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## LETTER . THE PRESIDENT



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## SCHOTT DINING HALL

A 22,000 square foot renovation to Schott Dining Hall will be underway this summer, providing returning and future students with a premier dining facility. The makeover will elevate the student experience by of ering a modern space in which to eat and relax, and will create several living room concepts. Features include new entrances, upgrades to kitchen equipment, furniture, lighting, acoustics, a fireplace, and a modern aesthetic. In addition to helping with student recruitment and enrollment, alumni events will take place in the new space. The new facility has


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Advancements in technology consistently create new, dynamic tools for research scientists. Over the past decade, data science has become increasingly accessible, improving the ef ciency and ef cacy of research, and breaking down the barriers created by traditional data-processing software.

For example, it took the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health 13 years and over \$1billion to complete the sequencing of the human genome in the 1990s. Today, using data science, a researcher can map the same sequence in one to two days at the cost of around \$4,000.

While machines handle the bulk of this research, the next generation of scientists must have a firm foundation of scientific knowledge and processes.

Scientists must now ask more complex questions to understand and potentially solve more intricate problems. While these fields are highly technical, J ohn Carroll University is evolving its curriculum to develop future scientists who combine analytical scientific methods with a broad knowledge base from the liberal arts to face the challenges of tomorrow.

## Breaking Down Data Science

Data science pulls skills from a variety of dif erent fields-
from computer science and statistics to gne $\$ 1$ bill(o gn(om w2re ipot) 15 [Univ) 30 ( amFr s/GS-71r) 22 (om the liber) $253 \mathrm{Tc} \operatorname{ler)2\text {(eSgr(t}}$

My interpretation of service is expanding knowledge through research and education. That's the driving force of what I'm doing today.


Rodgers continued his research with Dr. Mascotti over the next two years. J CU's experiential learning builds realworld experience while fostering a foundation of scientific intellect. As Rodgers became exceedingly comfortable in the lab with their research, Mascotti knew Rodgers was ready for a change of scenery. "I thought then, and still do, that he should learn in a new setting from new mentors. There are many ways to achieve progress in science and I don't hold all the answers. In general, the more you see, the more you can do," Mascotti says.

Rodgers found his way into a new laboratory during the summer after his junior year. He earned a fellowship at the University of California, Santa Cruz, working with faculty to develop technology for single-molecule DNA sequencing using nanopores (a technology that is just now commercially available). The fellowship was Rodgers' first exposure to machine learning tools. The system enabled researchers to interpret DNA sequence information from electrical signals passed through a protein. The resulting signals provided specific DNA and RNA sequences from a single molecule.

## Researching the Role

This novel approach to DNA sequencing inspired Rodgers to continue his education in molecular biology. After graduating from J ohn Carroll in 2002, Rodgers began his Ph.D. at the J ohns Hopkins School of Medicine, working in the Biochemistry, Cell, and Molecular Biology program. Rodgers' thesis identified a connection between two genes having a critical role in sensing energy levels in the body and regulating cellular metabolism.

As he was finishing his doctorate at J ohns Hopkins, Rodgers followed his faculty advisor to Harvard Medical school and continued his postgraduate work. He remained at Harvard to study cellular biology and added to his impressive publication record. While most students would look for a faculty position and start a lab, Rogers wanted to complete more research.

He headed west to the Stanford University School of Medicine to study how cell pathways relate to injury throughout the body. His research team discovered a set of dormant cells which activate upon injury to heal the damage. This discovery led to Roger's position in 2016 as Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California in the Department of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine and the Broad Institute for Regenerative Medicine.

## Searching for the Fountain of Youth

Rodgers' work at Stanford and USC provided the foundation and the partners for his own venture, Fountain Therapeutics. Rodgers founded the preclinical biopharmaceutical company in 2017 with his postdoctoral mentor, Dr. Tom Rando, and Dr. Tom Cheung. The startup was feasible only because of technological advances in deep learning and computer vision-and investors who understood the benefits of data science.

The three biologists developed a new approach to study the biology of aging, unencumbered by previous

Much like people train themselves to use facial expressions to understand mood or thoughts, Rodgers' firm trains computer models to recognize and predict disease through the appearance of cells.

## The breadth of knowledge is dif cult; it almost always requires some outside force, pushing you out of your comfort zone, to expose you to something new.

good data from bad to find information related to cellular age through deep learning models. Once the technology determines the age of the cell, the intervention process begins. A tool searches for therapies and drugs that can modify the properties of the cell.

In other words, data science determines if certain medications make cells younger or older. By reversing the cellular age through therapeutics, the hope is to reduce the ef ect of these diseases associated with old age.

Research on degenerative diseases has been ongoing
 for decades, but new technology enables researchers like Rodgers to employ new methods to help the aging population enjoy a higher quality of life. "By studying and targeting the biology of aging, we are trying to understand, in mechanistic, biochemical terms, why aging leads to disease," he says. Rodgers believes his work will develop therapies and drugs for diseases and conditions that large pharmaceutical companies have not ef ectively targeted.

## Science, Technology, and Liberal Arts

Dr. Rodgers' path to launching an innovative biotechnology firm is the culmination of education, research experience, and embracing emerging technologies. While his work is highly technical, Rodgers says his undergra4nQtion of (onditiJ ohn Carllular )2529 lleelldafertain

## THE SCIENCE OF SERVICE:

Immersion in the global pandemic over the past two years has magnified the presence of health and healthcare in our lives. The pandemic has also shown the extraordinary need for professionals who can pivot quicky, act resourcefully, and problem solve under extreme circumstances. On the front lines of patient care, nurses rise to this challenge in a variety of settings.

According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the nursing workforce is projected to grow by $20 \%$ over the next six years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that from now until 2029, there will be nearly 200,000 registered nurse positions opening each year due to retirements. Regional hospitals in Northeast Ohio currently report 4,500 open positions in healthcare, with an acute shortage of nurses.

Complexities in healthcare and technology have also led to more hospitals requiring incoming nurses to hold a bachelor's degree. J ohn Carroll has a long history of successfully preparing students to enter STEM careers. Its identity as a Catholic J esuit liberal arts institution brings
together scientific rigor, critical thinking, and a mission of service-an ideal combination to meet the increasing healthcare needs of the world.

## Care \& Constant Change

According to Shanna Stonebrook Botos ('00), nursing is the glue that holds together patient care. She should know: for the past 18 years, Botos has worked as a dual certified pediatric nurse practitioner in Cleveland Clinic hospitals.


Botos was a pre-med major at J ohn Carroll when she shifted her career goals in the direction of nursing. Medical school and residency requirements conflicted with her priority to have her own family; nursing combined the service of caring for

others and critical thinking skills with her "scientific brain," creating her ideal career path.

Classes in The J ames A. Bohannon Science Center gave her a strong science foundation for the rest of her career. After graduation, Botos attended Case Western Reserve University for her master's degree in nursing. When her youngest child was of to kindergarten, she enrolled as a doctoral student at The Ohio State University, receiving her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2020. "I believe that J ohn Carroll's reputation preceded me," says Botos. "It helped to open doors at both Case and OSU."

Botos says that nursing feeds her own love of learning. "Healthcare and medicine are professions of constant change," she notes. "Nurses must learn, adapt, and adjust to provide the best patient care-। cannot do the job today with the knowledge I received 20 years ago."

In addition to patient care, Botos is an advocate for her fellow nurses. One challenge she sees is that new nurses miss the importance of what Botos calls bedside nursing, and decide to pursue graduate studies in ancillary healthcare fields or change careers altogether.
"What attracted me to nursing was its ability to af ect patient care at the bedside," says Botos. "Everything a nurse does changes the patient's outcome. The healing happens because good nursing is involved. How do we keep new nurses engaged and fulfilled enough to stay in the profession?"

That answer, she hopes, may come from J ohn Carroll's proposed new nursing program, now in its development stages.

## Challenges \& Charism

For Steven Herbert, Provost and Academic Vice President, planning an undergraduate nursing program at J ohn Carroll is an obvious next step in its Inspired Future.

Building a nursing program is not without its challenges. Strategic planning and curricula shifts are only the first step in a process that includes rigorous vetting from the Ohio Board of Nursing, the Ohio Department of Education, and the Higher Learning Commission before an institution is able to enroll students. Then, after the program launches, the college seeks further accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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"We have strong STEM programs, particularly in the allied health fields of pre-med, pre-vet, and pre-dental. A nursing program builds on this history and skill set. And it rests on our students' proven ability to survive and thrive in technical and science-driven environments."

Added to this is J ohn Carroll's Ignatian heritage of magisdoing the more, the better-through service to the greater good for the glory of God, as well as cura personalis, care for the whole person. According to Herbert, these values will infuse the kind of care that a J CU-prepared nurse will give, tending to the physical, mental, and spiritual aspects of a patient.

Cura personalis will also drive the structure of the nursing program, of ering a student-centered experience that is more flexible than other nursing programs. Encouraging nursing students to participate in student athletics, experiential learning, and international experiences expands their own potential.
"Cura personalis, when directed back to our students, will help us form nurses who know there is something greater beyond their work, and allow them to bring their whole person to their work."

## Science \& Empathy

This intersection of compassion and science also brought J ohn Escano ('13) to nursing.

major at J ohn Carroll, Brady went onto law school at The Ohio State University, practiced law for four years, then returned to school for a bachelor's degree in

J CU's mission of learning leadership through service is what the world needs now. And our alumni go out and prove this every day.


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1 Mila Purnell, daughter of Lauren Massaro Purnell ' 10 .

2 Jack Costello '06 \& wife, Laura \& their two-year-old son, Rory welcomed baby Cora in July.

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Deliver filters. Teach their use. Assess their value. Repeat. Simple in concept but challenging in execution; the devil lies in the details.

The group faced an iron-clad deadline: the next immersion group would land in Honduras in May 2018 . When reviewing this timeline in retrospect, the transformation from 2017 idea to 2018 success seems almost miraculous.

With help, they evaluated filter options. Cost? Availability? Ease of use? Durability? Repairability? Could they survive the trip and be transported around rural Honduras? Most importantly-would they work on a water supply teeming with biohazards? And in the hands of our Honduran brothers and sisters, most of whom have little formal education?

A filter was identified, one with 0.1 micron pores that removed both250.46 0t flW relison por
found an ally in Filter of Hope, a nonprofit organization in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. For \$50, a filter about the size of a toilet paper roll could be connected with hand tools to a 5 -gallon bucket, with the potential to purify 250 gallons per day.

J CU biologists and chemists performed field trials by tossing handfuls of dirt and mulch into melted Cleveland snow. When tested for purity ...it worked! The grimy, sootfilled water sprung from the filter as crystal clear as if it came from a faucet in your home.

The student-leaders sought funding from various campus sources, but available funds from most J CU departments were earmarked for other noble pursuits. So they looked beyond J ohn Carroll and Brendan, Liz, and Rachel turned to Dr. Swearingen. After a month's work and countless edits, they produced and sent a letter of intent and application to various U.S.-based nonprofit agencies.

One by one, the rejections followed. Discouraged but not disheartened, the team vetted GlobalGiving, an online, nonprofit crowdsourcing site. Our application was accepted, and the site posted our project: Sponsor Valle A rriba-Medicine \& Clean Water. To date, the site has raised $\$ 9,460$.

Simultaneously, Dr. Darla Boyk, the heavily-involved parent of an immersion alumna, approached her church members and created an email firestorm. Darla completed the improbable. Paired with the donations from the GlobalGiving page, enough money was raised to purchase filters for the entire village of Valle Arriba, Honduras.

Operationally, the students for the 2018 immersion worked with the prototypes until they could not only assemble them but teach assembly. Instructions were reviewed and printed in Spanish. Our excitement grew!

Finally, on Hondo '18 in May, we refined plans with our friends from SAN, and delivered and set-up 125 water filters (one per family) for the villagers of Valle Arriba. This was an extension of our normal work-bringing health screening and medications to between 200-250 rural Hondurans each day. As we left, our question had changed: Did it work?

Without an answer, September 2018 found us in preparation for Hondo '19. We sought more funds and filters to be of ered to new villagers. We were thrilled when Dr. Boyk returned from her own group's immersion in February 2019 with the early news ...about $85 \%$ of our first group were still using their filters!!!

Our J CU group redoubled ef orts: more funding for more filters and buckets. New villages were identified and Katie Doud refined a water testing system to chemically
characterize water samples from each of the five villages we would visit, with an eye to prioritize future ef orts.

May 2019 's trip found us at the villages served one year earlier where our annual health assessment data confirmed success! Those using the filter reported fewer Gl symptoms, including fewer episodes of stomach aches, diarrhea, and vomiting. More importantly, the filters also reduced the likelihood of being diagnosed with an

Have news to share? Contact your class columnist with your updates or email journal@jcu.edu.

Stay connected to J CU throughout the year! Visit jcu.edu/alumni and update your email, ensuring that you continue to receive notifications of JCU events near you, campus news, the online newsletter, and other class updates.

## 1942 | Robert Trivison

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Last attendance at J CU campus was in 1992 at the 50th reunion. The growth and beauty of the campus was startling. Meeting former classmates I had not seen in 50 years was a singular experience. We

## 1955 | Seeking Class Columnist

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Hello, Class of 1955 ! We heard from Emmett "Bud" Feely. Bud and Jack Martin recently enjoyed dinner together in Naples, Florida (pictured). They met as freshmen at JCU, 71 years ago, and graduated together. They were also commissioned as U. S. Army Of cers 67 years ago.

Please send us your updates and photos.
living facility in Louisville, Ohio. The past year has seen a marked change in our physical and cognitive abilities. Our children convinced us to consider the move and we agreed with them. It seems to be the right time for the move. We look forward to seeing many of you at future reunions. I hope one of you will step up to take over the job of scribe. Please contact the alumni of ce at alumni@jcu.edu or 216-397-4336 if you are interested in this opportunity. Until we get together at JCU once again,

## BE W ELL! Schweick

## 1961| J ack Hearns

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Chuck Durbin and his wife, Madeline, are living in Denver, Colorado. They have 10 children, 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Chuck received an advanced degree from The Ohio State University and was an engineer with EG\&G, Inc., a national defense contractor that provided management and technical services to the United States government and conducted weapons research and developmentas such, it had close involvement with some of the government's most sensitive technologies. Mike Frank retired from Troy High School in Michigan after 44 years of teaching Latin and English. He received an MA from the University of Michigan and now runs film programs and a speakers' program for the city of Troy. For many years, Mike has served as a docent at Christ Church Cranbrook which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is well known for its rich architectural detail and historic paintings and tapestries. Gerry Burns is a fourth-degree Knight of Columbus and, for several years now, has participated in Operation Hope by requesting cash donations for those with developmental disabilities at numerous retail locations in Florence, SC. Last year, over $\$ 20,000$ was raised by his brother Knights. Chuck Nieset and w( )]TJ 0T5sm8 (asede.N(wn)-5 ( )]Tcl (or th. He)-5 ( )h1e1Tf[( and w( )]TJ 0T5sm[(J 0T5smo4y)-4.9 (-118lJ 6as)83( )
around the beginning of hurricane season and returning near the end. Fighting blood cancer for five years, J ohn says chemo is still working. They are now cleaning out their Naperville residence so they can sell next year. All the best for 2022. Dick

## 1966 | Tom Gibbons <br> tgibbons@prosum.cc

J im Adair got his law degree at Cleveland State post JCU, married and had eight children. His successful tour company sent over 40,000 American pilgrims on trips to Europe and the Holy Land. Jim's limited law practice allows him time to keep his eye on his 19 grandchildren. After a one-year stint teaching in the Cleveland Public Schools, Paul Donato, newly married to Mary Anne, joined the U.S. Air Force, where he served in the AF Security Service. He then received an M. Ed. From Pennsylvania's Edinboro State and spent 30 years in sales and marketing with educational publishers. Paul has three children and 10 grandchildren, lives in North Carolina, and remains an OSU fan. Go Bucks! Former (10 years) class correspondent Steve Chamberlain writes he has been retired for 10 years. He and J udi travel frequently-10 cruises and an annual stop in A ruba. His grandchildren have achieved academic success that far surpasses his, which he attributes to good genes. Probably from Judi, Steve. Bill Gordon's JCU stretch included a detour into the U.S. Army in Alaska. After that, he returned to JCU part-time and graduated with us. He then got his law degree from Cleveland Marshall and managed IRS of ces in northern Ohio. (I probably met him at one of those.) He was tax counsel for a Youngstown developer and formed his own law firm in the 80 s. Bob "Dean" Searson began his career in education, teaching for 13 years at St. J oseph HS in Cleveland. He returned to J CU for an MA in English and an MBA, then worked in marketing for several corporations. In the ' 90 s, he was recruited by Jim Smith at Cuyahoga Community College, where he moved up to Academic Dean (hence the nickname) of the CCC Westlake campus and retired in 2021, spending his time playing golf (not so well) with Bob J acobs and Kevin Leigh. Warren Cromer (pictured) married, had three children and worked for 32 years for Alcoa. He retired and moved to Florida where he focused on traveling-rather than IT-to over 60 separate countries. Warren lost his beloved wife recently,
then remarried a beautiful widow, Florida Anilao, with seven daughters: that's 10 kids altogether.

Ray Gorski, a 20 -year military veteran, earned an MBA from Tulane University and retired as the CFO for a consulting company. He and his wife enjoy life (very nicely) in Virginia Beach, VA. Joe Nieberding got his BS in physics and went on to NASA. At the space agency, he received an MS from the University of Toledo. J oe was proud to be on the launch team for 65 Atlas and Centaur launches and is a highly regarded launch expert. Post-space orbits, he founded an aerospace consulting firm that worked with NASA and other U.S. government agencies. On earth, he's the father of four and grandfather of three.

We lost more classmates:
John Naylor, Tom Madden, Dave Grif n, and Dr. Heidi Stull, who was also a tenured J CU professor and taught in the Modern Language Dept. from 1970-1994. May they rest in peace in our memories.

## 1967 | Seeking Class Columnist journal@jcu.edu

Hello, class of '67! We look forward to welcoming you back to campus this $J$ une $10-12$ for Reunion Weekend to celebrate your 55th class reunion! We have a full weekend planned for our returning alumni, including the alumni golf outing on Friday afternoon at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, followed by food trucks and entertainment Friday evening on campus. Saturday will be filled with programming and various activities, followed by dinner and dancing and an amazing fireworks display. Please check your email for updates and contact the alumni of ce at alumni@jcu.edu or call 216.397.4336 for more information. We recently heard from Tim Davis who

submitted this update and great photo (pictured top right). "In November 2021, a few longtime friends from the Class of ' 67 and a few wives got together at the home of Tater and William Beak, co hosted by Peggy and Thomas Grace. For two very short days in Charleston, SC, we celebrated friendships and memories that have endured since graduation. Included in those two days were very special dinners, a walking tour of Charleston, and a large outdoor lunch, all of which served to reminisce our past histories and accomplishments as well as establish events and circumstances of our lives today.

Please send us your updates, we'd love to hear from you!

## 1968|J ef Hawk <br> jjhawk68@comcast.net

J enny and I wish all of you a very happy, healthy, prosperous New Year. Our hope and prayer for all is that you are well and happy in this world crisis of COVID-19. As many of you, we've lost a great number of family, friends, neighbors to COVID-19. This is certainly a new world for all of us. J ust a simple snapshot of COVID-19's ef ect on J enny and me. We've traveled internationally and seen and visited most of the world. Like many of you, we are constantly on the go. We had international trips scheduled, but all were canceled due to COVID-19. We've not traveled internationally for five years and not stateside for three years. You may remember in previous columns, I mentioned there were six senior girls from Carmel High School bound for J CU. Recently, another girl from our parish went to JCU. We've been very active members of our parish, St. Louis De Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers, IN, for over 32 years. We often share news of JCU and Ohio Dominican University with all. Last Sunday was wonderful for J enny and me. A mother and daughter walked up to us. The mother said, "My daughter is a J CU graduate. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio and has a very responsible position at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation." She went on and told us that she, too, is a $\mathrm{J} C \mathrm{~g}$ graduate and her husband also is a JCU graduate. I'm starting my $39^{\text {th }}$ year telling all about your wonderful stories. We are a John Carroll University family and J ohn Carroll University is our family. I pray and hope that I'll be able to write for you and John Carroll for 39 more years. In your kindness, please continue your financial support for J ohn Carroll
greetings with a class gift. Frank sent "Elaine's fettuccine alfredo recipe" (look it up on your Google-machine), writing, "Now, I know that pasta keeps you young, So and !"
(Elaine's is the famous NYC eatery where Woody Allen hung out and played the clarinet, with Frank accompanying on the spoons. Frank has updated his passport and will sail across the pond on the QE2 to join us in J une.) Talked to T Ryan. Tom has been busy in retirement, babysitting 14 grandkids spread out across the country. He still winters in the Ft. Myers area and meets up with Mark Pacelli, where both occasionally crew on J ohn and Holly Collins dinghy. Both Ryan and Pacelli will make it back in J une, but Pete LaBianca won't be back. Pete is chair of the Beverage Team at the renowned Columbus Arts Festival. Pete writes, "I'm the Beer Guy for the 400,000 people who come every year." You gotta respect a man who is so devoted to his beer! I received a note from Rich Butterly. His youngest just got married of , but the others have given him enough grands, as Rich writes, "to field a 16 softball team." No memory loss for Dr. B! He recalls that, "senior year I worked at Browns games cooking hot dogs! To this day, I do NOT eat hot dogs at sporting events!" (Note to the Reunion Committee: no hot dogs at the Saturday class dinner!) Paul McGurr, who the Committee may draft as CFO, retired from his accounting career (before which he had special access to his dad, Accounting prof, Dean McGurr). Paul has recently given up the visor and lives in Fredericksburg, OH in Amish country. Paul will be at the reunion and is opting for a car rather than a buggy. Slingin' Sammy Morocco is pumped for the reunion. He told me, "If I'm alive, I'll be there!" The old QB spent his career in the Canfield, $\mathrm{OH} /$ Sharon, PA area as a Retirement Income Certified Profess 13 IT ]/T0 [(y)27 (oung7eld, OH/)21(ir)2cB spjob(try,. 187 (en89 2 (tir)2)10 (eno)22 (wned)-5 ( )]TJ 0 )21(eca
experience interesting. Val Street has been practicing the "Three $P$ " Principles of Prayer, Patience and Presence in her hometown of San Francisco. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Val started a food program for the homeless in her neighborhood. She cooks various meals, including hot soups and stews in her home weekly and delivers them to various places in the neighborhood, where she talks and prays with people. Mary Lynn Crowley Laughlin sent her update from Hilton Head, SC, where she and Gary spend about six months of the year. They have been married for 45 years and both are retired. Their oldest son, Michael, and his wife, Robin, live in Bay Village, Ohio and their younger son, Mark, and his wife, Danielle, live in Atlanta and have three children, ting.

River Campground in Geneva, Ohio. He is busy with the Knights of Columbus, and is president of the a2/.005 Tceaie922esids, and

J ohn Carroll's October 1-2 Homecoming


Check out these great pics (above) from Mary Nell Barrord Gorski-1979 picture front row: Mary Nell Barrord, Mary J o Gill, Pat Schreiner, Karen Lysyk; back row: Ellen Hobbes, Laura Norton (Anyone know how to find Laura?), Mary Meehan and Tyler Ham.

2021photo front row (below): Karen Lysyk Greco, Mary Nell Barrord Gorski, Mary Meehan Kirby. Back Row: Pat Schreiner Ham, Ellen Hobbes Hirschman, Mary J o Gill Harney.


So my friends, send me your news, call your friends, reconnect with classmates and don't forget: Every five (which is coming in two years BTW!)

Nancy

## 1980 | Matt Holtz

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It is amazing we are in the year 2022 with our first set of class notes. Hope all are doing well. I am still working at Medical Mutual; 37 years J anuary 2022. Currently working in my basement but should be in a hybrid model by the time you read the notes, with two days in the of ce and three at home. Everyone's work environment has evolved and changed forever. My twins graduate this May and my daughter is a dietician living in Chicago. My wife Mary works parttime at Rocky River Senior Center along with teaching her Tai Chi classes and
water exercise classes. Yes, retirement has crossed my mind and yes, I should attend some of the Tai Chi classes and do some swimming as I am as flexible as a $2 \times 4$. I recently heard folks talking about the blizzard of 1978 which would have been during our sophomore year. Pretty sure some you may remember that time but all I recall is being at Grasselli Library finding out school was canceled. Tina Romano Allen dropped a line that she is still enjoying her HR work. Her son recently graduated from the School of Engineering at the University of Cincinnati. Go Bearcats! My son Adam will graduate this May from University of Cincinnati and my other son, Patrick, will graduate from Xavier. Congrats are in order for J ohn Ettorre and wife J ulie, as son Michael presented them with their second grandchild, J ordyn, who joins cousin August as Ettorre grandchildren. John and Julie will be shuttling between Cleveland and St. Louis, perhaps flying American Airlines as the recent Alumni Spotlight featured J im Moses, VP of Dallas-Ft. Worth Flight Operations, speaking on The Future of Air Travel. J im is former Blue Streak football player and has been head of flight operations at numerous airports, including Los Angeles, Boston, New York, Philadelphia. Being retired allows you to cross a few items of your bucket list. J ust ask J osie and J im Myers (pictured) who had the opportunity to visit Egypt and J ordan. A great trip rich in history. J eanne Ann Cannon is enjoying the beach life in Long Beach, Indiana with spouse, Pat. $J$ eanne is returning to her practice as a therapist and life coach after seven years as a director of Dunebrook, a child abuse prevention agency. J eanne's last child graduates, like mine, in May. She has


[^0]Maggie in New York and Patrick in Chicago. She keeps in touch with Meg Towey Rabol, Paul '82 and Patrice Hulseman, Katie Grace '81, Suzie Whelan '81, and Ellen McMullen '81

Feel free to drop a line anytime.
Thanks. MFH.

## 1981| Bob Hill <br> soar1@aol.com

Greetings, Class of '811 Please send us your news and updates, we'd love to hear from you!

## 1982 | Mark McDonnell <br> jcumac82@gmail.com

Before I start my class notes, I wanted to recognize Dave Vitatoe and his staf for all they have done during the pandemic to keep alumni engaged. Despite the challenges of the new virtual and socially distanced world, Dave and his staf continue to of er programming that all alumni can take part in. Thank you, Dave, for all that you do! A big part of the focus for the Alumni staf has been the restructuring of reunion weekend. I invite and encourage everyone from the class of 1982 to return to campus on Friday, J une 10 and Saturday, J une 11 for our $40^{\text {th }}$ reunion. This is a great opportunity to catch up with classmates and experience firsthand all the changes that have happened on campus over the past few years. The IBGs will be hosting their first-ever reunion during Homecoming and the McCarthy weekend, Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25. Don MacMillan and Jim Kisthardt '83 are organizing this event. I did hear from Katie Brant that she is planning to attend our reunion! She continues to love living in Chicago and working at Old St. Pat's; each of her three children live within three miles of her. I also heard from Tony Coyne: "In addition to being the president and managing partner of my law firm, I was recently elected to serve as chairman of the board of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. I am having a lot of fun working with my partner, Chuck Brown as well. My wife Rachelle and I have one more to get through high school and still live in the shadow of the original J esuit College in Cleveland, St. Ignatius High School, in Ohio City. Although we moved in 30 years ago before it was cool! Looking forward to our $40^{\text {th }}$ reunion from JCU. Hard to believe. My best, Tony" I am looking forward to our $40^{\text {th }}$ Class and IBG reunions this year. I hope to see many of you at these events.

## 1983 | Mark Schroeder <br> briome@auctionbrio.com

Summer! It cannot arrive fast enough. May is filled with graduations and anticipation for vacation and seriously, who doesn't need a refreshing escape? The man who is always on the move is Ed Devney. Summer or winter, Ed is a fixture with the Olympics, working in broadcast production. Ed was in Beijing, China to cover the games for NBC. Ed was one of the first to arrive in J anuary and one of the last to leave after the closing ceremonies. Ed also was in Cleveland working the Rock \& Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies in October '21, as the chief of personal attendants to the inductees. Ed had a couple classmates, Mary (Power)
Patton and J ane Cunin, assisting him as personal attendants to the rock \& roll icons. What a great gig, Ed. The real estate market is soaring and J oe Keller is in the middle of it in the Cleveland area. J oe is in his $26^{\text {th }}$ year in residential real estate, with over $\$ 90$ million in sold properties. J oe is with Howard Hanna and selling for CEO and JCU grad Hody Hanna '69. J oe is also part owner of Founders Title, and says Tommy Walsh '82 and J ohn "Double J " Halloran '82 are also doing well in real estate. Cathy (Babcock) Bates and husband J ef are on the move. The Bates left Indianapolis, bought a pickup truck and moved to their country cabin in southern Indiana. The Pittsburgh ladies are as close to any group in our class. Deb Solyan, BethAnn (McCombs) Coughlin, Mary Margaret (Pearson) Gleason, Molly (Donnelly) MacDonald and Susan (Benz) Callahan gathered in the Steel City for laughs and fun. I hope many of you had the opportunity to listen to Andrea McGinty in the Alumni Spotlight series in February. Andrea knows business and relationships. She is the founder of It's J ust Lunch and 33000Dates. She has created four successful entrepreneurial businesses. Sadly, only weeks before her J CU appearance, Andrea's father, J ack McGinty, passed. Please keep the McGintys in your prayers. One of the funniest guys I have ever met was Dave Bassi " 81 Dave was a J CU baseball teammate. He loved the game and was the team comedian. He lived on my floor at New Dorm my sophomore year. "The Count " was a beauty. We held a friendship for decades until he passed unexpectedly on September 13, 2021 Dave had written his own obituary.

Search for it. It was so Dave. A reflection of a guy who loved to make people laugh, enjoy life, and he gave life with his kidneys to two matching recipients. Dave leaves behind a son, daughter, and wife Traci. Please keep them in your prayers. Terese (Buehrle) Booth and her husband Ric are feeling the joy of a new granddaughter. Terese's daughter Rachel gave birth to baby Lucy. Reunion weekend at J CU is J une $10-11$ Next year is our $40^{\text {th }}$, so start planning. Email me with family news, business updates and like J CU Class of ' 83 on Facebook.

## 1984 | Don D'Amore

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Hello! Press Release: Cavanagh Law Group's founding partner Tim Cavanagh was named the Best Lawyers ${ }^{\circledR} 2022$ Plaintif s' Personal Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Chicago! Tim was also selected for his eighth consecutive year for inclusion in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, in the field of Personal Injury Litigation-Plaintif $s$. Tim is a nationally recognized personal injury attorney. He's also been on JCU's board of directors since 2019!

Andrea McGinty was featured on JCU's Alumni Spotlight in February! Andrea is the founder and CEO of It's J ust Lunch, a dating service which she grew from one of ce to 110 before selling the company. She has also started other high profile organizations. Andrea's topic was "What it takes to be a successful entrepreneur, how to make meaningful connections in our ever changing world, and how JCU shaped her personal and professional life." Andrea was also featured on "The Carroll News" podcast in December, 2020 ! I listened, and she gives many great insights! A side from J CU class of ' 84 , we all have something else in common: celebrating our big birthday milestones simultaneously! Michelle D'Amore and I were invited in November to a Big 6-0 surprise party in Erie, PA for J oe Sivak M.D.! Somehow, J oe's sweet wife Lorraine managed to get him all the way from their Florida home to his old hometown, and into a restaurant back room well-decorated and also filled with his family and friends from his many years. Joe is a psychiatrist practicing in Florida. (J oe \& I constantly text. We suf er through Browns seasons together ...among other things.) Attending was classmate Fr. Tim Kesicki, S.J.! (I also spotted Tim on J CU's Instagram. He was the featured speaker at last year's
dif cult year, as she mourned the loss of her husband, Brad Huwar, last summer and recently lost her father, J ohn "J ack" Flaherty, Finally, condolences to Maureen Flaherty Menton on the sudden loss of her brother, Mark Flaherty. May the words of Helen Keller help ease your heartache,

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Please feel free to send an update for our next issue! Until then,

Diane
to class, singing at Sunday night Mass in St. Francis Chapel, and cheering on our Blue Streaks at the stadium next to the "new" dorms? Where has the time gone? Reunion weekend is J une 10-11, 2022. I am excited to pass along the following information from the alumni of ce: On Friday, $6 / 10$, the Alumni Golf Classic will take place at Sleepy Hollow in Brecksville with a shotgun start at noon. There will also be events and food trucks on campus Friday night, and dorm lodging
ages 11 and 14 . Catherine is not the only J CU graduate in the family: her sister, Maria Carnago Book, graduated in 1992 and father, J ames Carnago, was in the class of 1962. Michelle Cull Lease is opening a shop in March in Harding, New J ersey. The Ginger J ar is a curated collection of home goods including trending blue and white, chic antiques, chinoiserie, topiaries, all things striped, hydrangea, gingham, seersucker, with a sprinkle of equestrian and hunt items! The Ginger J ar features a mix of products from select vendors, vintage home decor items, and monogrammed embroidered gifts from the Elke Spoor line. Find her on Insta: @thegingerjarshopnj and FB.

## 1996 | Genesis Brown

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Hello, Class of 1996 ! I hope everyone had a relatively good winter and is looking forward to a fantastic spring! J ust a few notes this time around. We had one of our own speak at the Alumni Author Series, David Prologo, M.D. He has a very popular medical career, and is an author, doctor, professor, and leading thinker in his field. Check out his book on weight loss; I know I need to read a few of those pages, hahahahaha. J ohn Cranley, Esq. is running for Governor of Ohio after a successful time as Mayor of Cincinnati. Wishing him all the best. Finally, some of your Facebook posts bring a smile to my face. One that I want to call out is a group (ul[(am)21(ed)-5 ( )]TJ 0 -sm(ed)-5 ( )]Ts6 |Genesiih(or ofc) 13 (cp3, s One usnd iso@ailyn3 (y f)S1gs/T131Tfk-5 (mu(an)2 (t f)S1lebr is a c
memories-please forward it so our class can share your joy! Until next time, may God bless you and keep you all happy and healthy!

## 2000 | Lisa (Foster) Smith \& Clare Taft <br> lisasmith19@hotmail.com claretaft@hotmail.com

One of the most notable updates from our class is the hiring of Dave Ziegler as the general manager of the Las Vegas Raiders. He of course is joined by J osh McDaniels ' 99 as the team embarks on a new era with Blue Streaks leading the way. A big-shout out goes to Jon Powers who hosted a Western New York alumni outing at HoliMont Ski Club. Over 80 alumni and friends registered and enjoyed a day of tubing and skiing among friends. Tricia Barrett also helped plan the event and other classmates like Tara Wisniewski, Pete Rodenhauser, and Taryn (Leas) Chmielowicz joined in the fun. Bobby Kraft continues to grow his business at Atlas World Sports, a second-to-none sports betting software platform. As Bobby describes it, "think Travelocity or Expedia for online sportsbooks." And just before the Christmas holiday, J im Ross made the trip up from Atlanta and organized a mini-reunion with various classmates and former teammates Joe Lukac, Speedy Gonakis, Pat Robinette, and Mike Soeder. Dave Vitatoe shares that many others were scheduled to attend but ...Omicron.

## 2001| Maureen (Fariello) DeMers 2001jcu@gmail.com

Hello, Class of 2001 We heard from Kevin Klein who was promoted to senior vice president at Merrill Lynch. He is a senior financial advisor and portfolio manager with the Hahn Scott Klein Gates Gandolfo Group in Williamsville, NY. Please send us your updates; we want to hear from you!

## 2002 | Kristen McVean <br> muoiok@hotmail.com

Hi, All, can you believe that we're approaching 20 years since graduation? This year, J ohn Carroll is returning to a two-day reunion format, which is exciting for our class. JCU reunion will be held on campus J une $10^{\text {th }}$ and $1^{\text {th }}$, so please save the dates and keep an eye out for information about registration. Also, be sure to check out the Alumni section of the J CU web site; it's a great way to see upcoming events and to find alumni chapters and groups. As far as
news this time around, I heard from Tina
Marchiano. She is currently residing
in San Diego, California, and works as a billing specialist for the CPA firm, Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP. Also, congratulations to J essica Miller, who married Thomas A. Nock on September 25, 2021 The couple resides in Poland, OH. Please keep the news coming!

Kristen (Muoio) McVean

## 2003 | Lori Culliton <br> lori.culliton@gmail.com

Hi, All-we hope you're enjoying your new year so far. Collin Braun Ph.D., his wife J anine, and their daughters, Kensington (7) and Charlotte (3), recently moved into a new home in Pacific Palisades, California. Collin has

summer with big sister Madilyn Marie
(3). Vince \& Julie (Poling) Bonacci
welcomed their third child, Mila Rose, in September. Molly (McBride) Hickey and her husband, Ryan, were thrilled to welcome twin boys in October! J ames J oseph ( 7 lbs .10 oz .) and Liam Matthew ( 7 lbs .14 oz .) join big sister Anna and big brother Luke. Kimberly (White) Shorr and her husband J eremy welcomed baby Luna Alaina on November 28. She joins older sisters Lila (12) and Lucy (10). Caitlin (McGrath) Gerber and her husband Will welcomed their "Christmas miracle," daughter Elliott Adair "Ellie" on December 24. Major Anthony Grzincic, USMC, married his bride Alena on J une 15, 2021 Fellow alum, Fr. Chris Zeucha presided over the nuptials. Kristi (Hosko) Senko celebrated eight years with J ohnson \& J ohnson/J anssen Biotech, Inc. and was promoted to immunology key accounts specialist. Natalie (Singer)
Meyer (pictured) recently appeared on Fox 8's "New Day Cleveland" with Natalie Herbick in support of her interior design and decorating firm, CNC Home \& Design. J im '05 \& Meghan (Tighe) Fink and family moved to Kailua, HI. After 15 years in Washington, DC, J ack Costello and his family returned to Cleveland! J ack has been working with OUTFRONT, (tk) iating fir-of037r-hin b13 d(8u,54 19)7 i

## 2009 | Lisa (Ugran) Pacconi lugran09@jcu.edu

Br. Matt Wooters moved to Chicago for his new job with the J esuits and began with a splash! He swam eight miles in Lake Michigan for Cristo Rey J esuit School, swimming from Loyola University to Navy Pier. Melissa
(Calabrese) Douglas was awarded the Excellence in Oncology Nursing award through the Cleveland chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society. The award is given annually to a registered nurse and/or advanced practice nurse who consistently provides exemplary nursing care and actively pursues professional development. Melissa has been in her role as a breast oncology nurse navigator for eight years with UH Seidman Cancer Center. She became a certified breast care nurse in 2019. Melissa works with patients diagnosed with breast cancer throughout their cancer journey starting at initial diagnosis through survivorship.
Chester Banaszak and Maria Roberts Banaszak are living in the Atlanta suburbs where Chester is the director of IT at a \$1billion valued company at Salesloft and Maria is a high school Latin teacher at a Catholic school in North Atlanta. Chester is also working on his executive MBA, which he is set to complete in 2022. Chester and Maria are parents to C.J . (9), Veronica (6), Ambrose (3), Geneviève (1), and a fifth baby due in March 2022. Rebecca (Taylor) Frank and her husband Devin welcomed their baby girl, Adeline Barbara Frank, on December 20, 2021 Adeline enjoyed her first Christmas and was able to be a part of her big brother Teddy's first birthday celebration several weeks later! Rebecca shared that while she knows that her "Irish twins" will one day be best friends, Teddy and Adeline's current favorite game together is seeing which one can scream louder. Kerry (Keyes) J onke and I traveled in November 2021from chilly Northeast


Ohio to sunny Arizona to visit with some J CU friends. Our former Cedar Road housemate, Theresa Kaschak, kindly hosted us at her Phoenix, AZ home. We also visited Cassie (Larson) Seccombe at her Scottsdale, AZ home. Cassie and her husband Matt welcomed a daughter, Polly Rose Seccombe, on J uly 11, 2021 It was such a treat for all of us to spend a few days together and meet beautiful Polly Rose! I hope that all classmates are finding joy in these first few months of 2022. Please continue to share photos and updates, whether it be about family, career, travel, personal achievements, or alumni gatherings!

## 2010 | Megan O’Keefe <br> megokeefe10@gmail.com

Hi, Everyone, Happy 2022! I hope you had a great end to last year and that this year is of to a strong start for you. We have a short but sweet column to close 2021from some of our classmates. Natalie Terry began new work and ministry with Mercy Health Youngstown as the new mission director. Last summer, Phil Taneyhill '07 \& Elisa (Gould-Lucht) Taneyhill welcomed their son Callum Kowal Taneyhill in early August. Mike Eller was recently married to Nora Crossen on J une 19, 2021in Lakewood, OH. Mike McGrath \& Darren Karaba served as groomsmen while Chris Sever served as a reader during the Ceremony.
Brendan Roberts and Sam Roberts were also fellow Blue Streaks in attendance. Carasai Ihentuge and brother, Godwin, opened their restaurant, Yum Village, on Chester Avenue across from Cleveland State University. It features fast, casual Afro-Carribean food that is healthy and hearty, with non-GMO ingredients and both vegan and meat options. Wishing you all the best this year with many successes, achievements and milestones!
Best,
Meghan O'Keefe

## 2011| Maura J ochum <br> mfjochum@gmail.com

As I write this column, campus is buried in snow and classes have been canceled or remote the last two days. The snowmen have appeared on the Quad and it reminds me of the fun winter days we enjoyed. Thank you to those who submitted updates-we have just a few this time because your trusty class columnist has returned to school, got caught up in assignments, and neglected to send a timely request for submissions. Forgive me and take this note as a reminder to email me your updates now for the next column. We definitely have a few things to celebrate as we begin 2022! Congratulations to Brendan McCreary and Rheana Cabance (pictured) of San Diego, CA who were engaged on December 26, 2021in Smoky Mountain National Park and are planning a spring '22 wedding. Sarah Narkin and husband, Marcos Abreo '16G, welcomed their son (and future Blue Streak!), Emilio Gennaro Abreo, on September 15, 2020. Richard Rozewski, IIDA wrote to share that he joined Bialosky Cleveland in 2021as an interior designer. Richard currently serves as an adjunct professor at the Kent State University College of Architecture and Environmental Design and formerly taught at Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts. He was recently appointed as IIDA ClevelandAkron city center board student relations coordinator. At Bialosky, Richard serves on the community and hiring EDI groups; his current projects include the Cuyahoga Community College Food Pantry Projects, The May Dugan Center, and the Cleveland Leadership Center.

Friends, please let me know if you ever stop by campus. I would love to reconnect. Until next time ... With love for J CU, Maura

## 2012 | Emily Herfel, D.O. eherfel12@jcu.edu

Happy 10 -year reunion, Class of 2012! 3,650 trips around the sun have passed since we last were all on the Quad baking in the sun during an unseasonably hot May weekend. This past decade has brought hardship, adventure, love, and likely a few pivots to career and life plans. It has been an absolute delight sharing the journey with each of you! We are starting of the reunion year with much exciting news! Kara Naylon
on October 19, 2021
Finally, congratulations to Brianna Eucker '14, '20G, who became engaged to Nick Truesdell (pictured) on August 24, 2021 Nick popped the question while he and Brianna were on vacation in North Carolina. The couple is planning a November 2022 wedding in Cleveland. Please send your updates to Deidre Byrne at dbyrne14@jcu.edu or the JCU Alumni of ce at journal@jcu.edu to be included in future columns. I look forward to staying in touch!

AMDG.Desiree

## 2015 | Colleen Reilly Gong

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Hello, Class of 2015 ! Colleen (Reilly) Gong here-I have taken over as class columnist and I'd like to start my tenure by saying a very heartfelt thank you to our previous columnist, Bri Lazarchik for doing such a wonderful job over the years. I'm excited
on the marriage train, Hannah Suttles married Daniel Mascio and J ayme Fasola said "I do" to Chad Guy. Absolutely love how many times I say "J ayme's just one of the Guys," on Instagram. Ashley Ambrose was married to Max Westover on October 16. Congrats to all of you!

Carroll Couples are becoming Carroll Families and we are all so excited for you! As always, please share any exciting updates in you or your friend's lives (email above!). I love relying on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Emma Schapp, but hearing the news from the source is always the best! Until next time, Blue Streaks!

Onward On, Mike

## 2019 | Sean Freeman

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Nearing three years in the real world, Blue Streaks are traveling to further their careers. Spending her 25th birthday sunbathing, Claire Kelly has turned a Hawai'ian internship she found in 2019 into a three-year teaching assistant program. "I oversee a team of four college-aged interns and teach them proper field collection skills [and] dif erent whale behaviors," Claire explained. " $[\mathrm{We} \mathrm{e}$ see if the tourist boat presence is having a negative ef ect on the surface behavior prevalence in the humpback whales, who come to Hawai'i to breed and birth each year from the Aleutian Islands." The project encompasses ecopsychology, the study of the connection between humans and the natural world. "By being in the company of whales, I have learned how we can live in harmony with other creatures on this planet and remember our connection to the larger family of life." Learn more of Claire's work at https://oceanmammal.org.

Across the other pond, Gina Patella is proving CLE runs the world by taking Clearsulting International. A Clevelandgrown management consulting firm, Clearsulting hired Gina in 20 19. Since then, the company has tripled in size to include team members outside of the U.S. Her experience led to a year rotation in London to elevate Clearsulting's international presence and grow their team. Entering the program with only three other Americans, this much transition would make anyone's head spin, if Gina wasn't all in. "I enjoy my job every single day due to the people," Gina beamed. "There is nothing quite like the teamwork, grit, and growth mindset of Clearsulting." When asked why she took a job overseas, she explained this was a crucial step in her journey to, "grow as an individual who has of cially stepped out of her comfort zone. I was hesitant ...but growth doesn't occur
within comfortability, so I have forced myself to be uncomfortable." Send any travel recommendations on Gina's way! Thankfully, all the talent isn't leaving Ohio. One of Cleveland's Most Interesting People of 2022, Kahrin Spear put herself in a party of one in her reaction to the news: shocked. "It honestly took me by such surprise I had to read the email twice to make sure it wasn't spam," she laughs. "To be recognized at all, especially among such incredible folks, is an honth ithin gtially among such incredible21189J/7



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