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1940s
- James J. Finn (BUS ’49) was named Man of the Year by his alma mater, Mount Carmel High School in Chicago. He is a member of the school’s lay council and formerly served on the board of directors. Now 92, Finn has worked for the Chicago Travelers Indemnity Co., insurance agency Homer Gwinn & Co. since 1955.
- JoAnn G. McGrain (CSH ’64, CSH MS ’69) received an honorary associate’s degree from Parkland College in Champaign, Ill., on May 12. She was one of four faculty members who launched the college’s associate degree nursing program.
- Sherwin Jarek (BUS ’65) was recognized by Continental Who’s Who as a Pinnacle Professional in the field of real estate. He is CEO of SMB Bradley LLC/Bradley Associates LLC.
- Norman G. Malone (MUS ’68, MM ’73) is an accomplished pianist with paralysis in his right hand. He performed Ravel’s “Pianno Concerto for the Left Hand” in June at PianoForte Studios in Chicago. Malone, now retired, was a choral teacher with Chicago Public Schools for more than 30 years.

1970s
- Rev. Michael T. Ivers (LAS ’70) is president of Yuma Catholic High School in Yuma, Ariz. Ivers’ responsibilities include overseeing the school’s community relations, the spiritual formation of the Yuma Catholic community and the school’s development efforts. He previously worked with the Yuma Community Food Bank.
- Raymond F. McCasky (CSH MS ’71) was elected board chair of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation board of directors at the annual meeting in Springfield, Ill. He is the retired president and CEO of Illinois-based Health Care Service Corp.
- John K. Fitzgerald, Esq. (CSH ’72) was appointed interim dean of the Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa, Calif. He is a partner with Rutan & Tucker LLP in the intellectual property group.
- David E. Preng (MBA ’73) was elected chapter chair of the Texas TriCities Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors, after serving as president since 2011. Since 1980, Preng has been president and CEO of Preng & Associates.
- Arthur H. Evans (JD ’74) is a partner at Arinstein & Lehr LLP in Chicago, where he is a member of the corporate transactions and counseling, estate planning and probate administration, real estate, and tax practice groups.
- Sister Margaret Mary M. Feldner, O.S.E. (MED ’74) was honored as a Diamond jubilarian for having served 60 years with the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Family. She has served in the education offices of the archdioceses of Portland, Ore., and Dubuque, Iowa, and served as president of Quincy University in Quincy, Ill.

1980s
- William S. Cook (MBA ’80) is a member of the board of directors of Kentucky Retirement Systems. In 2015, he retired from Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. LP.
- William G. Dempsey (BUS ’80), a longtime pharmaceutical industry executive, has been appointed to Ashland’s board of directors. Dempsey previously served in various executive positions with Abbott, including executive vice president of global pharmaceuticals, senior vice president of pharmaceutical operations and senior vice president of international operations. He currently serves as a director of Landauer and Hill-Rom.
- Edward J. Fellin (BUS ’80) is funding the Edward J. Fellin, CPA Endowed Scholarship to help a Blue Demon student-athlete who is majoring in accounting. He is the senior director at the RSM US LLP finance and accounting firm in Chicago.
- William A. McDade (CSH ’80) was elected chair of the Illinois State Medical Society Board of Trustees. He is a board-certified anesthesiologist and researcher in sickle cell disease, the deputy provost for research and minority issues and professor in the Department of Anesthesia & Critical Care at the University of Chicago, and has an active clinical practice in obstetrical and general anesthesia.
- Haydee Ortiz-Olinger (BUS ’80, JD ’83) was appointed to the Illinois Lottery Control Board by The Chemours Co. and ON Semiconductor.

1990s
- The Hon. Roger A. Benson (JD ’58) was awarded the John C. McAndrews Pro Bono Service award in the category for outstanding individual attorney by the Illinois State Bar Association. Now retired, he volunteers at Prairie State Legal Services.
- Henry F. Marquard (LAS ’76, JD ’79) was appointed to the Iowa District Export Council by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker. He is vice president and general counsel for Stanley Consultants Inc. in Muscatine.
- Sandra A. Davis (SNL ’77) was named the “Most Inspiring Woman in Comms” at Light Reading’s 2016 Leading Lights awards. Davis is chief information officer and executive vice president at Zayo Group LLC.

2000s
- Raymond L. Marquardt (BUS ’00) was named the “Most Influential Black Corporate Directors” in 2015. He is the president and CEO of CSH Inc. and is on the boards of directors of many Fortune 500 companies.
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COLLEGE AND SCHOOL abbreviation key
- BUS Driehaus College of Business
- CDM College of Computing and Digital Media
- CMN College of Communication
- CSH College of Science and Health
- EDU College of Education
- GSD Goodman School of Drama
- JD College of Law
- LAS College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- MUS School of Music
- SNL School for New Learning
- THE The Theatre School

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Gov. Bruce Rauner. She is the corporate vice president and global chief compliance officer at McDonald’s, where she has worked for more than 30 years.

- Thomas J. Quigley (BUS ’80) manages @Quigleys_Corner, which he uses to live-tweet about Southern California horse races. He is employed by Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Santa Anita Park and Los Alamitos Race Course. He also serves as the VIP player concierge at Santa Anita Park.

- Bruce J. Byots (BUS ’81) retired from his position as vice president of investor relations at Brunswick Corp., in Lake Forest, Ill., where he worked for eight years.

- Donald E. Jackson (LAS MS ’81) delivered the commencement address for his alma mater, McCook Community College, in McCook, Neb. Jackson will retire from his position as president of Hastings College in Nebraska after the 2016-17 academic year.

- Sergio E. Acosta (LAS ’82) received the 2016 Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois Aguila Award. He is a partner at the Chicago office of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

- Jon R. Bottorff (MBA ’82) serves as chief financial officer of Sol Boards, a motorized surfboard/snowboard hybrid. Bottorff retired from HSBC in 2013, where he most recently served as chief financial officer of global banking and markets for the Americas. He is also on the board of Vibrant TV Network and is chairman of the advisory committee for Sinimithi Capital, a private equity company.

- Janet A. Eckhoff-Levey (CSH ’82) was promoted to associate professor at Concordia University Wisconsin. She teaches in the traditional undergraduate, RN to BSN completion, and graduate nursing programs.

- Bradley R. Erickson (GSD ’82) was honored with the 2016 Alene Valkanas State Arts Advocacy Award from Americans for the Arts. He is executive director of Theatre Bay Area, one of the nation’s largest regional performing arts service organizations.

- Jonathan W. Gottlieb (LAS ’82) is a partner at Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP in their Washington, D.C., office, where he works in the energy, environmental and commodities practice group. Previously, he served as a partner at Sinsen Leonard Street LLP.

- Andrew A. Pappas (BUS ’82, MBA ’85) is senior vice president of database marketing and analytics at DataMentors. Pappas was previously executive vice president at The Services Group.

- Thomas S. Weber (BUS ’82) was appointed senior vice president of internal audit for Telephone and Data Systems Inc. (TDS). He most recently served as vice president of financial and real estate services for U.S. Cellular, a TDS subsidiary.

- Arthur Acevedo (BUS ’83, JD ’88, MST ’88) is the director of diversity and inclusion for faculty at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, where he is a tenured associate professor in the areas of federal income tax, contracts, corporations and constitutional law.

- Maria G. Arias (LAS ’83) was appointed to the board of trustees at the Free Library of Philadelphia by Mayor Jim Kenney. She is vice president of diversity and inclusion at Comcast.

- Clark D. Elliott (MUS ’83, MM ’85, CDSM MS ’90) spoke at Optometry’s Meeting 2016, the American Optometric Association’s annual conference. He credited neuro-optometric brain techniques with his full recovery from a traumatic brain injury. He is currently an associate professor at DePaul specializing in artificial intelligence.

- Eric T. Gastevich (MBA ’83) was elected board chair at the Anister Center in Chicago. He is the founder and principal of ATG Real Estate Development LLC, a privately owned real estate development firm in Northwest Indiana.

- James W. Snyder (BUS ’83, LAS MA ’86) will lead the mortgage securities team of First Trust Mortgage Income Fund, where he has worked since 2013.

- Roger B. Webber (JD ’83) is a circuit judge in Champaign County, Ill. He was previously an associate judge in the 6th Circuit of Moultrie County, Ill., and was in private practice in Urbana, Ill., until he was appointed as an associate judge in June 2014.

- Susan C. Weidell (JD ’83) and her dog Little Red were featured in the award-winning documentary “The Champions,” which follows five of the pit bulls rescued from NFL quarterback Michael Vick’s dogfighting ring. Weidell and Little Red were filmed at their home in Wyoming.

- John A. Sejdingaj (MBA ’84) is vice president and chief financial officer at Indiana University, where he oversees budgetary and financial issues across seven campuses. Previously, he was vice president for finance at the University of Notre Dame.

- Isiaah Crawford (CSH MA ’85, CSH Ph.D. ’87) is president of the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. He previously served as provost at Seattle University.

- Scott A. Eson (MBA ’85) is chief financial officer of Energy Bank Inc., a manufacturer specializing in high-performance LED lighting and controls based in Manitowoc, Wis.

- David J. Fikse (MBA ’85) was named chief operating officer of Mercy Health System’s Cincinnati region. He previously served as vice president of operations for Community Health Systems Inc. in Franklin, Tenn.

- Mark G. Pelletier (CSH ’85, CSH MS ’88) is chief operating officer for accreditation and certification operations of The Joint Commission in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. He was previously executive director of the Hospital Accreditation Program.

MARRIAGES & ENGAGEMENTS

- Benjamin J. Lenard (CDM ’02) married Kathleen Carlson on Oct. 8 at Saint Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville, Ill.

- Patricia Bustamante (CSH ’05) married Norman (Nick) Schneiert in Chicago in September 2016. Bustamante is a family support specialist at Children’s Home + Aid, where she assists high-risk families in the Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

- Ryan S. Taylor (JD ’05) married Margaret (Bastick) Taylor (CDM ’15) on May 7 at the Lincoln Park Conservatory in Chicago. Taylor is an associate with Tressler LLP in Chicago, and Bastick is director of marketing at The Horton Group in Chicago.

- Erin R. Grobarek (LAS ’06, LAS MA ’08) married Robert Olin Wage Jr. on July 16 at the Lincoln Park Conservatory and Gardens in Chicago. She is a writer and editor of children’s books for Phoenix International Publications Inc. in Chicago.

- Wesley G. Thompson (LAS ’06) married Katherine Lynne Pietemeier on April 23 at Riverside on the Potomac in Leesburg, Va. He is a speechwriter in the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

- Amy Wagenblast (LAS ’07) married Matt Halley in a ceremony at City Cottage on Cloutierau in St. Louis on Oct. 22. She is a realtor with KellerWilliams Realty Inc. in St. Charles, Mo.

- Ashley T. Corbitt (JD ’09) married Christopher Sweeney on April 23 at University Club of Chicago, where the couple met in 2013.


- Jessica E. Dewalt (JD ’11) married Chirag H. Patel (JD ’11) on May 29 at the Bridgeport Art Center in Chicago. The couple met as students in the College of Law while studying abroad in Buenos Aires.

- Rosalia Martinez (CDM ’12, CDSM MS ’14) married Liborio Loera Jr. (CDM ’15) at the Providence of God Church in Chicago. She is a cargo operations technology staff representative for United Airlines.

- Andrea J. Lemieux (CMN MA ’14) married Zachary Christian Fletcher on Sept. 17 in a ceremony at Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd, Minn. She is a client service representative at Lemieux Wealth Strategies in Baxter, Minn.
Chicago International Airport. He previously served as chief financial officer of the Chicago Department of Aviation, which runs Chicago O’Hare International and Chicago Midway International airports.

• Marie M. Blaise (MBA ’87) was named to the Chicago Defender list of Women of Excellence 2016. She is senior vice president of technical services for Commonwealth Edison Co. Blaise serves as a member of the board of directors for the Women’s Business Development Center and is on the board of trustees of the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

• William M. Casey Jr. (MBA ’87) was named Americas vice chair of transaction advisory services for EY. He is based in New York City and is responsible for the delivery of high-quality transaction advisory services.

• Jacqueline J. Kim (THE ’87) started in 2015 the film “Advantageous,” which she also wrote and produced. The film won a Special Jury Prize at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival and was nominated for a 2016 Film Independent Spirit Award.

• Jesse M. Reiter (JD ’87) was awarded the Dan Cullum Memorial Award, which is given to those who exemplify the qualities of Dr. Dan Cullum, who dedicated his career to advocating for children affected by birth injuries. Reiter is president and founder of Reiter & Walsh PC.

• Robert J. Wild (MST ’87) is vice president of the board of trustees of The Chicago Waldorf School. He is a partner at Krieg DeVault, where he advises small and mid-cap, publicly traded issuers on day-to-day federal securities law disclosure and compliance and board corporate governance.

• Keith C. Herron (MBA ’88) is regional president of the south region at Regions Bank. He was previously head of strategic planning and execution at the company.

• Ari L. Simons (JD ’88) is part of the advisory board for Lig Assets Inc., a company focused on residential and commercial real estate acquisition and development. He is a partner at Robinson & Simons EP, which specializes in real estate and entertainment law.

• William Edward Vesely (MBA ‘88) is executive vice president and chief marketing officer of Vision Solutions Inc., a provider of IT software solutions. He previously served as chief marketing officer of SilkRoad, a software solutions provider.

• Cheryl L. Chavarrie (BUS ’89) was named to the Leyden High School District 212 Alumni Wall of Fame, which recognizes alumni of the Franklin Park, Ill., school who serve as role models for current students. Chavarrie is senior counsel for United Airlines Inc.

• Costas Spirou (LAS MA ’89) is one of 33 emerging college and university leaders selected for the 2016-17 class of the American Council on Education Fellows. He is professor and chair of the Department of Government and Sociology at Georgia College and has held academic appointments at National Louis University, DePaul and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

1990s

• Lily M. Gulik (CDM ’90) is founder and instructor for three Chicago chapters of Girls Who Code, which teaches middle-school-age girls basic computer science concepts. Gulik has worked in a variety of roles for Oracle, T-Systems International GmbH, Dell and other technology companies.

• Ernest M. Fiorante (BUS ’91) is chief financial officer of The Inland Real Estate Group of Companies Inc. in Oak Brook, Ill., where he oversees financial activities, budgeting, bank and lender relationships, accounting and financial strategic planning.

• Greg Fishman (MUS ’91) was a featured guest artist at the Marshall University 2016 Jazz-MU-Tazz summer camp. The camp offers an opportunity for high school students to learn more about jazz traditions and music. Fishman is an accomplished saxophonist and flutist who teaches at Greg Fishman Jazz Studios in Chicago.

• Todd A. Pawlicki (CSH MS ’91) was elected to the board of directors of the American Society for Radiation Oncology. He is a professor of radiation oncology at the University of California San Diego in La Jolla, Calif.

• Roger J. Yule Jr. (MST ’91) is a tax manager at Wipfli LLP in Tinley Park, Ill., where he specializes in taxation of individuals working outside their country of origin.

• James F. Botana (JD ’92) is the leader of the Jackson Lewis PC Chicago office. He has been with the firm for 16 years and has worked on a variety of labor-related cases.

• Daniel E. Brame (MM ’92) was recognized with the Chicagooland Outstanding Music Educators Award at the high school and college level by Quinlan & Fabish. He is director of bands at Deerfield High School, where he has taught for 28 of his 30 years in the profession.

• Anne Humphrey (LAS MA ’92) was nominated by McHenry County College for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association 2016 Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Member Award. She has been teaching English in the Illinois community college system for more than 18 years and at McHenry County College for 14 years.

• William J. Hunter (BUS ’92, MBA ’96) is the treasurer and vice president of finance for Oroplata Resources Inc. He previously led the Americas banking team at Nomura Holdings Inc.

• Scott O. Johnson (SNL MA ’92) is executive director of St. Ann’s Residence, a senior assisted- and independent-living community in Darien, Ill.

• Matthew R. Gallagher (JD ’93) competed in the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac in July. He is co-founder of Gallagher Niemeyer & Abrams LLC, where he practices real estate law.

• The Hon. T. Clint Hull III (JD ’93) was appointed circuit judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit, 4th Subcircuit, by the Illinois Supreme Court. He currently serves as presiding judge of the Juvenile Division, responsible for delinquency matters.

• Paul M. Rand (LAS MS ’93) was a featured speaker at a workshop presented by the Bedaya Center for Entrepreneurship and Career Development in collaboration with the Sheikh Faisal Center for Entrepreneurship in the Middle East in the Driehaus College of Business. He is president and CEO of the Zicalo Group, a social and digital marketing agency in Chicago.

• Anthony J. Szczepaniak (MST ’93) is CEO of Moore Stephens North America Inc., an accounting firm association based in Saddle Brook, N.J.

• Michael D. Episcope (BUS ’94, MUS MS ’98) is principal and co-founder of Origin Investments LLC. He co-chairs the company’s investment committee, oversees marketing and sales efforts and has purchased and executed more than $650 million of commercial real estate and debt collateralized by commercial real estate.

• John L. Krieg (MBA ’94) is managing director and head of institutional client relationship management for the Americas at the Chicago office of UBS Asset Management.

• David W. Matre (MBA ’94) joined Mantas as chief financial officer. In this role, he is responsible for accounting, corporate finance, risk management, human resources, legal, treasury and investor relations. Matre previously served as chief financial officer at PartsTrader.

• Gary Peric (JD ’94) is leader of the state and local tax practice at Baker Tilly International, an accounting and advisory firm in Chicago.

• Robert Rice (LAS ’94) was promoted to senior vice president of debt programs at The Community Development Trust in New York, which provides long-term debt and equity capital for the creation and preservation of affordable housing. He previously served as vice president, debt.
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David Sullivan II (BUS ’94) is treasurer of Thomas White International, where he also serves as the firm’s director of trading. Sullivan became a member of the organization after participating in the firm’s analyst summer intern program.

Thomas L. Frale Jr. (MBA ’95) is director of business development for RLR Management Consulting Inc., where he is responsible for developing sales opportunities and enhancing new and existing client relationships. Frale is based in Chicago and focuses on Midwest community and regional banks.

Tony W. Hunter (MBA ’95) was elected as chairman of the board of directors of the News Media Alliance. He is president of national revenue and strategic initiatives for Tribune Publishing.

John T. Neil (MBA ’95) is vice president of strategic operations for Gibraltar Industries, a leading manufacturer and distributor of products for residential and industrial markets. Neil joins Gibraltar after a 26-year career with Illinois Tool Works Inc. and, more recently, SFS Intec.

Christopher R. Kelly (LLM ’96) is founder and CEO of Emergency Physician Partners in Franklin, Tenn., which opened Dec. 1, 2016. The company helps private emergency medicine practices with the business side to ensure they maintain clinical independence.

Christopher J. Leazier (LAS MA ’96) served as an assistant coach with the Nigerian Olympic men’s basketball program during the 2016 Olympic Games. He is currently the men’s basketball coach at Vermont Technical College.

Craig P. Mannarino (JD ’96) is a lawyer with Kralovec, Jambois and Schwartz in Chicago and helped win a $2.6 million medical malpractice settlement for his client. He joined the firm in 1997 and focuses on cases involving medical malpractice, automobile negligence and other catastrophic injury and wrongful death.

Kendra L. Thulin (MFA ’96) performed in Steep Theatre’s production of “Wastewater,” July 7-Aug. 13. She is a Jeff Award winner, a member of the Steep Company and an associate professor in fine and performing arts at Columbia College Chicago.

Angela L. Underwood (SNL ’96) has published the motivational book “Vessel of Steel: Reaching Your Highest Potential.” She is the founder and CEO of FinGive, which provides financial education.

Joseph P. Calhoun (MBA ’97) spoke at the Liberty and Economic Freedom Speaker Series at Susquehanna University in October. He is a lecturer in the Department of Economics and the assistant director of the Gus A. Stavros Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Economic Education at Florida State University.

Coreen M. Dicus-Johnson (JD ’97) is president and CEO of Network Health, a Wisconsin-based health insurance company owned by Ascension and Froedtert Health. She was previously president of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare’s central market.

Mark A. Knox (MBA ’97) is on the board of directors for Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity, where he will serve a three-year term on the finance committee and the fund development committee. He is resource management forecasting director at Southern Co. in Naplesville, Ill.

Brian J. Morris (LAS ’97) is managing director of the enterprise valuation services group at Hilco Valuation Services. He is based at the Northbrook, Ill., office and is responsible for the North American region.

Kent D. Dean (JD ’98) was honored in September by the Family Defense Center with the 2016 Family Defender Award. This is the center’s highest award and celebrates Dean’s commitment to improving the child welfare system through educating attorneys and parents and representing families involved in the system. Dean is a member of the steering committee for the Illinois Parent Attorney Network. He practices law in Oak Park, Ill.

Scott T. Illingworth (THE ’98, MFA ’08) directed The FARM Theater’s production of “Hope You Get to Eleven, or What Are We Going to Do About Sally?” as part of the 8th Annual Planet Connections Theatre Festivity at the Paradise Factory. Illingworth is a freelance director based in New York.

Rudresh M. Mahanthappa (MM ’98) is the director of jazz for the Department of Music at Princeton University. He is an acclaimed saxophonist whose album “Bird Calls” was hailed as the best album of 2015 by Downbeat and NPR.

Gloria M. Batey (SNL ’99, SNL MA ’15) was named to the Chicago Defender list of Women of Excellence.

IN MEMORIAM

Lord, we commend to you the souls of our dearly departed,

In your mercy and love, grant them eternal peace.

In your merciful love, grant them eternal peace.

Alumni

Valeria A. Spychala (BUS ’57) » Victor J. Cassano (JD ’58) » Rose J. Acker (CER ’40) » Helen J. Reed (EDU ’40) » Edward C. Anderson, C.S.V. (LAS ’44) » Edwin J. Schilling (CSH ’44) » Frank T. Barber (JD ’48) » Marie-Lorraine Mori (BUS ’52) » Mary J. Arcus (LAS ’49) » Raymond P. Denegri (LAS MA ’49) » Dian Dionisotes (LAS ’49) » Richard J. Hemme (LAS ’50) » Denise R. Philpot (CSH ’50) » William E. Dunn Jr. (BUS ’51) » Mary B. Vogel (LAS ’52) » Theodore W. Anderson (JD ’53) » Lawrence T. Lopina (MBA ’53) » Leo V. Ryan, C.S.V. (MBA ’53, DHL ’13) » Chester P. Szymczyk (BUS ’53) » Gerald J. Mannix Jr. (LAS ’54, LLB ’59) » Donald M. Rose (CSH ’54, JD ’59) » Ronald J. Balesh (CSH ’55) » Louis B. Garippo (JD ’55) » Patricia M. Bartos (EDU ’56) » James M. Busick (BUS ’56) » John P. Costello (BUS ’56) » Oscar D. Angel (JD ’56) » Mary Declin Fosn, O.P. (MED ’56) » James W. Foley (BUS ’56) » Michael R. Vivo (BUS ’57) » Audrey Hull (LAS MA ’57) » John C. Brey (MED ’58) » Albert Bury Jr. (BUS ’58) » Rosemary Conlon, O.P. (LAS ’58) » Joyce M. Olson (CER ’58) » Nancy M. Nuccio (CER ’59) » Maureen A. Rosenbach (LAS MA ’60) » Josephine M. Angel (LAS ’60) » Peter D. Abrams (LAS MA ’60) » Josephine M. Angel (LAS ’60) » Edward R. Davis (JD ’61) » David J. Baloun (LAS ’62) » Margaret D. Carter (EDU MA ’62) » Frank J. Mlynarczyk (BUS ’62) » Alverna M. Paulan (JD ’62) » Judith S. Bohning (LAS ’63) » Donald J. Brumlik (JD ’63) » Stephen Chizzo (CSH ’63) » Mary E. Tomatic (LAS ’63) » John P. Fox Sr. (BUS ’64, MBA ’67) » Tessa M. Keene (LAS ’64) » William E. Schaefer Sr. (EDU ’64) » Albert C. Upstrom (MBA ’64) » Fern Feder (CSH MA ’65) » Richard M. Green (BUS ’66) » Lawrence E. Kelly (BUS ’66) » Maryann Roecke (LAS ’67) » George W. See (BUS ’67) » Robert P. Kearney (MBA ’68) » James F. Novak (BUS ’68, MBA ’73) » Ward White (LAS MA ’68) » Katherine L. Baar (CSH ’70) » Georgia L. Barnes (CSH MS ’70) » Paul G. Erickson (CSH MA ’70) » Joseph M. Franklin (CSH MA ’70) » Anne L. Mullany (MED ’70) » Judith Marie Bergan (GSD ’71) » Robert G. Miller (LAS ’71) » Joseph J. Steffel (MBA ’71) » Richard A. Elliott (BUS ’72) » Steven A. Koga (CSH ’72) » Glen R. Cannon (MBA ’73) » Robert A. Dudek (MBA ’73) » Gail E. Hercule (CSH ’73) » Emma J. McClellan (MED ’73) » William M. Bak (BUS ’74) » Patricia A. Flynn (JD ’76) » Richard J. Hrupca (LAS MS ’76) » Ouida O. Silas (CSH ’76) » Juanita M. Velazquez (EDU ’77) » Barbara J. Johnson (CSH MS ’78) » Maryann Pfenning (BUS ’78) » Claire A. Laneau (LAS MS ’80) » Madelyn L. Means (LAS ’80) » Stephen W. Sutton (JD ’81) » Mark H. Sokolsky (JD ’83) » Rod T. Bennett (MUS ’84) » George E. Tapling (MBA ’86) » David M. Wrobel (MBA ’86) » Kathleen A. Mullarkey (MBA ’87) » Timothy T. Sidlow (EDU ’89) » Colleen T. Shaughnessy (JD ’91) » Sara A. Roth Schottenstein (JD ’92) » Pamela A. French (MBA ’93) » Wendy C. Martin (MBA ’93) » Cheryl A. Kennedy (SNL ’94) » Melinda E. Stratton (LAS MA ’95) » Richard J. Gochee (MBA ’96) » Vanessa J. Mokahr (MBA MA ’96) » Candace W. Walsh (BUS ’96) » Mbgargi Lashani (LAS ’01) » Stacey N. Burton-Alcocer (LAS ’07) » Cindy S. McCamack (LAS MS ’07) » Keshia Marcelle (CSH ’11) » Benjamin G. Hovey (BUS ’13)

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 since the previous issue was printed.
2016. She is the practice area director of organizational change management and training for The William Everett Group, a technology consulting firm in Chicago.

- Karen S. Carter (MBA ’99) is commercial vice president of Dow Packaging and Specialty Plastics at the Dow Chemical Co., where she has worked since 1994. She is a leader in the company’s African-American Network.

- Gena P. Brooks Flynn (LAS ’99) is the director of the Center for Black Studies at Northern Illinois University. Flynn previously led the office of academic support at North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

- Jane M. Hendricks (MBA ’99) is product marketing manager for business intelligence and predictive analytics at IBM.

- Robert E. Joseph (MBA ’99) joined the Northern Trust Corp. asset management team as global head of consultant relations.

- James A. Sulikowski (CSH MS ’99) is a professor of marine science at the University of New England. He was featured in the premiere episode of “Shark Week 2016” on the Discovery Channel.

- Larry G. Swets (BUS MS ’99) is a member of the board of directors at Limbach Holdings Inc. He is president and CEO at Kingway Financial Services Inc., a holding company functioning as a merchant bank with a focus on long-term value creation. He was previously director at United Insurance Holding Corp.

2000s

- Jordi Camps (MBA ’00) is the executive director of business services for East Main School District 63. He is a CPA and previously served as finance controller of product development for Motorola Mobility LLC.

- Michael C. Duffin (CMN ’00) received the Franklin Award from the U.S. Department of State for his work in the field of countering violent extremism. Duffin is a policy advisor in the State Department’s Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism.

- Christopher L. Facka (MBA ’00) is managing director of the Florida East region of GenSpring Family Offices LLC. He serves South Florida, including Palm Beach and Miami, from the company’s Jupiter, Fla., office. He previously was a senior wealth advisor at The Bank of New York Mellon Corp.

- David R. Jarczyk (BUS ’00, MBA ’08) was named to the Intellectual Asset Magazine Strategy 300, which recognizes the world’s leading IP strategists. This is the fifth consecutive year he’s been on the list. Jarczyk is CEO at ktMINE in Chicago, Ill.

- Brett F Smiley (BUS ’00, MBA ’03) is chief of staff for Gov. Gina Raimondo of Rhode Island. He was previously Providence’s chief operating officer for Mayor Jorge Elorza.

- Nicholas L. Bretz (EDU ’01, MED ’04) is principal at Hastings Middle School in Fairhaven, Mass. He previously served as principal of James Tansy Elementary School in Fall River, Mass.

- J. T. Fitzgerald (BUS ’01) is managing partner at Argo Management Group LLC in Chicago. He joined Kingway Financial Services Inc. in Toronto as an executive vice president when Argo was acquired by Kingway in April. Fitzgerald also assumed leadership of 1347 Warranty Holdings, which was formed to manage Kingway’s warranty businesses.

- Tara L. Grabarczyk (JD ’01) is an associate with the Law Offices of Suzanne Wells in Monticello, Ill. She previously practiced in San Diego for 11 years.

- Lisa D. Rodriguez (MBA ’01) is regional vice president for the Midwestern United States at the Chicago office of Weichert Workforce Mobility. In this role, she oversees operational activities and spearheads strategic development in her region.

- Christopher P. Saunders (CDM ’01) is head of the information technology department at Gordon Electric Supply Inc. in Kenkaree, Ill. His responsibilities include management of all the computer systems and maintenance of the website.

- Jami N. Timmons (MBA ’01) is the vice president of product management at Avionte, a leader in technology solutions for the staffing and recruiting industry. She leads all product initiatives and oversees the product management team in Eagan, Minn. Timmons previously worked at TravelClick and Orbitz LLC.

- Amabel R. Crawford (EDU ’02) is director of learning and instruction at Flossmoor School District 161. She previously worked for the American Institutes for Research–Illinois Center for School Improvement as a district liaison for data and curriculum.

When Mark Boergers (THE MFA ’10) wrote “The Things We Keep” as a master’s student at The Theatre School, he never thought it would eventually be produced by the Chicago theatre company he would co-found with fellow alumni Bridget Haight (THE MFA ’10) and Megan Kohl (THE MFA ’09). “The script would sit for about a year, but I always came back,” says Boergers, who is artistic director of The Arc Theatre and the theatre program at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee. “Every time I did, I was happy with it.”

The story, which explores themes of familial relationships and aging during the last days of a collage artist’s life, was inspired by Boergers’ own paternal aunt. When the show opened on Feb. 4, Haight and Kohl took charge behind the scenes so he could take it in with his family.

“I had a few nerves,” he says. “But at intermission, my cousin said, ‘I am totally engulfed in this play. I can’t wait to see what happens.’ That gave me permission to breathe.”

When the play closed on Feb. 28, Boergers began working with Theatre RED near Milwaukee, which tackles everything from Shakespeare to horror. “Working on such a variety of genres forces me to be present and to develop shows without imposition. As a total Type A, my theater process challenges me constantly; perhaps that’s why I am drawn to it.”
who were named as Young Hispanic Corporate Achievers by the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR). The annual program recognizes young Hispanics at Fortune 500 and HACR corporate member companies.

- Christa N. MacFarlane (BUS '02, MED '04) was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at McAuley High School, where she played volleyball and basketball.

- Amy M. Starr (LAS '02) was named to the Chicago-spals.com list of 15 most stylish singles in Chicago for 2016. In her profile, she names being inducted into the DePaul Hall of Fame with the 1998 softball team as one of her greatest achievements. Starr is the general manager and bar director for NAHA and bar director for Brindille, both in Chicago.

- Craig S. Zomchek (BUS '02, MBA '06) is president of Colley Elevator and is president-elect of the National Association of Elevator Contractors, the largest vertical transportation association in North America.

- Brian K. Brock (MBA '03) was promoted to executive vice president and chief information officer at Associa, which provides homeowner association services.

- Sanja R. Stinson (SNL '03) was named to the Chicago Defender list of Women of Excellence 2016. She is the founding CEO and executive director of Matthew House Chicago, a daytime emergency and supportive service center for homeless men, women and children. Among her advocacy work, Stinson has served as an organizer and supporter with All Chicago and Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. She is the founding pastor of Victory & Grace Christian Church in Chicago.

- Tony Zolla (CDM MS '03) is chief product officer at Cars.com, based in their Chicago office. Previously, he was senior vice president of customer experience at Redbox Automated Retail LLC.

- Albert C. Angelo (LAS '04) is a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP's Chicago office. He focuses his practice on tort defense litigation, including cases involving transportation, products liability, toxic tort, chemical exposure, fire litigation, construction defect and general liability matters. He was previously an associate at the firm.

- Bob Parise (MBA '04) is practice lead of public funds and Taft-Hartley for Northern Trust Corp. Asset Management. In this role, he establishes business strategy and leads the delivery of investment solutions. He joins the company from JPMorgan Asset Management, where he was a managing director.

- Kelly J. Smith (JD '04) was promoted to partner at SmithAmundsen LLC in the firm's Indianapolis office. She is a patent attorney who assists clients with patent opinions, patent prosecution and litigation, and other intellectual property issues.

- Molly A. Carey (JD '05) was promoted to partner at Fragomen Worldwide at their Boston office. She assists corporate clients with U.S. employment-based immigration.

- The Roberts Group Inc. in Waukesha, Wis. The agency provides advertising, marketing and communications with health marketing expertise. Christiansen was previously the director of marketing and client service at HighTower Securities LLC.

- Will Davis (THE '05) directed the play “Men on Boats,” which had a four-week limited engagement in June at Playwrights Horizons’ Peter Jay Sharp Theater in New York City. Davis is artistic director for American Theater Company in Chicago.

- Vadym V. Didenko (MBA '06) is a programmer analyst at Florida Hospital West Florida Region. He assists and oversees revenue cycles for the region’s hospitals, supports business line growth initiatives and drives more efficient resource use. He was previously chief financial officer at Florida Hospital Tampa.

- Andrew R. Smith (JD '05, CDM MS '05) is part-owner of Ten Ninety, an 11,000-square-foot brewery and tap room in Glenview, Ill., which opened on April 25. You can find Ten Ninety brews at retailers such as Heinens, Trader Joe’s, Mariano’s and Binny’s.

- Benjamin A. Churchill (MED '06) is chief information officer of FBI. Financial Group Inc. and its affiliated insurance companies, which go to market as Farm Bureau Financial Services. In this role, Decker is responsible for all aspects of the company’s IT efforts. Decker joined FBI in 2004 as a programmer analyst and progressed to business technology vice president.

- Ashley G. James (LAS '06) is lead employment counsel at Facebook in San Francisco. She previously served as an associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Washington, D.C.

- Cody J. Lassen (SNL '06) is co-producer of the Broadway musical “Spring Awakening,” which was nominated for three

**FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS,** the band Chicago has been rocking, touring and entertaining with their unique fusion of rock and jazz with a distinctive horns section. Their career achievements were recognized by the music community when they were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame on April 8. Take a look back at Chicago’s path to acclaim and stardom, starting from their days at DePaul.

» 1965 Saxophonist Walter Parazaider (MUS ‘69, DHL ‘08), trumpet player Lee Loughnane and trombone player James Pankow meet at DePaul’s School of Music. While playing nighttime gigs around Chicago, they are joined by guitarist Terry Kath, drummer Danny Seraphine and organist Robert Lamm.

» 1967 Under the name Big Thing, the group transitions from playing songs to writing and playing original material. The sextet becomes a septet upon meeting vocalist and bassist Peter Cetera.

» 1968 The bandmates adopt a new name: Chicago Transit Authority.

» 1969 The group moves to New York to work on their eponymous first album, which is released in April and peaks on the Billboard Pop Album Charts at No. 17. The album remains on the chart for 148 weeks.

» 1970 Members shorten the band name to Chicago and release their second album, “Chicago II.” The album eventually goes...
Tony Awards: best revival of a musical, best lighting design of a musical and best direction of a musical.

- Peter M. Nadler (MED ’06) is the first special education department chair for Lake Zurich High School in Illinois, where he oversees programming and the department of 25 people. He previously served as a special education teacher at Mundelein High School, also in Illinois.

- Jeffrey M. Bergholtz (LAS MA ’07) joined Forest Road in Illinois.

- Nicholas D. Chiu (CDM ’07) is an editor at Cutters, an associate at Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP in Chicago as of counsel. She focuses her practice on matters in the entertainment industry with an emphasis on television and motion pictures. McMillan previously served as an attorney for Harpo Productions Inc., where she provided legal counsel for a variety of TV shows, including “The Oprah Winfrey Show.”

- Shawn Robinson (MED ’07) received an Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Alumni Association. This award recognizes alumni achievement and those with exceptional potential for future success. Robinson is a researcher in Madison, Wis., who studies race, giftedness and dyslexia.

- Eric S. Stang (MUS ’07) is a keyboardist and songwriter and one-half of the alternative pop duo Polarcoder, which he formed with handmate and drummer Mario Cerutti (MUS ’09) while both were attending DePaul. The group released the EP “Supernatural” in 2013 and the single “I Crave You” in 2016.

- Robert Vargas (LAS ’07) published his book “Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio,” which explores gang violence in the Little Village neighborhood. He is an urban sociologist and assistant professor at the University of Notre Dame, where he researches the effects of politics and government policies on the physical and social conditions of low-income communities, focusing on gang violence and health care.

- Mohammed A. Al Khalifa (MBA ’08) were nominated for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999-2010s. Champlin leaves in 2009 and is replaced by Lou Pardini. Drummer Walfredo Reyes Jr. joins that same year. In 2014, they release their first album of original music in eight years, Chicago XXXVI.

- Ashley M. Casey (LAS ’08) is associate director of advocacy at Invest in the USA, a national trade association that brings foreign direct investment to the United States for economic development projects. She was previously a government affairs associate at the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

- Jessica M. Evans (EDU ’08), a former Blue Demon softball player, hosted a three-day softball clinic for fifth-through-eighth-grade girls at Guerin College Preparatory High School in River Grove, Ill.

- Morgan Maize (LAS ’16), also a former softball Blue Demon, also coached at the clinic.

- Richard L. Lax (JD ’08) is a Las Vegas-based magician who has worked with many notable magicians, including David Copperfield and Justin Flom. With the latter, he created the TV show “Wizard Wars,” which ran on the Syfy network for two seasons. In just one year, he has reached more than 1 billion video views on his Facebook page, where he posts sleight-of-hand and interactive videos.

- Pamela G. McCarthy (MED ’08) is principal of St. John’s Preparatory School
in Collegeville, Minn. She previously served as the interim assistant division director for the upper school and dean of students at the Latin School of Chicago.

- Shelli A. Walters (SNL '08) was sworn in as deputy chief of the Clermont Police Department in Florida on Aug. 9. For the last 27 years, she has served as police commander for the Altamonte Springs Police Department in Florida on Aug. 9. For the last 27 years, she has served as police commander for the Altamonte Springs Police Department in Florida.

- Matthew J. Dominick (CDM '09) was named to the Crain's Chicago Business list of 20 in their 20s. He is director of photography at Banner Collective, a creative video production company in Chicago's West Loop. He previously served as production manager for the Chicago Blackhawks and was a producer of the Emmy Award–winning “Blackhawks TV.”

- Sarah M. Engel (CMN ’09) is a reporter at KVOA-TV in Tucson, Ariz. She previously worked for radio stations WBEZ, WCPT and WILV in Chicago.

- Michelle Huffman (CMN ’09) is a writer and editor based in Chicago who specializes in real estate and personal finance. She is a contributor for GoBankingRates.

- Anisa L. Jordan (JD ’09) was appointed as a member of the traffic laws and courts section council of the Illinois State Bar Association, which provides professional services to Illinois lawyers and education services to the public. She is founder and owner of the Jordan Law Firm in Arlington Heights, Ill.

- Michelle Holt (CDM MS ’09) leads the mortgage securities team of First Trust Mortgage Income Fund, where he has worked since 2013.

- Elianna A. Rivkin (CSH ’09, CSH MS ’15) is co-creator of the Chicago River Clean Sweep, which marked its fourth year in May. The Clean Sweep is an annual kayaking and canoeing event during which participants beautify the river. Rivkin is an assistant guide at Kayak Chicago.

- Brenton Ryan (MUS ’09) was one of 12 finalists in the 2016 edition of Placidom’s Deming’s Opera Competition. Ryan, a tenor, won the prestigious Birgit Nilsson Prize for the best singing of repertoire of Richard Strauss and Richard Wagner. He is part of the Los Angeles Opera’s Young Artist Program.

- Chandler M. Slavin (LAS ’09) draws on her experience as an environmentalist in her current position of sustainability and marketing manager for Dordan Manufacturing Co., a PET thermoformed packaging company in Woodstock, Ill., owned by her family. She joined the company in 2009.

- James P. Drew (CMN ’10, CDM MS ’13) is director of basketball operations for the University of Central Florida men’s basketball team. He previously served as head prep coach for Victory Rock Prep in Sarasota, Fla.

- Kyle M. Dunleavy (CDM ’10) has worked as a production assistant on several TV shows and films in Chicago, including “Shameless,” “Empire,” “Chicago Fire,” “Sense8,” “The Headhunter’s Calling” and “Office Christmas Party.” He is a video producer for the Ravinia Festival.

- Dustin L. Gerdes (MBA ’10) is a manager of analytics and customer engagement for Rhea + Kaiser in Naperville, Ill., where he helps the company better target and engage their clients. He previously served as manager of competitive intelligence at Groupon Inc.

- Elbert L. Hearon (CSH MS ’10) is a reporter at KVOA-TV in Tucson, Ariz. He previously worked for radio stations WBEZ, WCPT and WILV in Chicago.

- Jerry F. LaBuy (MFA ’10) is a full-time assistant professor in mass communication at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill., where he has worked since 2007. LaBuy also serves as the director of the Mosaic Film Project and is the festival chair and programmer for their annual Mosaic World Film Festival.

- Brittani M. Smith (CDM ’10) was the casting director for the film “The Dog Lover,” which premiered in July. She is a casting associate at Fiorentino Casting in Los Angeles.

- Crystal Williams (SNL MA ’10) was recognized as a distinguished professional in her field by Women of Distinction Magazine in 2016. She is the founder and CEO of Family Hugs Inc., which provides health education and counseling services for parents.

- Alexander C. Campbell (JD ’11) is an associate attorney at Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLC, where he works in the business practice group. He focuses his practice on representing businesses and tax-exempt organizations in

- Eric M. Wallace (BUS ’11) signed with the Carolina Panthers football team in Charlotte, N.C. He spent the last three years playing Australian Rules Football in the Australian Football League.

- Lynsey E. Ciezki (EDU ’12) is an analyst on the investment banking team at Brown Gibbons Lang & Co. in their Chicago office. She previously served as a senior analyst at Ziegler Capital Markets.

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- Victoria J. Mora (BUS ’12) is assistant vice president of credit and syndications for GSG Financial LLC in New York, where she is responsible for credit underwriting of midticket transactions, providing analysis for banking partners and the chief financial officer, and monitoring and modifying credit scoring models. She previously worked for MB Financial Bank NA in Chicago as a commercial banking officer.

- Brian A. Polick (MBA ’12) is enterprise account executive at Turbonomic Inc. Before joining the company, he served as major account sales executive for Microsoft.

- Jennifer Roop (CMN MA ’12) was profiled on Top Female Executives, Professionals and Entrepreneurs, an online publisher that recognizes outstanding female executives in a variety of fields. Roop is the marketing and communications manager for the DePaul Department of Student Services.

- Amy N. Schwartz (LAS ’12) is design director for Cards Against Humanity and logistics company Blackbox, both based in Chicago. She is a graphic design lecturer at DePaul.

- Chris M. Keppner (MBA ’12) was promoted to principal at Eriksson Engineering Associates Ltd. He joined the firm in 2013 as the Chicago operations manager. As principal, he strives to position the office for further growth and continues to expand the industrial and urban redevelopment market presence.

- Lisandra Tenya (THE ’12) wrote and performs the one-woman play “Guera,” during which the audience chooses scenes from a menu for Tenya to perform.

- Ge Wang (JD ’12) is founder and owner of ESQ Clothing, a Chicago-based men’s clothing company in the West Loop specializing in custom suits. In 2016, he outfitted six players for the NBA draft.

- Miguel A. Ayala (LAS ’13) was the communications director for the Hillary for America campaign in Nevada. He joined the campaign after 12 years in federal government service, most recently as the Small Business Administration press secretary. As an undergraduate at DePaul, Miguel was an intern for Clinton’s first Senate Campaign.

- Nour M. Bahrami (JD ’13) was named to the Carn’s Chicago Business list of 20 in their 20h. She is an attorney at Life Span, a Chicago nonprofit that provides legal and counseling services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and has helped to increase the organization’s Arab-American clientele from zero to 200 in two years.

- Fabio Franchi (MBA ’13) is business development manager for Argo Translation Inc., a full-service translation firm based in Glenview, Ill. He previously worked in sales and business development for Hickman Williams & Co. in Oak Brook, Ill.

- Maria D. Pahl (JD ’13) was featured on the Windy City Times list of 30 Under 30 in Chicago’s LGBT Youth Community. She is the legal director and communications officer for TransLife Center Chicago House.

- Mark E. Piper (LAS MS ’13) was named director of Mercy Association for the Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Community, which reaches across two-thirds of the United States. He is based in Chicago.

- Richard C. Ray (CMN ’13) works as a breaking news reporter and is a news editor for the Chicago Tribune and for five weekly Pioneer Press publications.

- Joelle M. Shabat (JD ’14) is an associate with Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP, where she focuses her practice on medical negligence and health care liabilities and governmental liability, insurance and product liability. She was previously an associate with Greene and Letts.

- Kandace I. Thomas (CMN ’15, CMN MA ’15) joined News Channel 25 in Texas as a reporter and multimedia journalist. She previously interned at WLS-TV, WGN-TV, WBMM-TV and the Midwestern Bureau of NBC News.

- Taylor Tolchin (LAS ’13) was the Robert C. Wright writer in residence at Minnesota State University, Mankato. She is a second-year creative writing MFA candidate at the university.

- Erin J. Tubbs (MA ’13) is the city administrator for Aledo, Ill. She was previously an administrator in Villa Park, Ill.

- Brandon J. Weichert (LAS ’13) was named to the Institute of World Politics (IWP) in May 2016 as part of IWP’s Second Annual Student Symposium hosted by IWP student ambassadors. He lectured on the topic of space dominance with a focus on American grand strategy. Weichert is a former congressional staffer and an associate member of New College at University of Oxford.

- Myisha L. Boulware (SNL ’14) launched the app Save Our Students, which she hopes will help prevent bullying. The free app, available on the Apple Store and Google Play, allows students to report bullying anonymously.

- Ernie C. Enriquez (BUS ’14) is an economist at the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis. He finished an internship with the White House at the National Economic Council, which advises the president on national and global economic policy.

- Joe D. Keery (THE ’14) plays Steve Harrington in the Netflix series “Stranger Things,” which premiered on July 15. Prior to this role, Keery appeared in episodes of “Chicago Fire” and “Empire,” and had a role in the film “Heny Gambling’s Birthday Party.”

- Kiandra A. Layne (THE ’14) was featured in the Chicago Tribune list of Hot New Faces of Chicago Theater 2016. She appeared in “Byahla, Mississippi” at Steppenwolf Theatre.

- Michael Oinsinski (MFA ’14) is director of the Philadelphia premieres of “Moth,” which closed out Anuka Theatre’s 16th season. He is co-founder and former producing artistic director of Flashpoint Theatre Company in Philadelphia.

- Karrar Ahmed Taher (MBA ’14) is co-founder of Driven by You, a rental company in Highland, Ind., that specializes in self-driving cars and motorized bikes. He also just owns the coffee shop Driven Café.

- Melissa E. Akinlawon (CMN MA ’15) was named to the National Minority Quality Forum’s 2016 list of 40 Under 40 Leaders in Health. She is advocacy coordinator for the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

- Joseph A. Falk (JD ’15) is an associate attorney with Segal McCambride Singer & Mahone Ltd., where he focuses his practice on toxic torts and complex commercial litigation. He previously served as an attorney for Goldstein Bender & Romanoff.

- Christopher J. Ginn (JD ’15) is a judge advocate in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the U.S. Air Force. He is working in military justice at Kadena Air Base on Okinawa Island, Japan.

- Sarah L. Gorden (CMN ’15) was a soccer player for the Chicago Red Stars in their 2016 season. She previously played for Eclipse Select Soccer Club.

- Indira S. Mayer (CMN ’15) joined The Andrews Agency LLC in Nashville, Tenn., as an associate account executive. She focuses on the restaurant, tourism, real estate and retail industries. She previously served as an account manager for Clousie Public Relations in Chicago.

- Rebecca D. Mitrea (BUS ’15) was selected by the BIG EAST Conference as the NCAA Woman of the Year Nominee. She is a tennis player who was honored with the 2015-16 BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award and the Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

- Samantha M. Odyenie (JD ’15) is an attorney with Segal McCambride Singer & Mahone, where she focuses her practice on toxic tort litigation.

- Kelvin Wong (MFA ’15) produced “Antigone” for the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre in Malaysia, where he was previously a director-in-residence.

- Zachary M. Ganjeany (BUS ’16) is an analyst on the investment banking team at the Chicago office of Brown Gibbons Lang & Co. He was previously an intern there.

- Denitra D. Griffin (EDD ’16) was named to the Chicago Defender list of Women of Excellence 2016. She is chief strategic officer for AGB Investigative Services Inc. She has previously served as an assistant principal, instructional coach, program manager and elementary school teacher in Chicago Public Schools.