

WALSH TIMES



It's Official. **NCAA Division II**
New Head Football Coach Ted Karras Ready to Take on the Challenge



President's Message

As we begin our 54th academic year at Walsh University, we do so in anticipation of our largest full-time undergraduate enrollment ever. How can that be in these difficult times when so many colleges are experiencing declines?

Perhaps the answer lies within and among the following:

- We have added five new majors in the past two years alone.
- We have worked tirelessly to improve retention.
- Our admissions personnel have recruited more than 580 new students—freshmen and transfers.
- Our athletic coaches have all recruited diligently to increase their roster sizes.
- Our campus facilities and grounds are beautiful and modern.
- Our culture of hospitality, acceptance and support encourage prospective students to attend and current students to remain.
- God truly is in charge of the harvest and is “granting us the increase.”

Or maybe it is all of the above—great people planting the seeds of success and having faith that God will bless our efforts.

The result: record enrollment, continued growth and development and an enthusiastic start to a new academic year.

Deo gratias!

Richard Jusseaume

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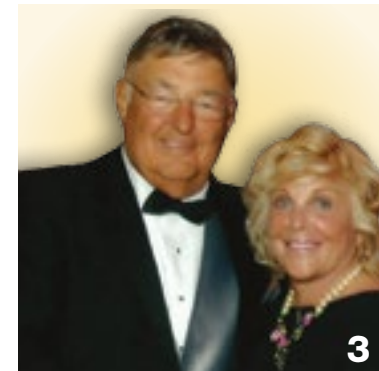
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Welcome Class of 2017





DeVile School of Business Launches Student Investment Team

Walsh students now have the opportunity to try their hand at investing in the financial markets as part of the new student investment team through the DeVile School of Business, and thanks to the generous gifts of \$50,000 each provided by two Walsh University board members. Students will spend the fall semester researching various securities and presenting their suggestions to the group. In the spring, they will decide collectively how to invest the funds.

Membership is by-application-only and is open to any Walsh student (including undergraduate, graduate and SPS students of any major). If accepted, students will serve one-year terms with the possibility of continuing membership upon review. Membership is limited to 15-20 students.

International Student Services Welcomes New Director, 25 New Students

This year, Walsh's international student enrollment is the largest it has been in the last decade, with 25 incoming students and 46 returning students representing 31 different countries. The top three countries represented are Saudi Arabia, Bolivia and Canada. In addition, Walsh welcomes Kristi Campbell as the full-time Director of International Student Services. In this role, Campbell meets with students regarding immigration and cultural issues and also acts as a liaison to other departments and the community.

"One of my first initiatives is to build on the Link Families Program. This will allow faculty, staff and community members the opportunity to host a student," Campbell said. "I find it a shame that an international student can study in the U.S. for four years but might never experience a typical American meal, holiday or family traditional activity. I hope to change that and provide activities and friendship programs that will allow our students to feel Walsh is a home away from home." In addition, Kristi would like to increase the awareness of the school visit programs in which Walsh's international students visit local elementary, middle and high schools, as well as Walsh classrooms.

New Chemistry Curriculum Offers Students Internship and Real-World Learning Experiences with More Than 70 Regional Companies

The Division of Math and Sciences has launched a redesigned chemistry curriculum aimed at educating students about post-graduation career opportunities and allowing students to simulate work being done in the industry through integrated lab experience. Like many of Walsh's academic programs, there will also be a greater emphasis on the value of internships. The department has developed relationships with more than 70 regional companies to provide real-world experience to chemistry students. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) 2012 student survey, approximately 60 percent of the college graduates who took part in paid internships received at least one job offer. In addition to developing students' professional skills, Walsh has also implemented American Chemical Society (ACS) curriculum to prepare students for graduate school and the pursuit of a Ph.D.

Walsh Alums are Invited to Embark on Summer Interfaith Tour of Eastern Europe

Walsh alumni and friends are invited to join Rabbi John Spitzer and Father Patrick Manning on an interfaith tour of Eastern Europe, from June 15-27, 2014, through Walsh's Jewish

Catholic Studies Institute. A cost of \$2,999 per person includes stops in Prague, Budapest, Krakow, Warsaw and Vilnius as well as breakfast daily, four dinners, group transfers, entrance fees per itinerary and portage. Airfare must be purchased separately. For a complete itinerary or to reserve your spot, contact Ayelet Tours, Ltd., at 800.237.1517 or email ayelet@ayelet.com.

The President's Club Clam Bake

Dark skies and thunderstorms didn't stop more than 100 guests from attending the President's Club Clam Bake on Wednesday, August 7, at the Hoover Park Banquet Hall & Patio. The annual event serves to honor and thank donors at the legacy giving levels, which include the President's Society, Tower Society and Founders Society, as well as Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Legacy Donors.

Senior Nic Harvey spoke as a student representative to thank donors at the event. Brother Guy Roddy, FIC, gave the invocation for the evening, and President Richard Jusseaume gave brief remarks.

Donald Phillips will take the Reins as Walsh's new CIO and Assistant Vice President

Donald Phillips has accepted the position to serve as Walsh University's new Chief Information Officer and Assistant Vice President. In this role, Donald will guide the development and implementation of Walsh's information technology strategy and delivery of effective university technology services. Donald will be responsible for leading the Information Technology staff in academic computing support, enterprise applications systems and services, networking and telecommunications, information security, data center operations and user support, training and outreach. He will also build and sustain effective partnerships and collaborations with academic and administrative departments, maintain a service-oriented and agile IT organization, and ensures a, reliable, and secure technology infrastructure. Donald will also play an integral role in the technology infrastructure of Walsh's planned global academic center.

Donald comes to Walsh from the University Heights City School District in Cleveland, where he played a key role in bringing 21st Century technologies into the school system. Previous employment also includes Fortune 500 company Rockwell Automation where he led and supported technology projects exceeding \$100 million. Donald holds a B.S. from John Carroll University, an M.S. from Case Western Reserve University, and received his law degree in Education and Technology Law from The University of Akron.

We Need You! Help Walsh Secure a License Plate with the Ohio BMV!

Walsh University is in the process of trying to establish a Walsh University license plate available for purchase at the Ohio BMV. In order to be considered, Walsh must first show proof that at least 500 Ohio residents would be interested in buying a Walsh license plate if one existed. You can help us by visiting walsh.edu/bmv, completing one section of the form and mailing a hard copy to: Walsh University, attn: Teresa Griffin, 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton, OH, 44720. Or you can fax the form to 330.490.7249 or email to tgriffin@walsh.edu. Please note that there is no obligation to purchase by completing this form. The form simply indicates that you would consider it and asks that you write in your license number so that they can prove you are a resident of Ohio.



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A Generational Legacy: The Gary and Linda Byers School of Nursing

HELPS NURSES SERVE OTHERS



legacy of help will pay it forward – it will go on forever. Think of all the nurses we can help who will go on to help and comfort thousands in return. This is the right thing to do,” Linda said.



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“We are really impressed by Walsh bringing the nursing program to where it is today, providing competent and caring nurses to major hospitals and medical centers in the region,” said Gary Byers. The nursing program is Walsh University’s largest program, with 339 students enrolled, and graduates regularly surpassing a 96 percent pass rate on the state licensure examination. “My career was in the medical field and I know nurses are in such demand. This new donation will allow the school to do things

Donors Gary and Linda Byers did not attend Walsh University. Their two sons Brett Byers and Dr. Michael Byers are not alumni; in fact, no one that the Byers knew attended Walsh University. But memories of a selfless and caring nurse, who happened to be Linda’s mother, led them to search for an organization that would honor her mother’s legacy by giving back to the field of nursing in the same way her mother, Helen Irene Peer, contributed to it. And what started as an initial scholarship in her mother’s name has culminated in a contribution which reflects the generosity of the Byers family, with the School of Nursing being named in their honor. In addition, they have created a second scholarship, The Gary and Linda Byers Scholarship. But how does a family with no ties to Walsh decide to make a major contribution which will help generations of nursing students for years to come? They wanted to pay their good fortune in life forward.

“It’s true – before 2000 we had no connection to Walsh University. But what Walsh stands for is what drew us to Walsh. We love the mission of service,” Linda Byers said. Recalling her first visit to Walsh University, Linda stepped on campus and took a deep breath. “I looked around and it just felt good – you know – right. I started talking with staff and we all just connected. This is exactly what I wanted to do. Follow your heart, follow your dreams. Life can become everything you want it to be,” she said. And what the Byers dreamed of was helping nursing students.

“When I saw the name of the school (with “Byers” included) for the first time – I laughed, I smiled, I cried. Gary and I looked at each other. Nothing else has ever fulfilled us this way. We think of all the good this will do for the students. This

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like purchase new state of the art medical equipment for hands-on training,” he added.

It all began in 2000, after the passing of Linda’s mother, Helen Irene Peer. Days passed as Linda found herself reflecting on her mother’s life. Helen Irene Peer graduated in 1933 with a degree in nursing and served as a surgical nurse at Timken Mercy Hospital in Canton. Linda vividly recalled how as a child she would often wake in the middle of the night hearing the tap of her mother’s shoes on the hardwood floor outside Linda’s room. “She would pass by my door, and if I was looking out she’d say ‘shhh, just go back to sleep. I am going to give medicine to someone who is sick.’” Linda would watch as her mother packed her bag with medicine and syringes, and her rosary and holy water. “Mom never complained, no matter what the hour or the weather. She was doing the work of her faith. That’s who she was and how nurses are – they are caregivers.”

Linda also looked back on the times in her life when she was in need of medical treatment. It was the nurses who comforted her when she was scared or could hardly hold her head up she was so ill. “They are so selfless – they give so much back, and that is what my mom taught us to do – to give back,” said Linda. She wanted to establish something that would both honor her mother’s legacy and honor the field of nursing.

‘Giving back’ and doing the work of the Lord by creating a scholarship in her mother’s name and image was the thought that woke Linda that night 13 years ago. She knew right then what the perfect use for the funds would be – to help other people become nurses. Gary agreed, and the next day they began to look for the right place to establish the scholarship. Linda wanted to find a Catholic university with a nursing



Above: Linda Byers and the first Helen Irene Peer Memorial Scholarship recipient Colleen McKinney

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program. She began looking near her Chicago home. After researching some possible schools, Linda just did not feel any felt right. She wanted an institution that was of modest size, lived its Catholic values and had a nursing program.

And so she began to think about Timken Mercy Hospital where her mom had worked. She wondered where those nurses had trained, and after more research she found Walsh University. At the time Walsh offered a two-year degree in nursing but was in the

process of becoming accredited to offer a four-year bachelor’s degree. Linda called the University and began the process of turning her idea into the Helen Irene Peer Memorial Scholarship, which has helped pay for the education of nurses since beginning in the fall of 2001.

Colleen McKinney was the first recipient of the scholarship. She and the Byers corresponded and saw each other during her time at Walsh University. Gary and Linda attended Colleen’s graduation. Afterward

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Dr. Linda Linc, Dean
School of Nursing

Colleen wrote to the Byers, “Thank you for believing in me and for being so supportive. I have been truly touched by both of you and by your mother, and I hope I can keep her in my heart as I begin to practice nursing.” Since Colleen, there have been 14 other students who have received funds through this scholarship.

As the Byers have observed the growth and accomplishments of Walsh’s nursing program over the last 12 years, their relationship with Walsh has strengthened. “The generosity of the Byers will allow us to further brand and promote our excellent nursing program throughout the region,” said Dr. Linda Linc, Dean of the School of Nursing. “I am thrilled to have such generous benefactors for the nursing program and will ensure that we are good stewards of their generosity.”



There are many opportunities available to give back to Walsh University. To learn more about how, contact Sharon Sirpilla, Director of Major Gifts, at ssirpilla@walsh.edu or call (330) 244-4746.

History of the Nursing Program at Walsh University

Early 1980s

Mercy School of Nursing Diploma program shifts most core science classes to Walsh College.

1981

Director hired to develop an Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program at Walsh College. Program approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.

1982

The first 72 students were admitted into the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree program.



1984

First ADN class of 40 students graduates from Walsh College. Their pass rate for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses was 98 percent.

1985

National League for Nursing initial accreditation was granted for the ADN program.

1986

First graduating class from the RN-BSN program.

1990

National League for Nursing accreditation was granted for the RN-BSN program.

1999

First class admitted to the new four-year pre-licensure Bachelor Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

2001

Last ADN class graduates. During its existence nearly 700 total graduates in the program had an average of 96 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses for first time candidates.

2003

First class in new BSN pre-licensure program graduated. The BSN program is accredited with two options: pre-licensure option and RN-BSN option.

2007

Facilities are expanded with additional offices/classrooms, virtual reality classrooms, simulation lab, expanded computer lab, state-of-the art classroom and virtual reality room This room hosts high tech learning aids including interactive mannequins. The innovative lab functions as a real-world training experience using hospital beds and equipment, ICU room, and a private practice room for one-on-one study and instruction.

2010

First group of nursing students traveled to Tanzania for a study abroad program.



2011

International nursing honor society Sigma Theta Tau charter is established at Walsh University.

2011

- New graduate programs offered: Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP).
- First group of graduate nursing students traveled to Summer School Utrecht in Holland for a study abroad program.

2013

- First graduates of the MSN and DNP programs.
- The nursing school is named The Gary and Linda Byers School of Nursing.



The Byers School of Nursing

Current Programs Offered

Nursing Pre-Licensure – BSN

Registered Nurse to BSN

Registered Nurse to MSN

Accelerated BSN

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN)

Clinical Nurse Leader (MSN)

Nurse Educator (MSN)

Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP)

For more information about Walsh’s nursing programs, call 330.490.7172.

James B. Renacci

GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Inspiring the Next Generation of Public Servants

Congressman James Renacci knows the personal satisfaction of a life of servant leadership. “It truly is about giving back,” Renacci said. Reflecting on his own three-decade progression from a non-politically aware young man, to serving on local boards and commissions, to his current position as the Congressman from the 16th District of Ohio, he knows “it’s time to introduce the next generation of young Americans to giving back through government service.” To achieve that goal, Congressman Renacci has endowed the Renacci Government Scholars Program at Walsh University.

This endowed scholarship and leadership program provides unique opportunities and experiences for Walsh University Government and Foreign Affairs students. Through scholarships and internships, students are provided greater access to learn how the U.S. government makes and carries out policy, how various government agencies work together and how public officials serve and communicate with their constituents. “I want students to have enhanced experiences and greater

opportunities to understand U.S. government and community service,” said Congressman Renacci, adding, “and this program is also congruent with the Walsh University mission to educate students to become leaders in service to others.”

government is really a part of your life and it is there to help you. You don’t have to run for president. Serve locally, like I did. Congressman Renacci has served as a volunteer firefighter, city planning commissioner, board of zoning appeals member, city councilman and mayor of Wadsworth, Ohio.

As the first person in his family to graduate from college, Renacci deeply values education. “The chance for me to provide scholarship funding is especially important because I have never forgotten how hard I worked to pay for my education,” he said. Renacci, who is currently serving his second term representing the 16th District of

Ohio, says he identifies deeply with the mission of the University. “I am very fond of Walsh. After I was elected to Congress, I had my very first town hall meeting at Walsh in 2011. I appreciate how Walsh, my Catholic faith and the mission of the University all tie together,” he said.

Dr. Koop Berry, professor of Government and Foreign Affairs, worked with Congressman



Above: Congressman James Renacci, 16th District of Ohio, with Renacci Government Scholars Dan Widder and Dylan Michel

“I want to inspire the next generation of young Americans to be politically aware and to serve their neighbors,” said Congressman Renacci. “I was not involved in politics until after I had married and had a family, but this generation needs to learn early on about what goes on in Washington, D.C.,” he said. “Students need to know they can get involved – understanding that

Renacci to create the program for Walsh students. “The Renacci Government Scholars Program highlights both the nobility and the satisfaction of public service. It brings attention to the fact that the issues that need addressing, either through service to the public or public policy decision making, impact society as a whole. We need many voices and experiences creating policy and serving the public,” she said. The Renacci Government Scholars Program consists of three parts: scholarships and internships, a speaker series and a conference, and the Washington Experience trip.

Scholarships & Internships

Through the generosity of Congressman Renacci, two outstanding students each year will be given funding to be used for a Washington, D.C.-based governmental internship or to help underwrite their education. To qualify for consideration for either internship or scholarship funding, full-time students with leadership potential must excel academically and hold a 3.0 or above grade point average. They must be either an International Relations or Government and Foreign Affairs major and be committed to government and public service.

The 2013 – 14 Renacci Government Scholars are Dan Widder and Dylan Michel. The scholarship funds for Widder, an International Relations major, will enable him to have an internship in Washington, D.C. Widder will work for SAPAC, (Sindhi American Political Action Committee), a human rights organization that seeks to stop the persecution of the Sindhi peoples of Pakistan. “This is exciting, I know my internship will help me develop new skills and strengthen my understanding of how the United States interacts with the international community. After graduation, I want to work for the Peace Corps or USAID. I am incredibly grateful for Congressman Renacci’s generosity because this scholarship makes it possible for me to intern in D.C, which might lead to a career in U.S. foreign policy,” Widder said.

Government and Foreign Affairs major and Business minor Dylan Michel, who presented a paper on the fourth wave of democratization at the spring 2013 All Politics is Local Conference and a paper on the causation of democracy at the 2012 conference, will use his scholarship funds to reduce his full-time work hours. “This is a way for Congressman Renacci to show that he cares about my generation. His interest lies with serving all his constituents and their happiness. For me this gift relieves some of the financial stress all college students feel and allows me to focus more on academics,” Michel said.

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Speakers Series and Conference

As part of the program, Walsh will host a series of community speakers devoted to political topics. The program will be free and open to the public. In addition, the All Politics is Local Conference is held each spring, an event that attracts attendees from more than 35 universities across the country. “We have attendees from as far away as Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New York, with representation from large universities like Ohio State to smaller independent colleges,” said the conference’s founder, Dr. Berry. The conference offers students an opportunity to present original papers in all areas of the political science and international relations disciplines. It also provides informational sessions that address student-centered topics such as what to expect in graduate or law school. Sessions are hosted by students currently attending graduate or law programs.

The Washington Experience

The third part of the Renacci Government Scholars Program is the annual Walsh Experience trip to Washington, D.C. Thirty students are selected to travel to the nation’s capitol to meet with ambassadors, congressional leaders and various agency officials. The students can see first-hand the processes of government and tour places of significance such as the Capitol, the International Monetary Fund, Arlington Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum and embassies. The experience also includes a twilight tour of the Washington Mall and a networking reception with Walsh alumni who work in government and foreign affairs.

The Majors

The Government and Foreign Affairs and International Relations majors have produced hundreds of highly successful alumni around the globe in fields such as law, local, state, and national government, homeland security, international affairs, and many more. Students produce a bi-monthly student newspaper, *The Politicorum*, which focuses on political issues. Students in these majors score in the top 27 percent of all political science majors who have taken the ACAT national exit exam, which assesses student learning outcomes in a major field.



Above: Congressman James Renacci with Walsh students at the Capitol

A Journey of Faith

THE PRESIDENT'S PILGRIMAGE PROVES TO BE A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS.

The warmth of God's love was all around us. Those are the words sophomore Molly Brown used to describe her life-changing experience this past summer when 16 Walsh students embarked on a two-week pilgrimage to Paris, Lourdes, Rome and Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The students were accompanied by President Richard Jusseume; his wife, Terie; Rev. David Durkee of Queen of Heaven Parish; Campus Minister and Coordinator of Student Outreach, Mary Niedenthal; and other Walsh faculty and staff. During the trip, they visited several devotional sites and also had the opportunity to attend the Pentecost Mass with Pope Francis and 250,000 other Catholics from around the world.

The President's Pilgrimage has grown since the first group of students went in 2006. This year was the largest group yet. In fact, student interest exceeded capacity. Terie Jusseume, who created the annual pilgrimage at Walsh, credits the growth to the word-of-mouth marketing promotion from past participants. "Each year the kids tell the others they have to go," she said.

"Going on the pilgrimage helps students to stop and reflect on their relationships with God, family, friends and the world, and gives them a deeper appreciation for the gift of faith and other cultures," Niedenthal

explained. "The pilgrimage experience is so transformative - our students come home and view their world through a much different lens."

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The pilgrimage combines the benefits of studying abroad with a unique focus on the Catholic faith. Group members stay in the home of one of the visionaries who sees the Blessed Mother. During the trip, they visit sites such as the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and the Incorruptible Bodies of the Saints. Participants also spend time with visionaries who talked about their ongoing relationship with God.

"These people were so grateful for their priest and the Mass. They had to suffer for their faith," Terie Jusseume said. "It made my faith seem so much more precious to me."

In addition, students attended Mass at historic churches such as Notre Dame and St. Peter's Basilica. For sophomore Zak Tepus, it was comforting to experience that the Mass doesn't change, regardless of what language is used.

"It's definitely the best experience of my life," Tepus said, adding that the trip brought

new focus to his life's purpose. "You can really dig into what you should be doing, what's really important."

It is a memorable and life-changing experience for the students, regardless of their faith. In fact, for Tyler Cosma, the pilgrimage was one of the final impetuses in his decision to convert to Catholicism. Cosma begins the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) this fall. Over the past year Cosma had been considering conversion to the Catholic faith and found immense peace in praying the rosary. "I wanted to do some more searching,"

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Cosma explained. "When we arrived in Lourdes, something clicked and it all began to make sense. I was finally able to understand why Catholics have such a deep devotion to Mary."

"I would recommend this trip to anyone," Brown said. "I am so thankful that I took this great opportunity to study abroad and grow in my faith, make friendships that will last a lifetime and gain knowledge about the history of our Catholic beliefs."

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Walsh University

Formally Joins the NCAA – Division II



The competition has just gotten more challenging but Walsh athletes are ready for it. After a rigorous three-year application process, Walsh University has been admitted to the NCAA as a Division II institution.

“This process has been rigorous, but it has moved us to be a better athletic program on every front,” said Athletic Director Dale Howard.

Football Coach Ted Karras agrees. “This is tremendous for Walsh. The NCAA is a brand icon and everyone knows it. This is a step up in status and level of competition,” he said.

Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume said. “This is a very good progression for our program. Being in the NCAA will provide a greater exposure for Walsh on the national stage which gives visibility not just to our athletes but to all of our excellent academic programs.”

There are many advantages to being an NCAA-affiliated university. This new status enables Walsh to attract student athletes from a greater geographic area, permits the allocation of increased scholarship opportunities, and increases the level of competition. Volleyball Coach Erin Foster was enthusiastic when she heard the announcement. “This is so exciting. We are a school to watch because we have great people in lead roles and excellent facilities. NCAA membership will only increase our visibility. It will carry the Walsh name all throughout the Midwest. I expect to pull recruits now from Kentucky, Illinois, and Pennsylvania too.”

Men’s Baseball Coach Tim Mead ’81 was with his players at a tournament in Columbus, Ohio, when he heard the news. Mead received a text from Athletic Director Dale Howard that the

acceptance had been finalized. “I wanted to stop the game and yell ‘We’re in,’” he said enthusiastically. Mead has already benefited from the positive impact of joining the NCAA. “The NCAA has created interest in Walsh athletics beyond the state of Ohio. From a recruiting perspective we are seeing interest from athletes in Michigan and Pennsylvania, and we just signed a player from Florida.”

As part of the NCAA, the Walsh University Cavaliers will compete in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). The 16-team GLIAC is one of the largest NCAA divisions and is subdivided into north and south divisions. It is considered to be

one of the most competitive and robust conferences in athletics. Women’s Basketball Coach Maria Marchesano knows this change will further improve the Walsh athletic program as a whole. “In Division II the GLIAC is as good as it gets - intense competition. This is very prestigious and a huge step for our athletics,” she said.

“Many people worked very hard for three years to make this transition a reality,”

said Howard. I want to thank everyone who was a part of this process. President Jusseaume and the Board of Directors had a vision and were unwavering in their support of this goal. I certainly have to recognize Jackie Novack, Faculty Athletic Representative and Chair of the Compliance Committee, for her leadership and for the great work of the committee; and Ellen Kutz, Director of Compliance, and her team also deserve recognition for their hard work too.”

NCAA Benefits Athletes in Several Ways

Dr. Corry Appline ’84 is Walsh’s all-time leading scorer (2,081 total points) in basketball and Walsh’s first first-team All-American and the ’93 Small College Player of the Year. He notes the rigor of the GLIAC will incentivize athletes. “Athletes always want to compete

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Athletic Director Dale Howard

at the highest levels. We always believed we were good enough to play in this division and now it is ‘game on’ time. We will compete to get that ‘W,’” he said. “Walsh has tremendous student-athletes and now we can showcase their academics too.” Appline emphasized that the increased academic rigor of the NCAA will result in attracting even better student-athletes.

The NCAA research indicates there are several reasons Division II is holistically beneficial for athletes. First, Division II student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than overall student populations at Division II institutions. Second, there are increased scholarship opportunities. Third, there is a regional-focused emphasis on scheduling teams that allows for schools to prioritize scheduling of regional opponents so as to limit missed class time and manage travel expenses.

An additional benefit of NCAA Division II membership is the NCAA Life in the Balance program. This program provides a framework to support student-athletes through a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. “The Life in the

Balance program supports our athletes in all areas of their collegiate experience: mind, body, and spirit,” said Howard. It provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, participating in high level athletic competition and the development of positive societal attitudes in community service. This program parallels the mission of Walsh University to educate its students to become leaders in service to others though values-based education.

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Football Coach Ted Karras

“I wish I had the opportunity as a student to have played in Division II. Now on the basketball coaching staff, my Cavs must understand that every team in Division II is consistently a higher level of competition. Playing in this league makes better players. Every team is good but you must come ready to play each game in top form.”

Jeremy Shardo '11, Basketball

“For me, being in the NCAA Division II means I will put even more effort in and work even harder. I know we can compete, and be good, on this level for sure.”

Alex Tanksley, Junior, Football

“I was a student-athlete back in the Walsh ‘College’ days. I am truly thankful that Walsh gave me the opportunity to compete in sports after high school. I know that my athletic experience opened many doors for me. I am really excited for the current and future Walsh University student-athletes to experience college athletics in the NCAA Division II. I can only imagine how many doors it will open for them.”

Jackie Novak '88, Track and Field



“This absolutely influenced my decision to come to Walsh. I want to play in the NCAA Division II GLIAC because of the level of competition. We have a great program, this is a good school and this makes us even better.”

Deven Gray, Freshman, Football

“I am extremely excited that we are NCAA Division II. The competition is definitely going to be tougher, but that means it will make our team work harder and practice more. I also think that it is going to focus more people on Walsh and a lot more people will know who we are.”

Jenny Tsangeos, Junior, Golf

“Moving up to NCAA Division II competition, especially in the GLIAC, where any team can win on any given day, is a great step up. Being around athletes of that caliber and being in the NCAA will take our athleticism to the next level.”

Brook Clark, Freshman, Baseball

“Honestly, being able to play NCAA Division II Lacrosse is a dream come true. I've always had a competitive nature being an athlete throughout my childhood and high school and playing a college sport, but NCAA is a totally different level of commitment and competition. I am ready.”

Lauren Griswold, Senior, Lacrosse

“This will have a good impact. There is a lot of prestige in being in the NCAA, and I think it will propel us and give us long-term opportunities, like bringing higher caliber student athletes to Walsh.”

Ben Biery '00, Baseball



“This is a huge step for Walsh University. Not only does the level of competition increase, but it will help with all kinds of student recruitment. We can show off our new majors, the beautiful campus, and the whole great Walsh package to a new audience.”

Joe Eaton '70, Basketball

TEAMS IN THE GLIAC

UNIVERSITY	TEAM NAME	FOUNDED	STUDENTS	LOCATION
Ashland University	Eagles	1878	6,900	Ashland, OH
Ferris State University	Bulldogs	1884	14,560	Big Rapids, MI
University of Findlay	Oliers	1882	4,400	Findlay, OH
Grand Valley State University	Lakers	1960	23,464	Allendale, MI
Hillsdale College	Chargers	1844	1,200	Hillsdale, MI
Lake Erie College	Storm	1856	1,300	Painesville, OH
Lake Superior State	Lakers	1946	3,100	Sault Ste. Marie, MI
Malone University	Pioneers	1892	2,440	Canton, OH
Michigan Technical University	Huskies	1885	7,132	Houghton, MI
Northern Michigan University	Wildcats	1899	9,400	Marquette, MI
Northwood University	Timberwolves	1959	1,900	Midland, MI
Ohio Dominican	Panthers	1911	3,000	Columbus, OH
Saginaw Valley State University	Cardinals	1963	10,124	University Center, MI
Tiffin University	Dragons	1888	4,000	Tiffin, OH
Walsh University	Cavaliers	1960	2,982	North Canton, OH
Wayne State University	Warriors	1868	29,046	Detroit, MI

Men's Basketball



vs.



Sunday November 3

4:00 p.m. | Schottenstein Center Columbus

\$10/ticket



For tickets e-mail alumni@walsh.edu



From Walsh to the White House:

George Selim '02

Walsh George Selim Enhancing our National Security while Protecting Civil Liberties

As far back as he can remember, George Selim wanted to work for the federal government. “Working in Washington, D.C. is not so much a job – for me it’s a calling,” said Selim ’02. Currently, he is the Director for Community Partnerships for the National Security Council at the White House. In this position, he leads interagency teams and directs policy priorities to develop federal partnerships with other governments, international partners, foundations and non-governmental organizations to support a range of national security initiatives. Selim’s efforts have resulted in national policies and programs to counter violent extremism in the U.S., building community resilience against transnational gangs and enhancing partnerships with new American communities to support national security at home and abroad. “My work supports the ideals and principles the U.S. stands for – the Ellis Island kinds of things. It reflects a nation of inclusion that takes in anyone regardless of race, color and religion,” he said.

Selim has been recognized for the impact of his service. He was selected as the Federal Player of the Week by the *Washington Post*, has been awarded the Department of Homeland Security Secretary’s Award for

Excellence and was presented with the Department of Justice’s Meritorious Service Award.

A first-generation American, Selim’s Egyptian parents came to the United States in 1971 from Cairo, Egypt. “They still live in the same home they bought in Cleveland where I grew up,” he said. “I look at what my family was able to achieve in Ohio along with other immigrants from across the world who call America home, and I more fully appreciate that the American rights of freedom of speech, press and assembly are not universal. These rights and liberties are what make our country great, and I want a personal role in defending them.”

Selim, a sociology and criminal justice major at Walsh University, was in his last semester on campus on September 11, 2001. “I remember shortly after the attacks going into the auditorium to hear Professor Ezzie speak. He gave a presentation on Bin Laden and Al Qaeda and a brief introduction into terrorism,” Selim said. “I also distinctly remember that the first post 9-11 backlash hate crime occurred against a non-Arab and non-Muslim. A Sikh American in Arizona was shot and killed. He had no connection to terrorism whatsoever, but rather was the victim of a horrible hate crime.”

“Working in Washington, D.C. is not so much a job – for me it’s a calling.” *George Selim*

That injustice stayed with Selim and further influenced his desire to serve in government. “I feel very strongly about our government’s obligation to protect the rights and liberties of ethnic and religious minorities. It’s what sets us apart and makes the Constitution a living document.”

Since graduating from Walsh, Selim has worked hard to promote understanding and mutual respect between various cultures. “It’s the uniquely American concept of the

“We might be from many different places, but we are united as a nation.” *George Selim*

melting pot and *E Pluribus Unum*: “Out of Many, One,” which appears on the seal of the United States. We might be from many different places, but we are united as a nation,” Selim says.

Selim began his career as an intern at the office of INTERPOL at the Justice Department. “I started just a few months after 9-11. It was a very formative time for me. The Attorney General was John Ashcroft.



I was like a sponge – I took it all in and absorbed it.”

Over the next few years, Selim worked in community relations for the Arab American Institute (AAI). He served as a liaison to the FBI, Department of State, Justice Department and many state and local law enforcement agencies. In 2005, he accepted a promotion to work for the new and still forming Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Selim worked at DHS headquarters in the Office for Civil Rights and Liberties on issues that he was personally invested in. Only four years after graduation, Selim became a senior policy advisor continuing his public policy work with American Arab, Muslim, Sikh and South Asian communities, and often briefed the Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff.

In January 2012, Selim was selected for his current position as the first Director for Community Partnerships on the White House National Security Staff. “Serving alongside the best and brightest in our government is a humbling experience that

pushes everyone in this building to meet today’s national security challenges head on,” he said.

As an alum in Washington, D.C. Selim meets with Walsh Government and Foreign Affairs students on their annual Washington Experience trip, part of the Renacci Government Scholars Program.

“I can easily relate to today’s Walsh undergrad that has little if any idea of what the role

“The essence of Walsh is to develop well-rounded leaders and cultivate service to both community and country, and in my case it seems to have worked so far.”

George Selim

and function of the federal government actually is because it was the same for me” he said.

To today’s junior and seniors at Walsh Selim says “Take life after college seriously and work hard during winter and summer breaks to develop meaningful relationships with working professionals.”

Selim emphasizes that the face of government is changing and that “there is room for all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds because the expectation is that the federal government should reflect the nation it serves.” He strongly advocates for college students to pursue careers in public service. “The time for leadership is now, and young college graduates shouldn’t be afraid to step up and put themselves forward” he said.

On the role of how Walsh values and principles played into his current career, Selim says that “the essence of Walsh is to develop well-rounded leaders and cultivate service to both community and country, and in my case it seems to have worked so far.”

Marriages

2003

John Vaught married **Amber Mueser** on June 29, 2013. The couple resides in Canton, Ohio.

2004

Erica Corcoran married **Joe Peters** on August 18, 2012, at St. Mary's Church in Dayton, Ohio. Erica will finish her five years of residency in General Surgery with the Wright State University program in June. This summer Erica will be starting her new position as a general surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. She and her husband, Joe, reside in Dayton, Ohio. ①

2004

Brian Wilkinson married **Rachel** on April 13, 2012. Brian is now a loan processor at Chase Manhattan. The couple is expecting their first child on June 27, 2013. Brian and Rachel reside in Lakewood, Ohio.

2005

Justin Crowl married **Crystal** on March 24, 2012. Justin recently accepted an assistant professor position, beginning Fall 2013, in the Criminal Justice Administration program at Mansfield University.



2005

Brian Uline married **Shayla Walker** on April 3, 2012, at Caesar's Palace Venus Garden in Las Vegas, Nevada. Brian and his wife reside in Lubbock, Texas. ②

2007

Elizabeth Smith married **Christopher Ciriello** on June 8, 2013.

2008

Carla Piazza married **Kurt Himmelwright** on June 1, 2013. The couple resides in Middletown, Ohio.

2009

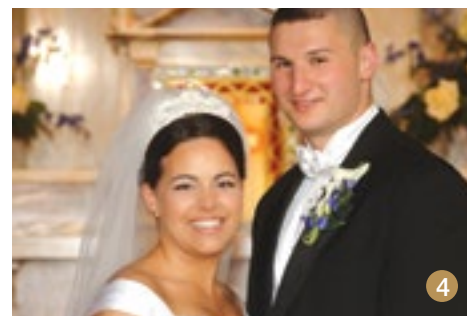
Julie Figler married **Douglas Moneypenny** on September 29, 2012. Douglas and Julie dated over 20 years ago and reconnected in early 2012. The couple resides in Louisville, Ohio.

2010

Aaron Forte married **Ashley Dilbeck** on April 20, 2013. The couple resides in Uniontown, Ohio. ③

2010

Sarah Miller married **Aaron Joseph Schumacher** on August 3, 2012. Sarah works at Westfield Group at the IT Employee Help Desk. The couple resides in Canton, Ohio.



2012

Jennifer Bauer married **Justin Williams** on September 15, 2012. The couple resides in Parma, Ohio.

2012

Andria Gascon married **Brandon Kidder** on July 14, 2012. The couple resides in Malvern, Ohio.

2013

Mariette Piermarini married **Joseph Vitti** on June 29, 2013. The couple resides in Three Bridges, New Jersey. ④

Birth Announcements

1994

Charles Woody and wife **Tara** announce the birth of their first child, **Molly Elizabeth** born on May 2, 2013.

1998

Paul Jacob and his wife **Leah Jacob** announce the birth of their second child, **Ian Conner Jacob** born on April 3, 2013. Paul will be completing an Orthopedic Surgery Fellowship in Adult Reconstruction at the Cleveland Clinic. He is joining a private practice in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 2014.

2001

Janet (Grabe) Martin and her husband **Robb** welcomed the birth of their second child, **Owen Nicholas**, on January 4, 2013. Owen was 6 lbs 15 oz, 19.5 inches. Owen joins his older brother **Noah**, who is 4 years old. The family resides in Avon, Ohio. ①

2001

Michael Koluch and wife **Amanda** welcomed their daughter **Mila Lee** on July 27, 2013. Mila joins her big brother **Cooper** in the Koluch family. The family resides in Canton, Ohio.

2003

Dawn (Goodman) Green and her husband **Steve** welcomed their first child **Lincoln Andrew** on August 25, 2012. The family resides in Westerville, Ohio. ②



2007

Joseph Gardner and wife **Julianne (Boyne) Gardner** welcomed the birth of their first child, **Anthony Joseph Gardner** on February 5, 2013. Joseph is also the new financial reporting analyst at Third Federal. The family resides in Strongsville, Ohio.

2008

Stephanie Varney and husband **Timothy** welcomed their daughter **Izabella** on December 4, 2012. The family resides in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

2009

Joseph Gallina and wife **Gina** welcome their daughter, **Emily Rae**, on July 6, 2013. Emily Rae was born at 1:28 a.m. and was 7 lbs. 2 oz. and 19 inches long. Joe is an accountant for Fresh Mark. The family resides in Massillon, Ohio. ③

2010

Jennifer Hartman would like to announce the birth of her daughter **Isabella Hartman**. Isabella was born on May 8, 2012. Jennifer and her daughter reside in Boardman, Ohio.

2011

Carrie (Woodring) Shannon and husband **Joseph Shannon** welcomed the birth of their first child, **Emmalee Shannon** on July 17, 2012. Emmalee was 6 lbs. 12 oz. The family resides in Tallmadge, Ohio.

In Memoriam

1965

Robert A. Selig, age 70, passed away March 14. Robert retired after a 30 year career as a math teacher, most of which was at Pfeiffer Middle School. He served as a Captain in the Army National Guard.

1965

Thomas W. Simon, age 77, of Bolivar, Ohio, died June 1, 2013, in his home. He was a 1953 graduate of Canton McKinley High School, a graduate of Walsh College and a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. Thomas retired from the City of Canton.

1966

Kenneth Hoover, age 70, passed away on July 7, 2013 in Aultman Hospital. Kenneth taught 2nd and 3rd grade in the Canton City Schools for 37 years at Daniel Worley Elementary, retiring in 2005. Following his retirement, he was a substitute teacher at Northwest and Tuslaw Local Schools for the last five years. Ken enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, gardening, and refinishing furniture.

1967

Nicholas G. Pallotta, age 70, passed away June 19, 2013. Nick retired from the Canton Jewish Community Center after 45 years as Athletic Director. He was a coach, mentor and teacher to thousands of children, including six grandchildren. Nick's greatest joy was in the stands watching his grandchildren.

1970

Michael Kane, age 65, died April 24 after a long illness. He was a life resident of Canton, Ohio. Michael was on the basketball team and was the captain of the tennis team during his attendance at Walsh. He retired from Luk Inc. in Wooster. Michael was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Massillon and was a Vietnam War Navy veteran.

1971

Paul Winberry Sr., age 67, died on July 22, 2013, after fighting a hard battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Paul worked in Jersey City and New York City for 38 years in human resources, most recently for TD Bank. He retired in 2009, and, while he wasn't able to enjoy too much of his retirement before his illness, he liked to golf, bike, and spend time with his family.

1987

Bridgette (Dunne) Mapp, age 48, passed away peacefully at her home in Penn, England, on June 26, 2013, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Bridgette moved to England with her husband **Richard Mapp '87** in 1993, where they were blessed with three wonderful children. She loved her life in England and especially enjoyed walking in the nearby woods with her golden retriever, Hector.

1988

Brian Frederick Gilchrist, was called home on July 14, 2013. Brian was a visual merchandiser and interior designer. He was a beautiful and loving son, husband and father who devoted his life to making every moment count. He lived each day with a positive outlook and treated everyone in his life with love and respect, setting an example for all to follow. He battled his cancer with an amazing amount of strength, courage, dignity, grace, and his Catholic faith to which he was so devoted. Brian's radiant light will shine forever for all who knew and loved him so dearly.

2002

Janis Ann (Mihelick) Wagner, age 56, passed away unexpectedly on June 16, 2013. Janis was a member of Bethel Church and most recently was a counselor with Building Blocks Counseling Center. She was survived by her husband, **Mark Wagner '96**.

Class Notes

1967

President Richard Jusseume greets former classmate **Paul Levesque '64** outside his home in Mt. Clemens, MI, during his summer travels. Levesque is a retired teacher.



1973

Reverend Hugo Blotsky, OSB, is celebrating his 25th Jubilee of Ordination into the priesthood. Fr. Hugo has served as pastor of St. Francis Church in Thermopolis, WY,

since 2007. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Hot Springs County Counseling Center for over four years and as president of the Ministerial Association for nearly five years. In April and May of 2013, he attended a monastic and theological studies program at Sant Anselmo Pontifical University in Rome.

1984

Nancy (Anderson) Judge retired after 23 years of teaching at Sandhill Elementary School. Nancy and her husband reside in, Winter Haven, Florida.



1984

Nora Hennessy was with Ohio State Senator **Mike Skindell (1983)** and ED Schultz from MSNBC "The Ed Show" at the 2013 Inauguration in Washington, D.C.

1985

Virginia (Waitkus) Heffner was one of five new members that were enshrined into Blue Streak immortality when she was inducted into the Magnificat High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2013. Virginia was a three-sport athlete at Magnificat, participating in volleyball, basketball and softball. For her accomplishments in softball, she was awarded Most Improved League All-Star, the Leader of the Year Award and was named High School All-American in 1979. She was also named a Volleyball League All-Star her senior year of high school. Virginia continued to play volleyball, basketball, and softball at Walsh. She has spent many years coaching a variety of sports at both the youth and high school level.

1985

Charles Sakotas is now the assistant operations controller at the Timken Company. He resides in, Canton, Ohio.

1986

Jill Schleibaum now works in Marketing at Meritor. She resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.



1987

Lee Sahadi, Human Resources Director for Akron General Health System, was honored by the Women's Network of Northeast Ohio with

the 2013 Woman of Achievement Award. This prestigious award honors women who make a difference in their community. Lee was recognized for her commitment to and advocacy for non-profit and service organizations in Akron. She is among four women who have received this honor. Lee resides in North Canton with her husband Michael and two sons.

1988

Christine Milcetic has been named as one of the key committee chairs by The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival department of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Christine has been a long-time member of the Race Committee and is in her second year as chair. She also volunteers for the Security and Logistics Committee.

1989

Darryl Gulling is now the human resource specialist at Defense Supply Center Columbus. He resides in, Lancaster, Ohio.

1991

Elliott DeVan now works at Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority as an auditor. He resides in Canton, Ohio.

1991

Deborah (Fenn) Haren now works for Summa Rehab Hospital as an RN case manager. She and her husband reside in North Canton, Ohio.



1991

Brenda Sponsler has re-joined Lower Keys Medical Center as its new Chief Nurse Executive (CNE). Brenda has been in health care for 25 years

and is going back to Key West from Bartow Regional Medical Center where she was its CNE. She has been employed by Health Management since 1999.

1991

Kathy (Neisel) Strobel now works in customer service at Your Old Time Hardware.



1992

Sheree (Parrot) Niece and her husband Dr. Rick Niece, former Interim President at Walsh, recently retired as first lady and president at the University of the Ozarks after 16 years. They are happily retired in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, where Sheree is serving as the Moderator of the Presbytery of Arkansas, and Rick continues to write books in his Fanfare for a Hometown Series.

1992

Christopher E. Remark was appointed to be Aultman Health Foundation's chief executive. Christopher has been an executive with the Canton area health system since

1997, when he joined Aultman as a financial analyst. His previous roles at Aultman Hospital included chief financial officer, vice president of strategy, project consultant, and associate vice president. Christopher and his family reside in Lake Township, Ohio.

1995

Paula Graef now works at AETNA as a registered nurse case worker. She resides in Uniontown, Ohio.



1995

Rebecca Vilsack serves as Director of Information Technology Financial and Supply Chain Systems at the University of Central Florida, the nation's largest university

with nearly 60,000 students. Becky has been with UCF for 11 years and currently serves on the boards of three organizations that support Oracle software users: the Quest International Users Group, the Florida Regional Users Group and the Oracle PeopleSoft Applications Unlimited Customer Advisory Board. Due to her position on the Quest board, she was invited to join Oracle decision makers and business leaders from around the world at the 2013 International Oracle User Community Summit. In recent years Becky has been a frequent presenter, panel member and committee chair at conferences such as Oracle OpenWorld, Collaborate, Alliance, and Reconnect.



1996

Rick Palagyi completed Federal Law Enforcement Training in Brunswick, Georgia, and Spanish Language immersion training in South Carolina. Rick is

currently stationed in El Paso, Texas, as a Customs and Border Protection Officer. He and his wife, Danielle, are the parents of Christine and Drew and reside in Wadsworth, Ohio.

1997

Jasper Diego is now the manager of Petronas. He resides in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

1997

Martha Sanger and her husband Mike will be welcoming their eighth and ninth exchange daughters into their home in North Lewisburg, Ohio. The couple participates in an intercultural youth exchange program called Youth for Understanding. It is a one-year program for international high school students to live with host families and attend American high schools. Martha and Mike have had four German daughters, three Danish daughters and one daughter each from Chile and Finland. The couple has had the opportunity to travel to Europe last summer to visit six of the families. Martha and Mike have two children, Aaron and Mickayla, who have enjoyed the cultural aspects of hosting. The family has been hosting since August of 2008.

1998

Brent Connor is the new Assistant Principal at Byck Elementary School part of Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, Kentucky. Brent taught social studies at Kammerer Middle School the previous seven years.

1998

William Gannet is now the vice president of operations at Diebold. He resides in West Dundee, Illinois.

1999

Kevin Bille is leaving his position as Notre Dame College men's basketball coach to become the boys' basketball coach and athletic director at Fairless High School. Kevin spent 10 years at Notre Dame and led the program through its transition from the NAIA to NCAA Division II. He inherited a team that had a combined record of 9-49 in its first two seasons and led the Falcons to a pair of American Midwest Conference North Division titles and postseason berths. While looking forward to returning to Fairless, Kevin will always be grateful to the college that gave him his first head coaching job.

1999

Karen Byron works for Mason Law Office as an office manager. Karen and her husband John reside in Tallmadge, Ohio.

2000

Dan Gravo stepped down from his role as Director of Alumni Relations at Walsh after accepting a position as the Director of Fundraising at the Early Childhood Resource Center in Canton. Dan was with Walsh for 17 years, spending six in the alumni office and 11 in athletics.



2000

Jeffrey L. Miller, after having spent his 14-year career as an educator with Green Local Schools, has been chosen as Green School District's next superintendent. Jeffrey, his wife Jenni and their three sons will be residing in Green, Ohio.

2000

Craig B. Sisak was elected to Tallmadge City Council Ward 1, vacated by the previous official, in a 4-2 vote by current council members. Craig was sworn in on May 22, 2013. His term expires on December 31, 2014. Craig and his wife Shanna reside in Tallmadge, Ohio.

2001

Jason Pratt works at Williams Toyota Lift as a sales representative. He and his wife Elizabeth (Eaglowski) Pratt reside in Massillon, Ohio.

2001

Marisa Rohn was named to yStark's list of Twenty under 40! She is the vice president of marketing and development at Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio.

2002

Brooke (Binko) DeJulia is an educator at John F. Kennedy School. Brooke and her husband Jeffrey reside in Girard, Ohio.

2002

Sean Flaherty is the football coach at Cuyahoga Falls High School. He resides in Akron, Ohio.

2002

Keith Ginnett is a teacher at Akron Public Schools. He resides in Akron, Ohio.

2002

Benjamin Holt has been hired by Dalton High School as the new boys' basketball coach. Holt comes to Dalton after spending last season as a varsity assistant at Triway High School. Ben and his wife Nina reside in Wooster, Ohio.

2002

Mary Elizabeth (Hupp) Menegay now works at PTC Alliance as a cost analyst. Mary and her husband James reside in Canton, Ohio.

2002

Greg Miller has accepted the Financial Analyst II position with TE Connectivity in Mansfield, Ohio. As part of the Aerospace Defense & Marine (ADM) division of TE Connectivity manufacturing high performance electrical relays and contactors, Greg will be responsible for the financial health, strategic initiatives, and reporting requirements for this complete product life-cycle manufacturing location.

2002

Robert Miller is the bank operations leader at Westfield Bank. He resides in Louisville, Ohio.

2002

Robert Steinberg II was appointed by the Plain Township Trustees as the township's new full-time parks programming director of recreational community outreach.

2002

Danielle (Hetrick) Whitted is the senior operations accountant and inventory control lead at AMRESCO LLC.

2003

Susan Kaku works at Atlanta Falcons Physical Therapy Center as a clinical director and physical therapist. Susan and her husband reside in Atlanta, Georgia.

2004

Michael Koppe works for Osceola County School District as a first grade teacher. He resides in Saint Cloud, Florida.

2004

Alison Prudoff is employed by Kent State as a nurse practitioner. She resides in Akron, Ohio.

2005

Marilyn Kramer works at East Central Ohio Educational Service Center as a gifted coordinator. Marilyn and her husband Daniel reside in Bolivar, Ohio.

2005

Nick Mayle, teacher and football coach at Philippi Middle School, raised \$34,000 to keep sports at the Barbour County School, despite two failed levies. Part of his fundraising activities included walking from Philippi, WV, to Canton's Pro Football Hall of Fame, 200 miles. His commitment kick-started the creation of a nonprofit that will act as a booster club to fund sports in the future.

2006

Stephanie (Zaratsian) Bailey works for Tiles, VCG, as the operations director. Stephanie and her husband Chad Bailey reside in Richardson, Texas.

2007

Kevin Conner recently completed three years of law school in two years at the University of Dayton. He received the Outstanding Student Leadership Award at graduation for serving on the Law Review, The University Hearing Board, as a student ambassador, Chair of Lambda Legal, a member of the Business Law Society, and the Law School Democrats.

2007

Peter Tsafarides is the Clerk of Courts at the City of Canton. He resides in Canton, Ohio.

2009

Drew Daberko is the Director of Nursing at Minerva Eldercare. He resides in Dennison, Ohio.

2009

Natalie Ezzie is the Director of Community Services at DonorPath. She resides in Chicago, Illinois.

2009

Tera Gearhart is a nurse case manager at Aultman Hospital. She resides in Uniontown, Ohio.

2009

Natalie Moore is a teacher at Canton City Schools. She resides in North Canton, Ohio.

2009

Lauren Schaetzle works at Athletico Physical Therapy as a physical therapist. She resides in Chicago, Illinois.

2009

Bernadette Strausbaugh is the Director of Student Activities and Commuter Services at Walsh University. She resides in North Canton, Ohio.

2010

Christie Almasy is the Inbound Customer Care Group Leader at RJ Matthews Company. She resides in Canton, Ohio.

2010

Klarisa Gaskins works at BMW Financial Services as a customer accounts specialist. She resides in Marysville, Ohio.

2010

Anthony Giannetti works for Pepsi Co. as an accountant. He resides in Chicago, Illinois.

2010

Stacy Herring is a business analyst for First Energy. She resides in Kent, Ohio.

2010

Shayna (McDermitt) Inama works at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company as a senior accountant. Shayna and her husband Ryan reside in Akron, Ohio.

2010

Joseph Libster is a physical education and health teacher at Perry Local Schools. He resides in Canton, Ohio.

2010

Barbara Malavite works for Pathway Caring for Children as a therapist. Barbara resides in Magnolia, Ohio.



2010

Crystal McLendon has been named chair of the 2013 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen Committee. Crystal is employed by Nationwide

Insurance as a commercial processing supervisor, and, in addition to her years of service on the Queen Committee, she has previous Enshrinement Festival volunteer experience as a hostess for Hall of Famers during the Enshrinement Ceremony. She and her husband John along with their three children reside in Summit County, Ohio.

2010

Sarah Miller works for American Greetings as an analyst.

2010

Stephanie Naoum is a training specialist at Turning Technologies. She resides in Youngstown, Ohio.

2010

Paula Potter is the Executive Director for Hall Industrial Insulation. She resides in Orrville, Ohio.

2010

Andrew Saris is a chemistry teacher at Madison Local Schools. He resides in Mansfield, Ohio.

2010

John Solvey has been hired by Troyer & Associates accounting firm in Sugarcreek, Ohio, as a staff accountant.

2011

Connie Baker is a registered nurse for Aultman Hospital. She resides in Uniontown, Ohio.

2011

Elizabeth Galloway is a senior manager at Diebold. She resides in Massillon, Ohio.

2011

Brandon Giles works at Aultman Hospital as an athletic trainer. He resides in Canton, Ohio.

2011

Kristin Havens is an RN at Aultman Hospital and will be graduating from Malone University with a master's degree in Family Nurse Practitioner. She resides in Wadsworth, Ohio.

2011

Stacy Ionno is a guidance counselor at Ridgewood Local Schools. She resides in Dover, Ohio.

2011

Tracie Kelly works at Timken as a material manager. She resides in North Canton, Ohio.

2011

Michael Klein works for Allergan as a senior sales representative. He resides in Massillon, Ohio.

2011

Julia Kole has spent the last year working in administration and teaching tennis at Joshua Creek Sports, writing for the Sierra

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

September 19-December 2
First in Higher Education: The College and Career Choices of 13 First Ladies of the United States

Of the 44 Presidencies of the United States, only 13 First Ladies have held college degrees. Through objects, images, and interpretive text, the exhibition explores how each of these remarkable women used her education to pursue a career of her own choosing. This exhibition is a collaborative program of the National First Ladies' Library and the Museum Studies Program at Walsh University.

- Daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Birk Center for the Arts

For details, email kfbrown@walsh.edu

September 23
Facing Fraud Head On: A Fraud & Ethics Symposium

This educational and interactive symposium featuring keynote speaker Weston Smith, former CFO and informant at HealthSouth Corporation, will help you recognize, combat and manage the many faces of fraud in the workplace.

- 4 p.m., Barrette Business and Community Center
- \$125 per person or \$850 for table of 8

For more information and to register: www.fraudmeeting.com

OCTOBER

October 4 – 6
Homecoming Weekend
 See back cover for schedule

October 19
Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon "Music of the Night"
 Presented by the Walsh University Women's Committee

- 10 a.m., Brookside Country Club
- For more information, call [330.490.7111](tel:330.490.7111) or email kkhorey@walsh.edu

October 21 – 23
ICF Institute Global Symposium

October 21
President's Reception/Dinner
(by invitation)
 ICF Top21 Communities of the World Announced

October 22
Symposium

- \$40 per person including lunch
- Design Thinking in Education
- The Chatanooga Re-invention Story
- 21st Century's Best So Far

October 23
ICF Institute International Board Meeting
 Barrette Business and Community Center
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NOVEMBER

November 3
Walsh University vs. OSU
 Basketball Schottenstein Center, Columbus
 For details email alumni@walsh.edu

November 15-17, 21-23
Genesius Players Present "Lost in Yonkers"
 This funny, touching dramatic comedy by Neil Simon won a Pulitzer Prize in 1991.

- Betzler Auditorium; Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
- Free with Walsh ID, \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and younger

For more information, contact mgiffin@walsh.edu

December 6
Chorale Christmas Concert
 A celebration of lessons and carols

- 7 p.m., Cecchini Family Health & Wellness Center

December 8
Christmas on Hoover Farm
 Features holiday décor throughout the Hoover family home, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, live music, refreshments, and Christmas caroling through Hoover Park on horse-drawn wagon.

- 1-4 p.m., Hoover Historical Center

Club Canada Ontario Chapter and teaching tennis for the city of Oakville. She will start her Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Management in September 2013 at the University of Bristol in Bristol, England.

2011
Jennifer Macuga is a kindergarten teacher at Pope County Schools. She resides in Davenport, Florida.

2011
Katie (Eckinger) Miller works for Dalton Local Schools as a teacher. She resides in Wadsworth, Ohio.

2011
Marc Miller works for Marketing Communications Resource Inc. as a sales and marketing consultant.

2011
Tracey Nauer is the Director, Hospice and Palliative Care, at Akron General Visiting Nurse Service. She has been in the nursing field for 17 years and has functioned in a variety of clinical and management positions in long-term care. She previously was Director of Nursing at Rockynol Retirement Community. Tracey also worked as an instructor for the Akron School of Practical Nursing and has served on many advisory boards in the community. She is serving a three-year appointment with the Midwest Care Alliance board of directors and she was chosen for the 2013 class of Torchbearers Akron.

2012
Lisa Baker works for Lisbon Exempted School District as a math teacher. She resides in Lisbon, Ohio.

2012
Samantha Early works at the Department of Veterans Affairs in Cleveland as a physical therapist. She resides in Westlake, Ohio.

2012
Corey Fling works for Psychological & Family Consultants as a mental health counselor. He resides in Barberton, Ohio.

2012
Sarah Gerwin works at Omni Orthopedics as a physical therapist. She resides in North Canton, Ohio.

2012
Lisa Gilbert works for Summa Health System as a quality coordinator. She resides in Wadsworth, Ohio.

2012
Mary A. Jackson is a social studies teacher at Sebring Local Schools. She resides in Alliance, Ohio.

2012
Vincent LaGuardia works for First Energy as a supply chain specialist.

2012
Patrick Mitchell works at Baylor College of Medicine as a research scientist. He resides in Houston, Texas.

2012
Gregory Schwertner is a registered nurse at Akron General Medical Center. He resides in North Canton, Ohio.

2013
John James Kuczynski, DPT, received the American Physical Therapy Association's Mary McMillan Scholarship Award during the APTA Conference & Exposition in Utah in June. John practices in the Sports Medicine Division at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. He is a member of APTA's Research, Health Policy & Administration, and Orthopaedic sections. A member of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA), he received several honors, including the Outstanding Student Physical Therapist Award; the National Student Conclave Scholarship; and in 2011 the State Policy & Payment Forum Student Essay Contest and the Capitol Hill Essay Contest.

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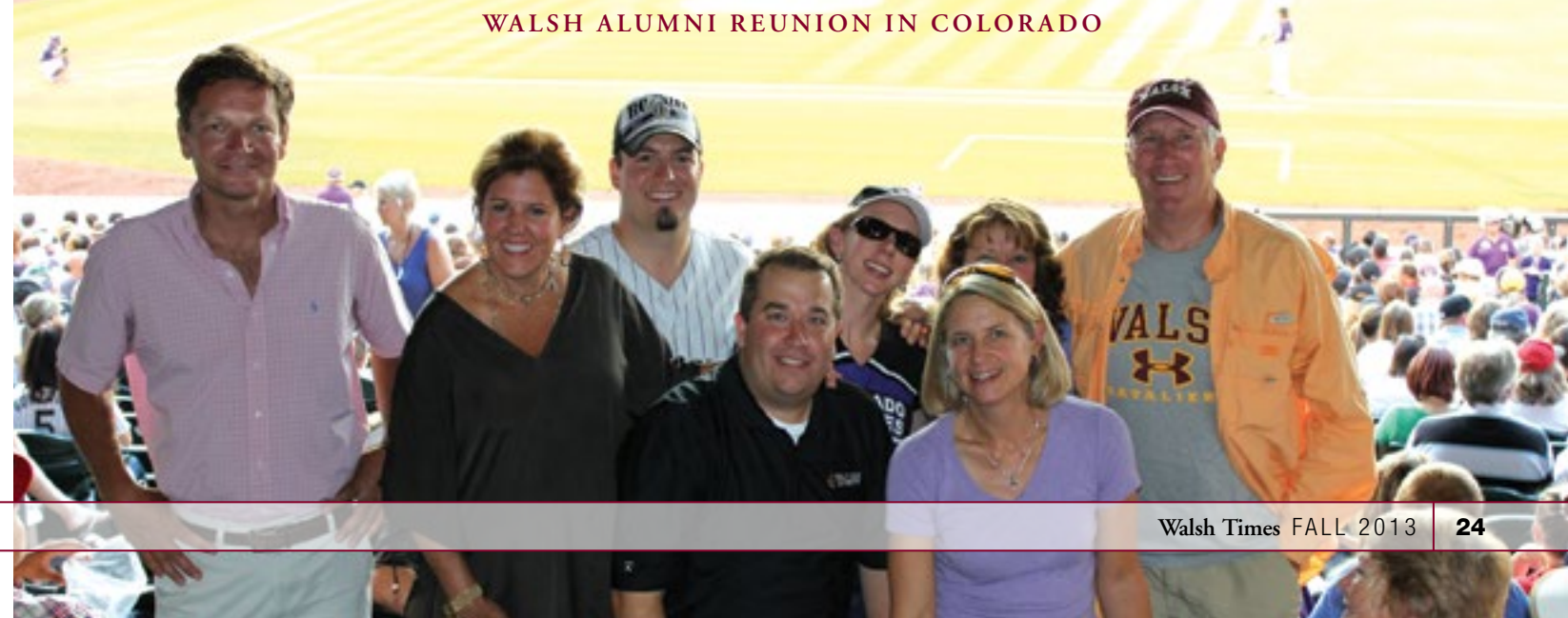
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Homecoming Weekend

OCTOBER 4-6

Friday, October 4

➔ Wall of Fame Dinner

6 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner
Barrette Business and Community Center



Saturday October 5

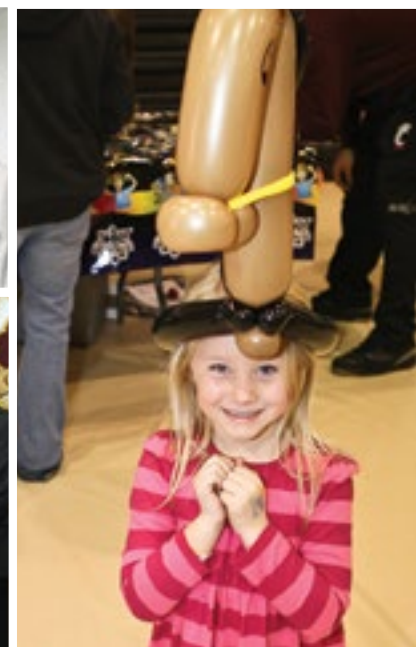
➔ Tailgate

Fawcett Stadium 4 – 6 p.m.
Walsh Cavaliers vs. Ohio Dominican, 6 p.m.



➔ Fall Festival

1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Campus Lawn



Sunday, October 6

➔ Outstanding Alumni Lunch

12:30 p.m.
Barrette Business and Community Center



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