee, Fla., a statewide nonprofit group that provides affordable quality health care and related services for new mothers in need.
Catherine L. Steege (JD ’82) was named to the National Law Journal’s List of Outstanding Women Lawyers, which honors 75 accomplished female attorneys who show excellence in private practice, corporate counsel work, public interest law, legal education and the judiciary. Steege is a partner at Jenner & Block, where she is a bankruptcy lawyer and co-chair of the bankruptcy litigation practice.


Robert P. Everson Jr. (MUS ’83, MM ’88) was named vice chairman of the Chicago Philharmonic Society. He is a principal percussionist with the orchestra.

James S. Hauert (BUS ’83) is senior vice president of commercialization and strategy for ADMA Biologics Inc., in Ramsey, N.J., where he is building a commercialization infrastructure to ensure market use and adoption of product candidates and oversees the growth of the company.

Robert F. Lussier (MBA ’83) was appointed CEO and president of Trans Pacific National Bank in the San Francisco Bay area. Lussier previously served as president and board director of Parkway Bancorp Inc., headquartered in Chicago.

Susan A. McConnell (BUS ’83, MBA ’87) founded the nonprofit Let It Be Us, which raises awareness of adoption through the foster system, educates and recruits foster parents, assists children in the system and helps those aging out to make the transition. The organization hosted a 5K race on May 9 at Citizens Park in Barrington, Ill.

William D. Waters (BUS ’83, MAC ’83) was named vice president of finance for the Chicago White Sox. In this role, he is responsible for all accounting and finance for the organization. Waters is also an adjunct professor for the sports administration graduate program at Northwestern University.

Deborah K. Bothun (BUS ’84) was named leader of the global entertainment and media practice at PwC in New York, where she has worked for 20 years. Bothun maintains her current position as leader of PwC’s U.S. entertainment, media and communications practice.

Paul W. Hoefert (MBA ’84) joined First Midwest Bank in Chicago as senior vice president and head of private banking. In this role, he oversees an area serving the personal needs of high net worth clients. Previously, Hoefert served as chief administrative officer for the wealth management division of Northern Trust Corp., where he managed client services.

Anthony G. Smaniotto (MBA ’84) was appointed treasurer for the leadership board for CoreNet Global Chicago. He is an executive vice president for Colliers International.

Steven M. Bielat (BUS ’85, MAC ’86, MBA ’05) was appointed director of finance for Greenwood Associates Inc. in Niles, Ill., where he is responsible for cash flow and capital budgeting, outside third-party reporting, outside consultants, and more. He previously served as senior manager for John R. Waters & Co. in Chicago.

Kenneth W. Butl (LAS ’86) published his book, “The Dutch in the Calumet Region,” which chronicles the Dutch immigration to the area. Butl is a visiting instructor in the department of computer information technology and graphics at Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Ind.

Ronald J. de Lange (CDM MS ’86) was appointed to the Radiys Corp. board of directors. Previously, de Lange served as senior vice president at Oracle and as president and CEO at Tekelce.

Andrew B. Lowenthal (BUS ’86, MBA ’93) was promoted from vice president to senior vice president of business development at the Chicago Board Options Exchange Inc. (CBOE). His expanded responsibilities include business development functions at the CBOE Futures Exchange and overseeing business development for Livevol, a provider of equity and index options technology and market data services.

Diane M. Pearse (MBAA ’86) is chief operating officer and executive vice president of finance at Current Bravals LLC. She previously served as senior vice president of operations and merchandising for Redbox Automated Retail LLC.

Kevin T. Stevens (MST ’86) was appointed dean of the Quinlan School of Business at Loyola University Chicago.

Giles Sutton (LAS ’86) is a tax partner at Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP in Memphis, Tenn., where he focuses his practice on issues pertaining to state and local tax. Gilles has more than 25 years of experience as a lawyer and CPA.

John C. Sciacotta (JD ’87) joined Aronberg Goldstein Davis & Garmisa as a member in the firm’s commercial litigation practice group, where he focuses on litigation, arbitration and business counseling matters with an emphasis on complex civil trial and appellate cases brought in federal and state courts throughout the country.

The Hon. Paul E. Stutesman (JD ’87) was appointed to the Michigan Criminal Justice Policy Commission by Gov. Rick Snyder. He will serve a three-year term representing the state’s circuit court judges.

Young Alumni Tour and Tasting at CH Distillery
Have you ever wondered how vats of grain transform into potent spirits? In September, recent graduates learned the science behind vodka and gin production during a “spirited” tour of CH Distillery in Chicago’s vibrant West Loop neighborhood. Because a behind-the-scenes experience wouldn’t be complete without a taste test, participants were delighted to try a traditional pairing of chilled vodka with rye bread and pickles and then continue socializing after the tour.

County Line Orchard Outing
As autumn’s crisp air descended on the Midwest region and leaves turned red and orange, alumni welcomed the season with a “Sunday Funday” at County Line Orchard. Forty acres of juicy pick-your-own apples awaited participants after lunch and a highlights tour of the grounds, which included a corn maze and barnyard animals. Several lucky attendees won DePaul swag during a raffle, and everyone went home with a mini pumpkin souvenir and happy memories.

Summer Walking Tours
Alumni across the country donned their walking shoes and hit the pavement in August. On the first day of the month, graduates explored President Lincoln’s Cottage at the Soldiers’ Home in Washington, D.C., where Lincoln conceptualized the Emancipation Proclamation. The following weekend, New York City alumni nibbled their way through a food tour of the Lower East Side while their Chicagoland counterparts sampled cupcakes, doughnuts and bagels in Lincoln Park.
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Rebecca R. Haller (JD ’89) joined Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP as a partner in the firm’s Chicago office.

Peter J. Kowalski (LAS ’89) has had a 45-year career, primarily in public relations, and currently works for the Cook County assessor. He was admitted to the Chicago Bar Association as an associate working as an independent legal researcher and has coordinated political campaigns at all levels of government.

James H. Kallianis (JD ’90) joined Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP as a partner in the firm’s Chicago office. During his career, he has represented corporations and individuals in employment disputes, consumer fraud class actions and more.

Richard L. Rampage (SNL ’90, JD ’95) was appointed administrative judge with the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board.

Eugene A. Salganik (MBA ’90) is senior mortgage consultant for the mortgage division of Home State Bank NA in Crystal Lake, Ill. He previously served as co-founder of FunderFut, a crowdfunding platform.

Martin T. Tully (JD ’90) was re-elected to a second term as mayor of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Tully is co-chair at Akerman LLP in Chicago, which launched in June and focuses on assisting clients with data security, information governance and electronic discovery matters.


Frederick S. Cromer (MBA ’91) is president of Bondartler, an aviation products provider in Montreal. Cromer has more than 23 years of experience in aviation, including his most recent position as president of International Lease Finance Corp.

Kenneth T. Lumb (JD ’91) was named partner at Corboy & Demetrio in Chicago, where he represents plaintiffs in medical malpractice and personal injury cases. Lumb previously served in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General’s Corps.

William H. Reynolds (JD ’91) is city administrator for Shakerpee, Minn. He is a Marine Corps veteran and has served in upper-level municipal administration since 2007 in Florida, Michigan and Wisconsin.

David G. Roeder (MBA ’91) is managing director on Sterling National Bank’s sales team, which focuses on helping the bank establish relationships with municipal and government clients.

Rebecca R. Haller (JD ’89) joined Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP as a partner in the firm’s Chicago office.

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Kathryn A. Adams Kronquist (JD ’95) joined Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC as a shareholder in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office, where she focuses her practice on commercial finance, commercial real estate finance and bank regulatory matters. She was formerly a partner at Quarles and Brady LLP.

Stephen M. Davis (THE ’96) taught stage makeup application and stage combat for the Somerset County Library System of New Jersey’s Summer Reading Club. Davis is an assistant professor of theatre arts at Centenary College in Edison, N.J.

Gary E. Hayden (MBA ’95) is vice president of human resources at Fenix Parts Inc., an automobile recycling startup based in Westchester, Ill.

Valerie A. Leitzen (MST ’95) was promoted to partner at McGladrey LLP’s Madison, Wis., office. She joined the company in 2004 and previously worked out of the firm’s Rockford, Ill., location. Leitzen has more than 20 years of corporate tax experience, specializing in the manufacturing and distribution industries.

Robert W. Hernquist (BUS ’96) was named to the 2015 Mountain States Super Lawyers list. He practices at Howard & Howard in the Las Vegas office, where he concentrates on all aspects of commercial and complex civil litigation.

Craig P. Mannarino (JD ’96) was part of a team of lawyers that won a $2.4 billion settlement against Japanese pharmaceutical company Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. Mannarino is an attorney with Kralovec, Jambois & Schwartz.

Robert F. Coleman (BUS ’66, LAS MA ’68) is professor of psychology at Park University in Parkville, Mo., where she was recently honored with the J.L. Zwingle Award, presented to outstanding faculty members as chosen by the student body.

Sadzi M. Oliva (LAS ’96) is chief administrative law judge for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Corinna V. Garner (BUS ’96) was named to Chicago Defender’s 2015 Women of Excellence list, which recognizes women who inspire others through their vision, leadership, achievements and community service. Garner is vice president and senior manager of diverse markers with the community affairs group at BMO Harris Bank NA. In this role, she is responsible for outreach initiatives with diverse communities.

Paul B. Povaznik (JD ’96) joined Davis McGrath LLC, where he focuses on general civic litigation, mechanic’s liens, landlord-tenant law, collections and post-judgment enforcement.

Jason R. Schulze (JD ’96) joined Himshaw & Calbertson LLP as a partner in the firm’s Chicago office, where he focuses primarily on the representation and counseling of insurance companies in litigation and dispute.

Yana Turner (BUS ’96) is managing director at Manulife Asset Management, the global asset management arm of Canada-based The Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., which operates as John Hancock in the United States. Turner is based in the Chicago office, where she is responsible for developing and executing a consultant relations plan. She previously served as executive director and head of defined contribution for MSCI Inc. in Chicago.

Jeffrey P. Wermer (MBA ’96) joined Z Capital Partners LLC as a managing director and operating partner. In this role, he assists with managing portfolio company initiatives, including the manufacturing, distribution and services industries.

Ericka L. Adler (JD ’96, LLM ’97) joined Roetzel & Andress LPA as a partner based at the firm’s Chicago office. She concentrates her practice in health care law.

Patricia Marsh (CSH ’96) is an associate professor of psychology at Park University in Parkville, Mo., where she was recently honored with the J.L. Zwingle Award, presented to outstanding faculty members as chosen by the student body.

Nicolet L. Bowman (LAS MA ’97) is on the Folio: 2015 list of Top Women in Media in the Entrepreneur category. Bowman founded New South Media Inc., a multimedia company that publishes regional lifestyle and travel magazines such as WV Living, WV Weddings and WV Living Outdoors.

In Memoriam

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

Alumni


Friends


Editor’s Note: Due to space limitations, this memorial list includes only those alumni and friends who our offices have confirmed have passed away.
Engagements & Marriages

Jason F. Angone (LAS ’98) married Victoria Eve Caciopoli on Aug. 29, 2014, on the Hawaiian island of Kauai, where they also spent their honeymoon. Angone is a claims adjuster with State Farm in Chicago. The couple lives in Oakbrooke Terrace, Ill.

Derek L. Jacobs (CDM ’06, CDM MS ’08) married Ewelina (Marczewska) Jacobs (BUS ’07) in downtown Chicago in May 2013 at an intimate ceremony with their immediate family. Derek is chief technology officer for a technology company on the central coast of California.

Births & Adoptions

Michael S. Mayer (JD ’06) and his wife, Lindsay, welcomed their second child, Claire Kathleen Marx, on April 22.

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Robert Chatwani (BUS ’97) is chief revenue and marketing officer for TeachingSpring, a startup that allows clients to design and sell T-shirts without upfront costs. In this role, Chatwani helps TeachingSpring expand internationally and brand new product lines while increasing the number of buyers and sellers. He joins the company from eBay Inc., where he worked for 12 years, most recently as chief marketing officer for North America.

Cynthia L. Dolooughty (SNL ’97) was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Union League Club of Chicago, a civic, cultural and philanthropic organization. Dolooughty, who has been active with the organization since 2008, will chair the admissions committee.

Judy Groer (THE ’97) played Karen in the film “Jurassic World,” one of six 2015 feature films in which she has appeared.

Bradley S. Haber (MBA ’97) is principal and co-founder of Innovative Health, which collaborates with municipalities, hospital systems, accountable care organizations and others to transform traditional delivery models, manage risk and create appropriately aligned health care solutions to improve the overall quality of care.

Daniel Kraus (CSH ’97) was named commercial banking executive for BMO Harris NA Bank in St. Louis. He previously served as senior vice president and team leader for U.S. Bank’s St. Louis middle market lending group.

Kathleen A. Pelletier (MBA ’97) was named vice president of broker dealer relations for Inland Real Estate Investment Corp., where she is responsible for cultivating and strengthening broker dealer relationships and expanding the company’s network of broker dealer partners in the Eastern U.S. region.

Dwayne L. Joseph (MED ’98) is director of pro scouting for the NFL’s Philadelphia Eagles and is responsible for coordinating free agency preparation, advance scouting, waiver-wire management and player scouting in the NFL and other professional leagues. Previously, Joseph served as director of pro personnel for the Chicago Bears.

Jeffrey J. Antonelli (JD ’00) announced the launch of Drone Democracy, a lower-fee Section 333 service intended to help potential operators of unmanned commercial aircraft systems obtain legal clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration. He is owner of Antonelli Law Ltd.

Jeffrey S. Bankowski (MBA ’00) was one of five professionals selected by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to join a finance review team for Wayne County. Bankowski is chief internal auditor for the state budget office of the Michigan department of technology, management and budget.

Timothy Dietlin (MBA ’00) is a partner at Heidrick & Struggles’ Chicago office in the health care and life sciences practice. He previously served as partner in the life sciences, strategy and transformation practice at IBM.

Tyreone R. Johnson (MBA ’00) is president of North America for Euramax Holdings Inc., an international metals manufacturing company. Johnson previously served as vice president and general manager of consumer products.

Rosalyn R. La Pier (LAS MA ’00) is a research associate at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. La Pier is an assistant professor of environmental studies at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Adeola O. Ogunsemi (BUS ’00) was appointed as the non-U.K. resident, independent, nonexecutive director of Tethys Petroleum, which explores oil, gas and production activities in Central Asia and the Caspian region. He is chief financial officer at Qando Energy Resources, a leading African exploration and production company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

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Paul A. O’Malley (EDU ’00) is superintendent of Norridge (III.) School District 80. He previously served as associate superintendent for Community Unit School District 308, which serves Oswego and parts of Aurora, Joliet, Montgomery, Plainfield and Yorkville, Ill.

Kenneth A. VanNorwick (JD ’00) is leader of the bankruptcy team at Quicken Loans Inc. in Detroit, working to secure loans for people who have filed for bankruptcy. Previously, VanNorwick served as supervising attorney at Potestivo & Associates PC.
Sebastian Corbell (MBA '01) is CEO of CellFreezer, a commercial developer of NanoCrystaline Cellulose, based in Montreal. He previously served as vice president of site assessment and remediation for EnGlobe Corp.

Adam F. Marshall (MUS '01) was promoted to senior managing director in the Chicago office of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank (NGKF), a commercial real estate advisory firm. Marshall joined NGKF as a managing director in 2014 after serving as a vice president at NAI Hiffman.

Dana Hall (MM '02), a drummer and composer, performed “The Hypocrisy of Justice: Sights and Sounds From the Black Metropolis—Riffin’ and Signifying” on Richard Wright’s Native Son” with the Dana Hall Quintet at the Symphony Center on June 19. Hall is director of jazz studies at DePaul.

Carina Hira (CDM ’02, MS CDM ’04) and Randy M. Armknecht (CDM MS ’11) were named to Consulting Magazine’s 2015 list of Rising Stars of the Profession, which recognizes consultants younger than 35. Hira is an advisory director with PwC, and Armknecht is an associate director in the IT consulting practice at Protiviti Inc.

Todd A. Krueceberg (JD ’02) was sworn in as the director of the Miami County Board of Elections in Ohio. Krueceberg previously worked on a variety of political campaigns and most recently served as a freelance research and communications agent.

Sarah D. Mendez (EDU ’02) is principal at William Hرح School Elementary School in Oak Park, Ill. She previously served as principal at Nichols Middle School in Evanston, Ill.

Daniel M. Mourning (BUS MS ’02) hosted the 2nd Annual Run For Veterans 5K on July 26, in Burr Ridge, Ill., along with Pauline Ozols (BUS ’10), Hal Conick (CMN ’08) and Emily Abrahamson (CMN ’10). The race helped increase awareness of common mental health issues endured by veterans and raised funds to support the Lone Survivor Foundation, which provides educational, rehabilitation, recovery and wellness opportunities for members of the U.S. armed forces and their families.

Amanda Randall (LAS ’02) completed a PhD in Germanic studies at The University of Texas at Austin in spring 2015. She is an assistant professor of German at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

James M. Schambler (CSH ‘02, MED ‘06) was one of 10 Chicago-area teachers to receive the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Golden Apple Foundation. Award recipients receive a tuition-free spring quarter sabbatical to study at Northwestern University, receive a $3,000 cash award and become fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators. Schambler earned second grade at Orrington Elementary School in Evanston, Ill.

Cecilia T. Abundis (JD ’03) was the recipient of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund’s Excellence in Legal Service Award. She is associate attorney general for the state of Illinois.

Rashon Burno (CMN ’03) is assistant men’s basketball coach for the University of Nebraska. He previously served as the assistant men’s basketball coach at the University of Florida, where he helped the team earn back-to-back southeastern conference championships.

Jeremy A. Damitio (JD ’03) joined Titan International Inc. in Quincy, Ill., as a corporate attorney. He was previously vice president of litigation counsel for Fidelity National Financial.

William R. Goff (CMN MS ’03) is senior software engineer for the NBCUniversal Media LLC team at Informa, a digital marketing solutions firm.

Daniel D. Kerr-Hobert (THE ’03) directed and starred in the play “Trust Us/ScREW You,” which ran at The Neo-Futurarium in Chicago throughout June 13. He is a member of the ensemble The Neo-Futurists.

Tarsis G. Lopez (CMN MA ’03) is the associate director of external and digital communications for Astellas Pharma US Inc., a global pharmaceutical company with U.S. headquarters in Northbrook, Ill. As part of the company’s corporate affairs department, he manages media relations and digital channel communications for the U.S. and Latin America.

Anne Malec (LAS MA ’03) published “Marriage in Modern Life: Why It Works, When It Works,” a book that provides lessons on how to maintain or regain a healthy relationship. She is founder and managing partner of Symmetry Counseling in Chicago.

Tarell A. McCrane (THE ’03) wrote the play “Choir Boy,” which had an extended showing at the Marin Theatre Company in Mill Valley, Calif.

Domenica G. Pappas (BUS ’03) was elected as president of the Midwest section of the Society of Research Administrators International.

Sean S. Parsons (MM ’03) presented a jazz master music class and benefit concert for North Central Illinois ARTworks and Music Suite at First Congregational Church of Peru in Illinois on July 16. Parsons is an associate professor of music theory and jazz at Ohio University in Athens.

Judah J. Viola (CSH MA ’03, CSH PHD ’06) is dean of the College of Professional Studies and Advancement (CPSA) at National Louis University in Chicago, where he is responsible for academic, personnel, financial and administrative affairs. Viola is a tenured faculty member at the university and most recently served as director of the CPSA School of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Kristin N. Barnette (JD ’04) was recently sworn in as second vice president of the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois. Barnette is a trial attorney with Kraolec, Jambois & Schwartz in Chicago.

Ian Hall (LAS ’04) recently assumed the position of user experience designer at ZS Associates, a sales and marketing consulting and technology firm based in Evanston, Ill.

Sajad A. Husain (LAS ’04) and Shaan Husain (CDM ’09) were featured in the May/June issue of The Forest Park Post. The brothers jointly own Intellectual Tech, which provides web development and custom software services for individuals and companies.

Alissa L. Maute (LAS MA ’04) was promoted to head of U.S. sales for Wisdom Tree Investments Inc. Maute started with the company in 2008 as regional director covering the registered investment advisor channel in the Midwest and most recently served as regional director in the company’s national full-service broker/dealer channel.

Ernest A. Nolan (THE MFA ’04) directed a production of Brad Fraser’s “Love and Human Remains,” which played at Chicago’s Cor Theatre June 4-July 11.

Shannon M. Smith (BUS ’04) joined MB Real Estate Services LLC’s Healthcare Group as a portfolio manager. She is based in Chicago and oversees the company’s Midwest properties. Smith previously served as property manager for Northwestern Memorial HealthCare.

Melanie A. White (CDM MS ’04) is senior vice president of discovery solutions at Inventus, a discovery management practice, where she oversees all services delivered by the project management and hosting teams and provides consultation on data processing, review workflows, data analytics and document production services. She also works with the sales and engineering teams to develop technology solutions to better manage e-discovery projects.

Julie D. Bombacino (MBA ’05) is founder and CEO of Real Food Blends. When Bombacino couldn’t find a nutritional food blend made of real foods for her son, who eats through a feeding tube, she began making the blends herself and then launched the company. The product is distributed by mail to all 50 states.

Joseph F. Emmerth (JD ’05) is certified with Wescott Inc., which helps families go through the divorce process in a less disruptive way. Emmerth is a partner at Sullivan Taylor & Guimina PC in Wheaton, Ill., where he focuses his practice on divorce, parenting, child custody, child support and prenuptial agreements.

Andrew Grabau (LAS MS ’05) is executive director of Heart of Missouri United Way Inc. in Columbia, Mo., where he is responsible for overseeing daily operations, annual fundraising, community initiatives and more. He previously served as senior director of development for the Miztue Advantage at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Michael Quirk (MBA ’05) is director of business development at Pepper Construction in Chicago, where he helps support the company’s public markets including health care, higher education, retail, hospitality and corporate. Quirk previously served as business development manager for M.A. Mortenson Co. in Minneapolis.

Patrick C. Vyncke (BUS ’05) is director of acquisitions and development for HRI Lodging, a property management company in New Orleans. He previously served as director of acquisitions and development for CSM Corp. in Minneapolis.

Gregory Ziesemer (MBA ’05) is senior vice president in commercial banking at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Chicago. His team partners with midsize companies in Illinois and Indiana to provide better financial solutions.

Christy Bennett (MUS ’06) performed at the Merriam’s Playhouse in South Bend, Ind., with her Chicago-based band Fumée Gypsy Project. The group performs gypsy jazz with Bennett on vocals.

Kristin Marano (BUS ’06) was promoted to vice president of finance for the Chicago-based United Service Cos., which provides cleaning, staffing and security services for conventions, hotels, hospitals, aviation and more. She is the point of contact for the company’s operational and financial information and manages the cash reporting, budget compilation and regional financial performance. Marano previously served as controller and assistant controller for the company.

Matthew A. Passen (JD ’06) is chair of the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section for 2015-16. Additionally, he secured a $10.9 million jury verdict on behalf of a client. He is a partner with the Passen Law Group in Chicago.

Chantelle A. Porter (JD ’06) was elected to the board of directors of the Illinois Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois State Bar Association. She is an associate attorney at A. Traub and Associates.

Kelsy A. Snell (LAS ’08) joined the national staff at The Washington Post, where she covers budget and taxes and assists the Congress team. Previously, Snell covered tax and fiscal policy for Politico.
Sara Lawhead (BUS 07) is product manager for Jetboil, a division of Johnson Outdoors Inc., which manufactures outdoor cooking systems. She previously served as global product line manager for baseball and business manager for Fastpitch at Wilson.

Stacy L. Nadeau (CSH 07) presented to a group of fraternity and sorority members on positive body image at Dennison University in Granville, Ohio. Nadeau was one of six featured models in Dove’s Real Beauty Campaign for 2005 and now travels the country speaking, coaching and consulting on body image.

John R. Terpstra III (JD 07) made partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, where he is based at the Schererville, Ind., office. Terpstra focuses most of his practice on business transactions and commercial litigation and counseling individual and commercial clients on business formation and planning, project development, commercial transactions and other matters.

Bergen Baker (MUS 08) was a featured guest artist in Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s production of “Kiss Me, Kate.” He is a featured artist with a variety of organizations, including the Minnesota Opera, the Minnesota Orchestra and Skylark Opera.

Sandra G. Berkhia (BUS ’08) and Riana R. Lynn (MPH ’11) were named to the Crain’s Top 20 ‘Under 30’ of 2015 list. Berkhia is manager of operations at Intercontinental Exchange Inc., who provides end-to-end risk management solutions, and Lynn is CEO of FoodTrace, a B2B software and mobile application platform that provides tools for sourcing food.

Matthew J. Campbell (JD ’08) was promoted to director of specialty practices at Covenant HealthCare, the sixth largest medical facility in Michigan.

Jacob B. Eisen (SNL ’08) is managing director of the regional and community banking group at Maxim Group LLC, a full-service investment banking, securities and wealth management firm. He is responsible for expanding the suite of specialized capital markets, investment banking and fixed-income services to the regional and community banking sector.

Meaghan L. Kawler (MM ’08, MUS ’10) and Parker R. Gains (MUS ’11) performed with “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band on “Late Show with David Letterman” on April 30. Prior to joining the band, Kawler was an adjunct professor at DePaul and Elmhurst College in Illinois and taught at the Chicago Academy for the Arts and the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras. Gains is a graduate assistant at Northwestern University, a bass clarinet teaching assistant at the Brevard Music Center in Brevard, N.C., and performed with the Chicago Chamber Musicians.

Daniel P. Kilmeck (LAS ’08) made his first production of religious vows as a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The ceremony took place during Holy Mass at the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Penn.

Lauren A. Lukpas (LAS ’08) plays Vivian in the 2015 film “Jurassic World.” Lukpas has appeared in a variety of TV shows and movies, including “Orange Is the New Black” and “Are You There, Chelsea?”

Daniel Morriss (JD ’08) made partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP. He is based in the Chicago office and represents corporations and financial institutions in commercial litigation claims involving tort, contract and statutory violations. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, Chicago Chamber of Commerce Emerging Leaders and Chicago Inn of Court, and serves on a variety of nonprofit boards.

Michael M. Reed (JD ’08) is an associate in the banking, finance and major projects practice group at the Chicago office of Baker & McKenzie, where he focuses on project finance, development and other transactional matters in the energy, infrastructure and mining industries.

Melissa C. Rubio (BUS ’08) is account manager of online services in the online division at Focus Pointe Global, where she works on new online client development, as well as engaging and supporting current client relationships. Rubio previously served as associate director at watchLAB LLC.

Monica (Brooke) Anderson (CMN MA ’09) joined Uber as the communications lead for the Midwest. Previously, she served as communications director for former Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn.

Margaret L. Peika (LAS ’09) is manager of the downtown Chicago Berlitz Learning Center, where she helps companies and students with global initiatives.

Charlene D. Rhineheart (BUS ’09) was crowned Ms. Corporate America 2015 on March 7 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld. During her year of service, she will travel the country conducting professional workshops, making radio and TV appearances, attending seminars and speaking on her platform of diversity in business. She is a CPA and associate controller with JPMorgan Chase in Chicago.

Kory J. Stoehr (MST ’09) is a tax partner at BDO USA LLP in their Madison, Wis., office. In this role, he oversees tax relationships for privately held and publicly traded companies. Stoehr most recently served as lead tax partner of Wisconsin for McGladrey LLP.

Christopher Trifillo (MBA ’09) joined HAS Capital LLC, a real estate investment and advisory firm in Chicago, as managing director of investment management. In this role, he is responsible for portfolio analysis and raising capital to support its active and future investments to provide financing in the manufactured housing space.

Michael G. Waite (BUS ’09) was named to OTYChicago’s Double Chai in the Chi: 36 Under 36 list of young Jewish professionals. Waite is the North American director for Shorashim, a Birthright Israel trip provider based in Chicago.

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Anne Divita Kopacz (LAS MS ’10) is director of communications for the Quinlan School of Business at Loyola University Chicago. Previously, she served as director of communications for the Erikson Institute in Chicago, which offers a graduate degree program in child development.

Laura J. Doub (LAS MS ’10) is senior director of public engagement at the Chicago Academy of Sciences Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, where she oversees programs and events and connects community members with service and environmental leadership opportunities. She returns to the museum after serving previously as manager of volunteers and interns.

Samuel J. Gold (MBA ’10) joined Chase Commercial Term Lending on the multifamily lending team as a client manager in the Chicago office. In this role, he provides financial expertise, service and guidance.

Michael D. Kowal (MBA ’10) is director of business development at Online Tech LLC, a company in Ann Arbor, Mich., that provides a variety of hosting options for businesses. He previously worked with AHEAD LLC in Chicago, most recently as director of sales.

Patricia N. Martinez (LAS ’10) is founder and CEO of SHIFT, a web and mobile platform that allows users to send money to women in third-world countries who are living on less than $1.25 per day.

Kevan O’Connor (BUS MS ’10) joined The Opus Group as senior manager of real estate development in the company’s Indianapolis office. In this role, he coordinates development projects throughout the region and helps increase the work in the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio, markets. Previously, O’Connor served as vice president of development at Holladay Properties.

Moriah B. Stephensons (LAS ’10) is a singer, harpist and lyrictist living in Oklahoma City, Okla. In 2015, she released the album “Firefly Night Light” under the name Sun Riah.

McKenzie E. Chinn (THE MFA ’11) is a recipient of the Leonore Annenben Fellowship Fund for the Performing and Visual Arts, which awards $50,000 a year for up to two years to up-and-coming artists who have demonstrated talent. Chinn is an actor, writer and filmmaker in Chicago. She plans to use the fellowship to write, co-produce and star in an original feature-length movie currently titled “Instruction Manual for How Things Work.” Chinn was nominated for the fellowship by The Theatre School.

Natalie D. Hengstebeck (C SH ’11) was awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant in sociology and will travel to the Netherlands for the 2015-16 academic year. She is a PhD candidate at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the department of human development and family studies, from which she holds a master’s degree.

David Rodriguez (MBA ’11) is vice president of market research for MD Bayline. He’s a member of the editorial board for the International Journal of Healthcare Management and is a certified treasury professional.

John T. Donovan (JD ’12) was nominated for the Edgar Fellows Program, a University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs initiative that develops leadership and governing capacity in Illinois. Donovan is assistant counsel to Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives Michael J. Madigan. He previously served as the lead legislative attorney on seven House committees, including revenue and finance, mass transit, transportation: vehicles & safety, and transportation: regulation, roads and bridges.

Keith M. Hanlon (MED ’12) is a teacher at Waterloo Elementary School in Monroe, Mich., for the 2015-16 school year.

Alexa K. Jarvis (MUS ’12) is a soprano opera singer who performed with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra in “Distant Worlds: Music From ‘Final Fantasy,’” a compilation of music from the video game “Final Fantasy.” She has performed several times with the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and on various video game soundtracks.

Jennifer A. Lawlor (CSH ’12) is a PhD student studying ecological-community psychology at Michigan State University.
Alisa M. Rosales (LAS MS '12) joined Equal Justice Wyoming (EJW) as a staff attorney and information technology project manager. EJW is a judicial-branch entity dedicated to increasing civil access to justice across the state through developing resources for self-represented litigants and pro bono attorneys.

Sandra L. Weicher (SNL '12) is vice president of customer care for the western New England region of Comcast Cable, where she has worked for more than 10 years, most recently as senior director of customer care.

Ryan D. Burrow (CMN MA '13) is a news anchor and reporter at Cumulus Media WLS-AM (890) and a multimedia journalist at Tribune Media WGN-AM (720). He has worked at WLS since December 2012 as a midday news anchor.

Phillip C. Denofrio (LAS MA '13) is marketing assistant and poet in residence at the Raue Center for the Arts in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Hontas Farmer (CSH MS '13) is an adjunct physics and astronomy professor at the City Colleges of Chicago. Hontas has published four papers and three conference proceedings since defending in June 2013.

Kathleen E. Mullins (CDM MS '13) served as script supervisor for the film “Supremods with Tasers,” which won best comedy at the Down East Flick Fest in Greenville, N.C., in April. Also involved in the film’s production were Christopher Deir (CDM MS '14), writer, director and co-producer; Colin Heffernan (CDM '14), key grip; Alexander Mallory (CDM '14), producer; Peilin Tan (CDM '14), colorist; and Eddie Avinashi (CDM '15), cinematographer. The film was also screened at the Phoenix Comicon Film Festival in May and at the Chicago Laugh or Die Comedy Fest in June.

Berkely Y. Cobb (JD '14) is associate counsel in the area of mortgage foreclosure in the Illinois office of Anselmo Lindberg Oliver LLC.

Brett D. Elliott (THE MFA '14) was appointed executive director of the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center in Old Saybrook, Conn.

Ryan W. Gardner (JD '14) is an associate at Lavelle Law Ltd. in Palatine, Ill., where he contributes to the estate planning and business law practice groups. Additionally, he works on Medicaid benefits planning and business succession needs.

Bradley R. Kaye (JD '14) joined Anderson & Associates PC in Schaumburg, Ill., as an associate attorney.

Kelsey E. Landis (LAS MA '14) is a reporter for The Telegraph, an Alton, Ill., newspaper, where she covers various beats, including government, business and education.

Andrew J. Lutze (LAS '14) is dean of students and student advisor director at Wisconsin International Academy (WIA) in Wauwatosa, Wis. The school provides housing, food, English language learning classes, cultural exchange and volunteer opportunities to more than 150 Chinese high school students in the Milwaukee area. Lutze started at WIA in 2014 as a student advisor.

David P. Rossi (SNL '14) is senior vice president of marketing and retail sales at Dollamur Sports Surfaces, a manufacturer of sports flooring based in Fort Worth, Texas. Rossi’s responsibilities include branding, product strategy, public relations and website development. He previously served as chief operating officer of Pivotal 5 LLC in Chicago.

Kate A. Vollrath (CSH '14) was the summer intern at Alaska Marine Conservation Council in Anchorage. In this role, Vollrath organized local seafood and fisheries conservation outreach events and helped with Catch of the Season, the community-supported fishery.


Blake J. Baldi (MED '15) is head boxing coach for the Air Force Academy, located north of Colorado Springs, Colo. Baldi earned his undergraduate degree at the academy in 2005. He previously worked with USA Boxing as the national teams manager.

Ann Zadina Hines (SNL '00) at the Ayuthaya Elephant Palace and Krall outside Bangkok, Thailand

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