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A young man with short blonde hair, wearing a white robe with a red sash, is carrying a large wooden crucifix on his shoulder. He is looking down and to the right. The background shows a green lawn, trees, and a stone building.

New Year, Renewed
Commitment
to Mission

ALUMNI MAKING AN IMPACT THROUGH SERVANT LEADERSHIP | TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY GO THE DISTANCE

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President's Message

As we begin our 58th year of operations (and my 17th as president), we do so with renewed optimism. Our freshman class and transfer numbers are up several percent. Our "We Believe" Capital Campaign is nearing completion (95%). Our faculty, students, and alumni are achieving superb results in their professions. In particular, our alumni – old and new – are very supportive of the University. Our 54 years of 14,000 graduates help us with their time, their talents, and their resources.

So what's next? Well, there are two strategies that need to be implemented simultaneously. One is succession planning for key employees. Faculty and staff who have labored here for 30, 40, and even 50 years are retiring. People like Professors Bove, Mount, Ling, Sandbrink, Trapani, Ezzie, McCallion and several others are moving into new phases of life. Replacements are being found – each with great talent but new to Walsh and to their own positions. Learning the "job" is important. Learning and living the mission, the culture, and the legacy is critical. That's where the second strategic initiative becomes critical.

My greatest concern is that we have not done enough to sustain our mission and to perpetuate our legacy. They are what give us our "raison d'etre." A major step forward is the new position of Associate Vice President for Mission Implementation. We are blessed to be able to name Miguel Chavez to this office. As our alumnus and long-time director of campus ministry, Miguel has long been committed to Walsh's mission and the Founders' legacy. Moving forward, Miguel will help facilitate dozens of external relationships that support our Catholic faith-based identity. We are forming legacy groups to train faculty and staff to support Walsh's Founders and our complex history. They, in turn, will be ambassadors in the Walsh community and beyond. Miguel will work with Brother Charles Desjarlais, FIC, the Board Vice Chair for Mission.

What a great adventure the saga of Walsh University has been. You have all been a part of it. From the fertile alfalfa fields of the McDowell farm to the splendor of a campus with 27 buildings and 3,000 students, truly God has granted the increase.

Richard Jusseaume, President

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New Position, International Community of Brothers on Campus Sustain Walsh's Founding Mission

This summer, Walsh University implemented several initiatives to ensure that the Brothers of Christian Instruction mission and Catholic faith continue to guide the decisions of all future leaders of Walsh University.

In support of that vision, President Jusseume has named Miguel Chavez as Associate Vice President for Mission Implementation. In this role, Chavez will be responsible for the external relationships Walsh has within the Catholic community, locally, nationally and internationally. He will oversee activities and programs that will promote the legacy of Walsh's founders, the Brothers of Christian Instruction, within the context of Catholic Higher Education. Chavez has served as Walsh's Director of Campus Ministry since 2009.

In an effort to ensure that the Brothers remain an active and vibrant part of the Walsh community, the University welcomed five resident Brothers to La Mennais Hall this fall. Walsh's new international community of Brothers will enrich the FIC's presence on campus and includes two Americans, one Canadian and two Brothers from Uganda. They are: Br. Walter Zwierchowski, Alfred, ME, Br. Charles Desjarlais, La Prairie, Canada, Br. Ernest Pâquet, North Canton, OH, and Br. Hilary Byabasheija and Br. Chrysostom Ahimbisibwe from Uganda.

Both Brs. Walter and Charles have been appointed to the Walsh Board of Directors, with Br. Charles serving as the Board's Vice Chair for Mission Implementation. The Brothers have been very active in the numerous events and activities on campus since their arrival this August, including hosting a Friday Morning Fellowship for faculty and staff and participating in the University's Opening Day Mass.

Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium Hosts Cavalier Football

This fall, the Cavalier football team took the field of Northeast Ohio's most talked about venue, Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. The NFL-caliber stadium is a state-of-the-art facility that boasts over 28,000 square feet of event space, making it by far the largest stadium in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) and one of the largest in NCAA Division II.

The historic stadium is the home of the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Game, the first NFL pre-season game of the year that coincides with the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony. The stadium has already begun to make an impact nationally by securing a place on *Forbes Magazine's* "13 Game Changing NFL Stadiums" list selected last September. Since 1998, the Cavalier football team has called Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium (formerly Fawcett Stadium) its home.

Walsh Welcomes First Group of 3+2 Engineering Students

Thanks to effective and strategic recruiting by the Admissions team and the Division of Math & Sciences, Walsh welcomed its first cohort of 17 pre-engineering students this fall for the 3+2 BS/MS degree partnership with the University of Dayton School of Engineering.

"I'm delighted by the response that we've had to this new program. Our actual enrollment is more than double from our original predictions for the first cohort, and I'm targeting a substantial increase again next year," said Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Michael Dunphy, program advisor. "The incredible amount of interest we've received for our first year of the program confirms the fact that engineering remains a great career choice."

Announced in summer 2016, the joint degree program provides students with the opportunity to earn their undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree from Walsh and their Master of Science degree in one of four Engineering programs offered through UD: Bioengineering, Computer Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Materials Engineering. Both degrees can be completed in just five years, rather than the average of six years to earn an undergraduate degree (four years) and master's degree (two years), saving students both time and money.



TOP TO BOTTOM:
Miguel Chavez
Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium
3+2 Engineering Students

New Digital Campus Preserves Walsh Integrity and Mission

While online programming has been an important part of Walsh's curriculum for years, this fall the University launched its new Digital Campus encompassing nine programs and the addition of a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree for adult learners. Enrolling now for spring 2018, these online programs include undergraduate and graduate degrees, as well as education endorsements for teachers.

"Our new Digital Campus has been carefully designed to reflect the high-quality programming, personal interaction and faith-based mission that our students have come to expect with a Walsh University education," said Walsh Provost Douglas Palmer, Ph.D. "Our founders intended Walsh University to be an institution that provided opportunities and access to higher education. We honor that heritage at Walsh by being able to offer these degrees to students who need greater flexibility, for example working adults in their degree programs. We are providing a 21st-century twist on our founding mission."

The online courses are taught by the same highly qualified faculty members who teach Walsh's on-campus offerings. Each course includes the strong foundation of Walsh's institutional mission, focus on a values-based education, and the University's commitment to service.

Matt Akers Named Director of the James B. Renacci Center for Civic Engagement

Matthew Akers, Ph.D., recently joined Walsh as Executive Director of the James B. Renacci Center for Civic Engagement. As Executive Director, Dr. Akers will help to facilitate the channels for discussion, create opportunities for collaboration, and establish platforms for debate on issues that impact all Americans as well as those that have global implications. Housed in the new Global Learning Center (January 2018), the Renacci Forum & Center for Civic Engagement was made possible through a personal gift from U.S. Congressman Jim Renacci, Ohio's 16th district.

"Matt brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this position that will be instrumental in connecting Walsh students with local, state and national leaders on issues that are relative to the needs of our greater community," said Provost Dr. Douglas Palmer. "We are pleased to welcome someone of his reputation and stature to lead this important new initiative at Walsh."

Most recently, Dr. Akers served as Director of Government Relations and Assistant Director of the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron. He has published a number of articles and book reviews in *St. Austin Review*, the premier international journal of Catholic culture, literature, and ideas.

Walsh Adds Bowling, Names New Head Coach

In response to one of the fastest growing sports in the area, Walsh added men's and women's bowling to its current list of sponsored sports for the 2018-19 season. With the addition of bowling, Walsh will now offer 21 recognized athletic teams, with men's bowling serving as a club sport. Currently, the NCAA only sanctions women's bowling for championships. Walsh Vice President/Director of Athletics Dale Howard has appointed James (JC) Heighway as the head coach for both the men's and women's teams. A 2010 Walsh alumnus, Heighway returns after previously serving as the head coach of North Canton Hoover High School. Including Heighway, the Cavaliers will have six alumni serving as Cavalier head coaches.

"In JC Heighway, we have hired a head coach who exudes passion on all the right fronts. Passion for Walsh, passion for the sport of bowling and, most importantly, passion for developing student athletes in mind, body and spirit," said Howard. "I am thrilled to welcome JC back to his alma mater to start men's and women's bowling and to build on his successes as head coach of one of the best high school programs in the state."



TOP TO BOTTOM:
New Digital Campus
Matt Akers
James Heighway

It's Personal:

Young Alum Lends Time, Talent and Treasure to Walsh



Alexander Botsch '11

Establishes Endowed Scholarship for Nursing

Walsh alumnus Alexander Botsch '11 believes you can make a big impact with the smallest of actions. As an acute care nurse practitioner, he has seen first-hand how small gestures can be the most meaningful, like a smile that brightens a patient's day, a joke that eases an awkward moment, or the gentle comfort provided by simply holding someone's hand. For him, it's the personal connections that are the most important.

It was those personal connections that inspired Alex to give back to his alma mater. He is just one of a growing number of young alumni on campus who are realizing the reward of lending their time, talent and treasure to Walsh University.

"I did a lot of growing at Walsh. My professors held me accountable, and they didn't let me fall through the cracks like a larger school might have," said Botsch. "Walsh faculty pushed me and held me to a higher standard."

After graduating from Walsh, Botsch worked at Summa Health at Akron City Hospital as an ER and ICU Registered Nurse. He earned his Master of Science degree in Nursing with a specialty in Adult Gerontology Acute Care from The University of Cincinnati in 2015 and joined the department of surgery working in the surgical ICU at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"I knew I wanted more professionally, and then I was offered a position where I was able to make a difference in the largest hospital system in Akron," said Botsch. "I was asked to lead a team of eight critical care advance practice providers at a large urban hospital with three ICUs and 78 critical care beds. I couldn't say no."

Today, Botsch is the lead nurse practitioner for critical care pulmonary medicine at Summa Health. In addition to his full time clinical duties, he's in



charge of evaluations, scheduling, educational opportunities and acting as a clinical liaison.

Though Botsch had remained connected to Walsh since his graduation, this past year that involvement took on a new level when he lent his expertise and time to help develop course material for a new Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program. At the same time, he realized he wanted a more personal connection for his annual gift to the University. So he established a new endowed scholarship specifically for nursing students.

"I wanted more than just a charitable giving write-off. I decided to start an

endowment that will eventually turn into a full scholarship. Right now, a small percentage goes directly to one or two students every year," explained Botsch. "To me, this is more personal than just a standard donation. I have the opportunity to get to know the recipients as individuals and personally experience the impact my gift is having on their lives."

For Botsch, the opportunity to come full-circle from student to Walsh benefactor has enriched his life both personally and professionally as a healthcare provider.

"I wasn't the ideal, stellar student. I wasn't the guy who faculty

members would say 'he's going to be in the Walsh magazine someday.' I wasn't that guy," said Botsch. "But at Walsh, something finally clicked for me. I began to take things much more seriously. I realized people were literally putting their lives in my hands. Faculty like Dr. Judy Kreye and Dr. Kim Metz provided insightful advice along the way to guide me. Now it's my turn to serve as a mentor, and I hope to make the same meaningful and personal impact in another student's life. In truth, it feels like I'm actually receiving more than I'm giving."

To learn more about giving opportunities, please visit www.walsh.edu/giving



GOING THE DISTANCE:

Alumnus Leads Walsh Track, Cross Country Teams to Success



Rob Mizicko '94

Walsh track & field and cross country athletes completed a historic season this past spring while earning high marks for their academic achievements in the classroom. Led by Walsh 1994 alumnus Rob Mizicko, the team has helped to extend the name and mission of Walsh University across the country.

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Rob Mizicko '94

Since Mizicko returned to campus in 2012, the Cavaliers have continued to improve from one year to the next. Three teams have finished nationally in the top 25 beginning with the 2015 men's cross country team finish at No. 23. This year, the women's indoor track & field team finished ninth in the nation and No. 20 at the outdoor national championships. In 2016, Mizicko was honored by the All-Ohio Coaches Association as Ohio Division II/NAIA Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year. During the 2016-17 season, Mizicko's Cavaliers finished in first place in three events and were in the top five in five events overall.

"It has been a true blessing for me to be able to return to my alma mater and take over this amazing program from my closest mentor in Dan McCallion," said Mizicko. "It is a very exciting time for Walsh track & field and cross country in both athletic competitions and in the classroom. Over the last five years, through a lot of hard work from our coaches and student-athletes, we have been able to accomplish some pretty amazing performances. As a team, everyone involved has ultimately invested themselves in our 'On The Rise' mentality."

ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Five-time All-American senior Sarah Berger has earned a lengthy track & field resume as one of the most decorated, talented, and

accomplished athletes to wear the Maroon and Gold.

Berger was named Walsh's Female Athlete of the Year for three consecutive years and has gone on to be an All-Region selection in four different sports (soccer, cross country, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field). This past year, after finishing the soccer season with an appearance in the GLIAC semifinals, Berger drove through the night to arrive in Evansville, IN, to race in the Cross Country Regional Championships. Her time of 21:30.28 earned her the No. 22 spot individually.

"It is so great having the opportunity to be on a team that is growing in strength and talent by leaps and bounds," said Berger.



"I could not be more thankful for having such an amazing and supportive coach, teammates, and family. Nothing I have accomplished in my career could have been done without them."

Just ahead of her was fellow All-American Tori Reeves at 21:27.16 and No. 21 overall. Together they led the cross country team to a ninth-place finish in the regional championships.

Both were members of the indoor distance medley relay that included Jetaiya Smith and Andra Lehotay. The quartet finished fourth in the nation, with no team in the history of Division II running faster before that day.

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Berger and Lehotay also ran in the mile and placed third and fourth, respectively. Kaitlyn Barber placed third in the pole vault with a height of 4.02 meters. Once the points were totaled up, the Cavaliers were tied for ninth in the nation.

On the men's side, Marcus Myers has become the first male athlete at Walsh to earn All-American Honors in Division II, after he placed seventh in the weight throw at the indoor championships. He became a two-time All-American after he finished fourth in the hammer throw at the outdoor championships in May.

"It has been a privilege to be a part of this program and watch it continue to grow. There has been continued growth on all sides, cross country and track & field,



which is really exciting for the future years to come," said Myers. "I'm definitely fulfilling my goal of helping build a program with my four years of eligibility. The student-athletes don't just perform well on the track and field either. They also get it done in the classroom."

WALSH ATHLETES RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMICS AND SERVICE

The cross country teams are regularly recognized for their academic accomplishments off the field as well. Both men's and women's programs have been named NCAA Division II Team Academic Award winners three consecutive years. This past season in cross country, the men's team tied for 21st for best team GPA in the nation at 3.34, while the women were tied for 36th with a 3.57 GPA. Track & field followed suit as both teams earned All-Academic Team honors for the third consecutive year. The women were No. 13 in the nation with a 3.533 GPA. The men were No. 15 with a 3.25 GPA. Nine athletes - seven women and two men - earned individual honors.

The program also has been active in the community by pledging several hours over the years to local organizations as well as starting their own initiatives. Activities include hosting toy and food drives at meets, volunteering at Stark Parks and at a local nursing home as part of the annual Walsh Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, and supporting local causes such as the Domestic Violence Project's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

New Collaborations Spark Expanded Research in Science

Walsh University Becomes Hub for Biotech Partnerships

In the cool quiet of the Walsh University bioinformatics lab, senior Danny Rasicci leans closer to his computer screen and gently taps on the keyboard. To the casual observer, the brightly colored DNA strand on the monitor looks like a graphic design project. In reality, Rasicci is conducting cutting-edge genomic research. With a click of the mouse, he is working in collaboration with the world-renowned, non-profit, research facility HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, located 625 miles away in Huntsville, AL.

Research Produces Real-World Impact

Established in 2016, the collaboration with HudsonAlpha provides students an opportunity to expand their research experience outside of Walsh labs. The ongoing collaboration continues to evolve with new research and internship opportunities for students in bioinformatics, biology and chemistry.

With each human carrying thousands of unique DNA changes, medicine is transitioning into a personalized healthcare approach, a fact that has been recognized by the U.S. Government's Precision Medicine Initiative. However, with millions of DNA variants encoded in the genomes of individuals around the planet, classical research methods and medicine development will need to rely more on computer analysis to identify and to interpret these small changes in DNA that often result in disease.

There is a growing sense of urgency to find people who are adequately trained to study and process the ever growing pool of information available. Working with Jeremy Prokop Ph.D., at HudsonAlpha, Walsh faculty members Associate Professor of Biology Adam Underwood, Ph.D., and Professor

of Biology Thomas Freeland, Ph.D., have begun to train students to fill this need for understanding and interpreting the outcome of genetic variants.

"This sort of collaboration at the undergraduate level is uncommon," said Dr. Underwood. "We are only the second institution in the country to collaborate with HudsonAlpha to use protein models of genetic variants to interpret how these variants can result in disease."

This past summer, Danny Rasicci was awarded the first Walsh student internship with HudsonAlpha as part of a National Institutes of Health Grant (K01ES025435) where he spent four weeks working with some of the world's top researchers in generating protein models in the institute's labs in Alabama.

More than 20 Walsh students were involved in various projects to help model over 50 proteins to begin to establish a database with HudsonAlpha. The students represent

a wide-variety of science majors, including Pre-Med, Pre-Optometry, Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Veterinary.

"We have access to genomic data that is typically not available to undergraduates, and we're proud of the volume and quality of research completed by our students," said Dr. Freeland. "Genomic medicine is our future, and this collaboration will provide Walsh University students with a skill set that will make them leaders in the field."

Entrepreneurship in Research

HudsonAlpha is just one example of several partnerships that the Division of Mathematics and Sciences has been cultivating with world-renowned research facilities.

Through an ongoing relationship with Walsh Alumnus Joseph Bauer, Ph.D., '94, the University recently conducted a week-long research project focused on a new disinfectant

device in partnership with two life science companies that specialize in nitric oxide.

"When I started my own company in 2009, BNOAT Oncology, Inc., I created my business model on the idea of utilizing one or more contract research organizations (CROs) to conduct our research programs. But it was challenging to find academic partners that were interested in a sponsored research collaboration," said Dr. Bauer. "I came to Walsh, and we started our program together in 2010. Since then, we've had 20 students go through the program in paid and credit internships."

Involved in the latest project is Philadelphia-based Innofect, which specializes in dermal disinfection products for the medical, research and consumer marketplaces. Also included is Praxair, Inc., a Fortune 300 company specializing in industrial gas, with 26,000 employees in more than 50 countries.

This August, Walsh students and faculty worked alongside researchers and administration at Innofect and Praxair when they spent a week in Walsh University's Center for Science Innovation labs completing critical studies for proof of concept on a new innovation in clinical care. Walsh juniors Emily Cronin and Brooklynn Scherer were directly involved in the research, with Dr. Bauer and Mike Dunphy, Ph.D., the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, guiding the process. Walsh faculty members Tom Tallant, Ph.D., Darlene Walro, Ph.D., Joseph Lupica, Ph.D., and Pete Tandler, Ph.D., contributed to the team's success.

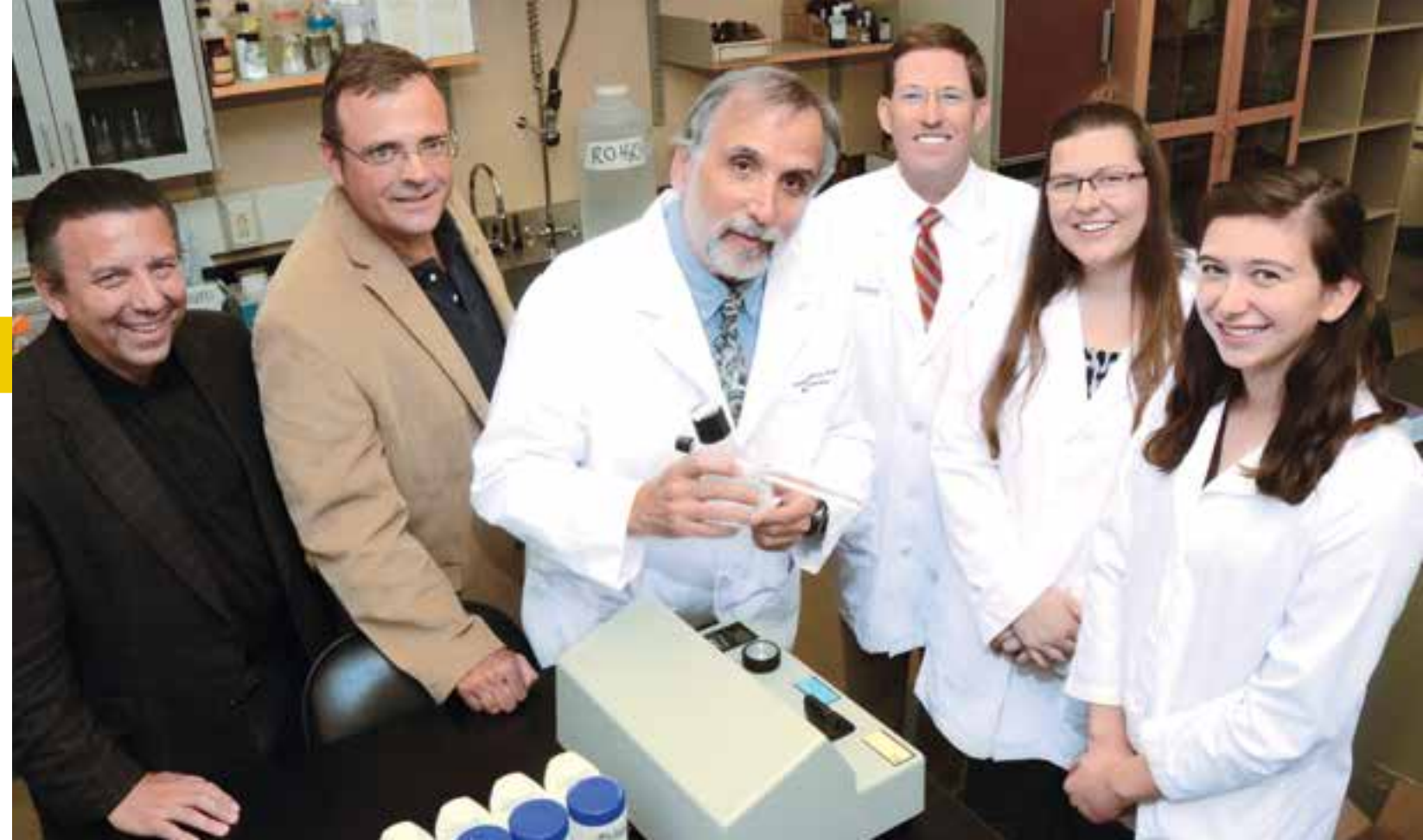
"Through this research project, we were not only able to gain much needed experience with techniques and the instrumentation, but we were also able to acquire a better understanding of how scientific industry

works and how to better communicate ideas in a corporate setting. We were able to work alongside chemical engineers, researchers, mechanical engineers, and even CEOs," said Cronin. "They were very willing to explain techniques to us. It is amazing to think that what we worked on may actually be used to help people in the near future."

"This health sciences project is an excellent example of the benefits of academic-industry partnerships. Larger research institutions have been reluctant to embrace this model. The reason this worked for me is that Walsh shared my vision. That's not going to be everyone's concept," said Dr. Bauer. "As government funding continues to be more competitive, I believe more universities will move towards this model of functioning as a CRO to advance biotech. And Walsh is leading the way."

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Dr. Thomas Freeland



WALSH ALUMNI: Making an Impact through Service Leadership



Many college students view their diploma as a destination marking the end of their journey. But in reality, earning a Walsh University degree symbolizes the beginning of a much bigger journey, one in which graduates enter the world, armed with the knowledge and experience they gained, and ready to make a difference. We decided to catch up with some Walsh graduates from the last 17 years to see where their journeys have taken them, and how Walsh influenced their paths. What we discovered was a common theme of strong friendships, caring faculty, and eye-opening experiences abroad that shaped the lives of these young alumni. They all went on to find fulfilling work that manages to embody the Walsh University mission and values while also achieving their goals and attaining professional success.



Cody Combs '07

Where is he now? Cody lives in Kalamazoo, MI, and is pursuing his career goal as an Investigative Reporter with WWMT Newschannel 3, covering the areas of Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, MI.

Walsh Major: Government and Foreign Affairs

While at Walsh: With a strong interest in public service, Cody Combs first made his debut in the spotlight at the age of 18 when he ran for and served a term on city council in his hometown of

Alliance, Ohio. During his senior year at Walsh, Cody interned with CNN's Washington Bureau and, after graduating, freelanced with the network, soon moving on to produce for several of the network's shows. His work at CNN included producing graphics, booking guests, editing video, and writing stories for CNN.com.

Career: After graduation, Cody returned to D.C. as a freelance News Assistant at CNN's Washington Bureau before being promoted to Production Assistant. After several years, he decided he wanted to pursue his goal of investigating stories that would expose waste, fraud and abuse of power. He became a morning reporter for WTAJ in Altoona, PA, and then moved on to Rochester, NY, as a General Assignment Reporter for 13WHAM ABC. Two years ago, he was appointed Investigative Reporter at WWMT Newschannel 3. His reporting has helped expose ethics violations and the safety track records of nuclear power plants. Cody earned his graduate degree from The Newhouse School at Syracuse University.

“Walsh University's Government and Foreign Affairs department opened up a lot of doors for me and helped me secure internships at CNN, as well as countless real world experiences that helped me to better understand the challenges facing policymakers and journalists. GFA director Dr. Koop Berry always made sure we were battle tested for the trials and tribulations of the work world. On the communications/journalism side, I was

also able to report for the University newspaper and eventually become Editor-in-Chief during my senior year. These opportunities allowed me to hit the ground running.”



Kristen (Boyne) Popelmayer '05

Where is she now?

Kristen lives in Brunswick, Ohio, and is the Brand Strategy and Advertising

Manager for The MetroHealth System in Cleveland. She and her husband Michael are the parents of Jacob, who is 17 months. Kristen also earned her Master of Nonprofit Organizations degree from Case Western Reserve University.

Walsh Major: Corporate Communications

While at Walsh: Kristen was instrumental in the founding and implementation of the Agape retreat. “I wanted to create an experience for students to get away, rekindle their faith and focus on the important things in life. Starting a retreat from scratch was quite an undertaking, and many people came together to make it happen. It is so rewarding to know something we started in 2004 is still impacting the lives of students today!”

Career: Kristen has 12 years of experience in the health care marketing and communications field and has been with MetroHealth for almost 10 years in various roles with increasing responsibility. The MetroHealth System is one of the nation's largest public health care systems. It is one of the three major health care systems in Cleveland, Ohio, along with Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals of Cleveland.

In her current position, Kristen manages the creative development and execution of all advertising initiatives across traditional, digital and social media channels, including producing TV and radio commercials that help to build awareness, enhance image, garner support or maintain/increase patient volumes and/or physician referrals for MetroHealth. She spent five years with The MetroHealth Foundation before transitioning into marketing. Kristen's previous experience includes several years at University Hospitals in Cleveland where she was responsible for internal communications, executive communications and some pediatric marketing.

“When I first started looking for a job, I began to realize that I needed to be passionate about my work and the organization I chose to work for. I need to feel like the work I do makes a difference. And, while I'm not directly saving lives working in health care marketing, I get to tell the stories about people that do or help others believe in our brand. And that is exciting for me.”



Eric VanRaepenbusch '00

Where is he now? Eric currently resides in Aurora, Ohio, and is a children's book author and illustrator as well as a stay-at-home dad. He is married to Walsh alumna Lisa (Zverloff) '00, and together they have four children, Jenna (12), Mason (9), Jenkin (7) and Kate (5).

Major: Elementary and Special Education

While at Walsh: Eric's most memorable experience at Walsh was working with the S.T.A.R.S. afterschool program at Skyline Terrace Apartments in Canton, Ohio. “I learned the power of teamwork when the community, local high school students, and Walsh University students came together to create a positive learning and mentoring program. Beyond my memories of the S.T.A.R.S. afterschool program, I have many great memories of Circle K, Residence Life, volunteering at a soup kitchen, reading at Mass on Sunday, and more.”

Career: Eric taught Special Education at Turkeyfoot Elementary School in Akron, Ohio, for three years and was awarded Ohio's Technology Teacher of the Year award in 2003. Then, he served as a Technology Specialist for the Coventry Local Schools for two years before becoming a stay-at-home dad. In 2012, around the time he and his wife had their fourth child, Eric wrote and illustrated the children's book series, *Three Ghost Friends*. Later, he created two more books, *Baby Beards!* and *More. MORE. MORE! Dandelions*. He is also the author of the Happy Birthday Author blog (www.happybirthdayauthor.com) and is a frequent guest speaker at schools, libraries and children's programs with fun, interactive presentations.

“For the past 12 years, I enjoyed reading to my children so much that I started writing a blog and later my own children’s books. I feel Walsh prepared me very well. One of my favorite classes was Children’s Literature. I fell in love with picture books when Dr. Cindy Staudt introduced me to authors like Ezra Jack Keats. I still use the skills I learned in Walsh’s education department when I visit schools for storytelling events and presentations about my books.”



Erin Clark '12

Where is she now? Originally from Stow, Ohio, Erin is a travel nurse where she typically signs a 13-week contract to work in the ICU at hospitals across the country that are in need of additional nurses. She is currently working at Promedica Toledo Hospital for a 13-week assignment.

Major: Nursing

While at Walsh: “I have many fond memories of Walsh University; it’s difficult to select just one. My study abroad trips to Uganda and Tanzania greatly impacted my life and will never be forgotten. I enjoyed running track and cross country, as well as forming lasting friendships with my fellow nursing classmates.”

Career: Erin began her career in the Medical ICU at the Cleveland Clinic’s main campus before becoming a travel nurse with American Mobile HealthCare and currently AYA Healthcare. In 2012, Erin

launched the non-profit organization Linc Worldwide (Love in Neglected Communities), which provides impoverished youth access to five core resources to meet the needs of basic survival and self-fulfillment: clean water, sustainable food sources, health and sanitation, education, and safety and security.

As a travel nurse, she has worked in the Neuro ICU, Medical ICU, and Surgical Transplant ICU at the following facilities: OSU Wexner Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio; Sutter Solano Hospital in Vallejo, CA; Kaiser Permanente LAMC in Los Angeles, CA; Littleton Adventist Hospital in Littleton, CO; Banner Estrella Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ; and UCLA’s Ronald Reagan Hospital in Los Angeles, CA. She works closely with the ICU medical team to provide care for critically ill patients.

“I would not have started my 501c3 non-profit Love in Neglected Communities if I never went on my study abroad trips with Walsh. The relationships and support I have received from professors, classmates, and alumni from Walsh University have enabled me to positively impact the lives of my patients, their families, and hundreds of orphaned and impoverished children in Africa. I recognize that Walsh’s impact on each individual student causes a ripple effect that spreads to neighboring communities and beyond--making the world a better place.”

Erica Dawn Schrock '16

Where is she now? Erica Dawn is a country music recording artist and divides her time between her hometown of Akron, Ohio, and Nashville, TN. “I have my own band and project so I guess you could call me the CEO of my own brand.”

Major: Communications

While at Walsh: As a member of the Walsh Chamber Singers, one of Erica’s favorite experiences was the opportunity to perform in Rome, Italy, in a tour complete with historic Cathedral backdrops and a special performance for the Pope. “Walsh surrounded me with great training through vocal professors, and my peers always pushed and motivated me to be the best I could be. Still to this day, some of my biggest fans are my friends and professors at Walsh.”

Career: Erica is vocally trained and has been singing since the age of eleven. Since her graduation from Walsh, Erica has been chasing her country music dreams. She released a new album titled “This Bottle” on iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, and Apple Music, and has shared the stage with notable artists such as Jacob Bryant and Brooke Eden. This November, she will be on tour as the opening act for Uncle Kracker. Her dynamic rock sound has won her multiple awards such as Akron Canton Hot List, *Beacon’s Best*, *Canton Repository’s*



Top Live Local Act and Top Artist at the House of Blue’s Live Music Showcase. She is hoping to make an official move to Nashville within the coming months.

“Work hard but never forget to have fun or make memories because it goes fast. A wise man once told me that while in college, never forget the impact you have on those around you. There will never come another time in life where you have that many people around you, so use that to make a positive impact on them.”



Daniel Widder '13

Where is he now? Daniel is entering his third year as an Individual Organization Development Volunteer with the Peace Corps. He will be spending the next 13-months living in the Imereti region in the Republic of Georgia and continuing his work with local community organizations, specifically in youth development.

Major: International Relations and History

While at Walsh: In 2013, Daniel was named the first recipient of Walsh’s internship scholarship through the James B. Renacci Government Scholars program. Through support from the scholarship, Daniel accepted a position in Washington, D.C., with the Sindhi



American Political Action Committee, a human rights organization that advocates on behalf of minority groups in Pakistan. After returning from a 2012 mission trip in Simferopol, Crimea, he launched a nonprofit called Change for Ukraine to provide mattresses and beds to a Ukraine orphanage. In 2013, he began working with several organizations both in the U.S. and northern Ukraine to provide beds, mattresses, bedding, quilts, school supplies and more to those in need in Ukraine.

Career: Daniel’s humanitarian spirit led him to pursue a degree and career in international relations. Following his Walsh Global Learning trip to Rome, Italy, Widder participated in two mission trips with the organization ComeNServ to the Southern Ukraine. After graduation in 2013, Daniel focused on Change for Ukraine before joining the Peace Corps in 2015. To date, he has spent 27 months living and working in the Republic of Georgia. He recently extended his service for an additional 13 months. In Georgia, Daniel works with a Youth Council program he helped to develop that focuses on personal skill development and relationship building with local government and community organizations to encourage civic engagement in young adults.

“Through my experiences in Rome and the Ukraine, I gained skills I never would’ve imagined. While I had volunteered in service work overseas before, I felt that the trips were ultimately too short. I knew I wanted a more immersive experience. I wanted to engage more deeply with the people and culture while working to make a sustainable, lasting impact in the community. The Peace Corps was the perfect fit for me. I never meant for this to be my career, but my international experiences beginning at Walsh changed my perception of what defines my ‘community.’”



Abigail (Kendle) Roof '13

Where is she now? Abby and her husband Joe '12 reside in North Canton, Ohio. Abby is a Care Manager at the Direction Home: Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities. Following Walsh, she pursued her master's degree in Social Work from The University of Akron. Through this experience, she was able to work with several community agencies that work with older adults and those with disabilities.

Major: Sociology-Applied Family Studies

While at Walsh: The summer before her senior year, Abby had the opportunity to travel to Europe on a pilgrimage with a group of students and faculty members. She describes the experience as an eye-opening one that she will never forget.

Career: As a Care Manager, her role is to ensure the safety and best quality of life for her clients. She is able to do this by providing services and support to help these individuals "age in place," in the comfort of their own homes.

"It is such a humbling experience to be a part of their journey and to know that they are not forced to leave their home due to illness or lack of support from family. I have always known that my passion lies within the aging population, but I was never quite sure how I was to serve them. Walsh's professors not only introduced me to the field of social work, but their stories from their own experience working in the field inspired my career path. I am proud to work in a field that helps individuals live their best life. It is encouraging and uplifting to be a part of 'the change.'"

"Walsh was, and continues to be, a blessing in my life. I would tell current students to find something that makes you happy, challenges you, and encourages you to continue learning; enjoy every minute of it!"



André Lessears '07

Where is he now? André currently resides in Akron, Ohio, with his wife, Walsh alumna Ericka (Bufford) '03, and their children, Andre' Jr., Mackenzie, Erik, Zoe and Alyssa. He is the Director for Diversity and Inclusion at the Cleveland Clinic Akron General.

Major: History

While at Walsh: André was involved as a campus ambassador, was a founding member of the Black Student Union, and was directly involved in student government. He was also a Walsh Cavalier varsity football player from 1999 to 2003 and a member of the International Student Organization and Big Brothers Big Sisters. "Walsh taught me how to think, how to problem solve and how to be fluid in my skill set."

Career: As the Director for Diversity and Inclusion, André is responsible for developing and implementing strategic initiatives that engage Cleveland Clinic Akron General Caregivers and embeds effective diversity and inclusion practices into the day-to-day operations, practices, processes and caregiver development. His experience includes the positions of Director of Multicultural Student Services for the University of Dubuque as well as the Training and Workforce Development Coordinator for the City of Dubuque, Iowa. He also served as the Director of Intercultural Student Services for Midwestern State University, in Wichita Falls, Texas, before returning to Akron. He earned his Master of Business Administration in Organizational Leadership from the University of Dubuque. He has been recognized for his commitment to his community by The National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials with a City Cultural Diversity Award in 2012 and by the Dubuque Business Times as a Rising Star in 2013.

"My time at Walsh really impacted how I saw the world. I not only earned my degree, I gained a sense of responsibility to create a better world. There were so many opportunities for me to fail, but the Walsh faculty and staff wouldn't let me. The selflessness of the faculty and staff and the friendships that I made at Walsh really had an indelible mark on me."



PLANNED GIFTS *Create a Lasting Legacy*



While creating their estate plans, Donald '72 and Paulette '72 Caster reflected on the people and organizations that have helped to shape their lives.

"As you age, you begin to look back on your life and review how you got where you are and how you became the person you are. The inevitable question 'what decisions or events made a difference' is part of the process," said Don. "While our parents are a given major contributor, both Paulette and I agree that Walsh University and the Brothers of Christian Instruction, all the way back to St. Thomas Aquinas High School, made a huge difference in our lives."

The Casters also believe in paying it forward. As the successful owners and founders of Raisin Rack Natural Food Markets in Canton and Westerville, Ohio, the couple created an endowed scholarship fund at Walsh to help students attain their educational dreams. In addition, they established a planned gift benefiting Walsh University. A planned gift is a contribution that is arranged in the present and allocated at a future date, commonly donated through a will or trust.

While creating a personal and lasting legacy, there are additional benefits for establishing a planned gift that include tax savings and quarterly income earnings, and, in most cases, a planned gift will cost nothing during your lifetime. While tax and estate plan benefits are not the primary reasons to make a planned gift, federal and state tax laws may impact how you should contribute. Working with a financial planner and notifying Walsh University are important steps to creating a planned gift.

"The real value of paying back to Walsh University was solidified during my tenure on the Walsh Board and while developing a true understanding of the Legacy at Walsh," explained Caster. "Notifying the University now is part of paying it forward and, hopefully, leading others to identify Walsh University as a worthy recipient when so many people of our age plan their estates, large or small. A legacy of changing people's lives can only continue when those that have benefited pay back."

There are several planned giving options that create a personal legacy at Walsh University

while offering financial benefits to the benefactors. By including a gift to Walsh University in your estate plans, you are not only making an investment in Walsh's future but also directly impacting the lives of our students.

"If you've already completed a gift that will benefit Walsh University through your estate or income-producing arrangement, please let us know now. Not only do we want the opportunity to celebrate your generosity, knowing about future gifts will help guide the University in our future plans and endeavors," said Vice President of University Advancement Eric Belden. "On behalf of Walsh, I would like to extend our gratitude to the Casters and to all of our benefactors who have remembered Walsh in their estate plans. Through our donors' thoughtful generosity, we have raised nearly \$5 million in estate gifts during the *We Believe* Campaign alone."

Walsh University is excited to launch its new Planned Giving website at walsh.edu/giving. The new site allows each donor to explore gift planning options tailored personally to their age, assets and giving amount to find the gift plan that best meets their philanthropic and personal goals. Or, for more information on giving options that maximize financial goals and tax-wise estate planning needs, contact Eric Belden at [330.490.7337](tel:330.490.7337).

New Members

ENRICH WALSH COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Walsh University welcomed seven new members to the Board of Directors this July. Three of the newest members share a deep connection to Walsh University, two as alumni and one as a member of the University's founding order, the Brothers of Christian Instruction. All three bring a unique set of talents and expertise to ensure that the University preserves its mission amidst the growth and development of programs and initiatives.

Brother Walter Zwierchowski, FIC



Brother Walter joined the Walsh University community this summer and is currently residing on campus in La Mennais Hall. He joined the Brothers of Christian Instruction in 1983 and made his perpetual profession of vows in 1990. His education includes earning his bachelor's degree in Theology from St. Peter's College in New Jersey and his master's degree in Education from St. Michael's College in Vermont. With more than 25 years of professional experience in education and service, Brother Walter will assist in preserving the Brothers' legacy at Walsh University. His experience includes serving as Client Supervisor of the York County Shelters in the early 1990s, as a Theology Teacher at Seton Catholic Central and Mount Assumption high schools in Plattsburgh, NY, from 1984 to 1993, and Department Chair and Teacher of Theology at Bishop Connolly High School in Fall River, MA, from 1994 to 2012. Before coming to Walsh, he served as Assistant Director of the Notre Dame Spiritual Center in Alfred, Maine, since 2012. He also maintained the Brothers' Facebook page and website.

"I was very humbled by the request to join the Board. I do feel that the Brothers are

called to continue to be a presence on the Board and help preserve the mission of the Brothers at Walsh," said Br. Walter. "My hope for the future of Walsh is that we continue to be a beacon of hope for the youth today, both here and abroad, and that we are never afraid to promote who we are as a 'Catholic College of Distinction.' My hope is that we continue to offer courses, programs and seminars that will continue to have a great impact on all of the Walsh University family community."

Barbara Yingling '92, '96, RN, BSN, MaEd



A Walsh alumna, Barbara is an accomplished nursing professional with more than 25 years of progressive healthcare leadership experience. She has a passion for project management along with training and development of nursing professionals. Since 2011, she has served as the Vice President, Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer and Patient Safety Officer, at Mercy Medical Center. In her current position, she provides strategic direction to hospital patient care departments and clinical leadership to all patient care areas. She has earned a reputation for accomplishing demanding system integration initiatives and managing

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quality and patient safety activities. She joined Mercy Medical Center in 1999 where she has served in various roles including Assistant Chief Nursing Officer for seven years, Director of Nursing Staff Development and Critical Care Staff Nurse. Her past experience includes higher education as an adjunct instructor in nursing at Malone University and serving on Walsh's Nursing Advisory Board. She is an active volunteer at SS. Philip and James Catholic Church where she teaches 5th grade CCD classes. She and her husband, Louis, have been married for 30 years.

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It is just a part of who I am. Serving on the Walsh Board has a deeper meaning to me because of that faith," said Barbara. "As a Board member, I'm looking forward to being involved more with Walsh and in the University's future growth, especially as it pertains to the student experience. Having gone through the program myself, and then having nephews and nieces attend Walsh, I think my experience can help shape future plans for how we can provide the best possible experience for all students."

Christopher Remark '92, '08



As Chief Executive Officer at Aultman Hospital, Christopher Remark has been an executive with the Canton-area health system since 1993, when he first joined Aultman as a financial analyst. In his over 20 years with the organization, he has served in

various capacities including Chief Operating Officer, Senior Vice President of Surgical and Ambulatory Services, Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Chief Financial Officer, as well as Chief Operating Officer at Alliance Community Hospital. Chris has been a member of the Walsh community since the late 1980s, when he first came to Walsh as an undergraduate finance major. He also earned his Master of Business Administration Degree from Walsh in 2008. He is active in a number of volunteer activities and serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Aultman Hospital, United Way of Greater Stark County, Stark State College Foundation, Aultcare, and Vizient Central. He has served on the Walsh DeVille School of Business Advisory Board since its inception. In addition, Chris serves on the Lake Local School's Strategic Planning Committee and Stark Development Board.

"Walsh has been a big part of my life, and it's an important asset in the community. And now, I'm the parent of a current student,

as my daughter Katie enters her senior year at Walsh. The school may have changed a lot since I first graduated, but the core values have remained the same. The rich tradition of Walsh in our community hasn't changed," said Chris. "It's a unique opportunity and a personal privilege to be able to serve on the Board of an institution that has given so much to you in life. I'm grateful to have the chance to give back to my alma mater as a Board member."

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1.

Marriages

1987

Terrie Sauvain married Bob Muniza on October 1, 2016. Bob and Terrie are currently residing in the Cleveland area. **1.**

1998

Elizabeth Hickman married Timothy Brahler on November 12, 2016. They married after first being longtime friends and coworkers at Nationwide. Their wedding was witnessed by friends and family at Walsh University's Our Lady Perpetual Help Chapel. **2.**

2011

Leah Seaman married Chace McKinney in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, on June 3, 2017. Leah and Chase displayed their Walsh Pride with their wedding party, which included fellow alumni Mark Innes '12, Katie Berry '12, Angela Eickelman '10 & '14, and Amanda Swickard '12. **3.**

2016

Janelle Yunker married Tyson Vollrath on June 24, 2017. Janelle is an intervention specialist at St. Brendan School. The couple resides in Marysville, OH. **4.**

Births

2007 & 2011

Sylvia Karolewski married Eric Leidlein '10 on July 9, 2016, at Walsh University. They welcomed a baby girl, Sophia Rose, into their family on July 12, 2017. The family resides in New Philadelphia, OH. **5.**



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2009 & 2012

Karen (Dotterweich) Niedenthal and her husband, **Jorden** '10, welcomed their son, Alexander Norman, on July 7. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 7oz., Alex joins big sister Katie, who turned 3 in August. Karen is a senior financial analyst at Diebold-Nixdorf, and Jorden is a telecommunications administrator at Walsh University. **6.**

2009

Jon Winnyk and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their son, Aleksander John on June 8. Alek weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Jon is a Dentist at Comfort Dental and Lauren is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. The family resides in Columbus, OH. **7.**

2009

Erin (Koppel) Rogers and her husband, Josh '08, welcomed their daughter, Lily Grace, on October 3, 2015. Erin is a Kindergarten Teacher at McDonald Local Schools, and Josh is a Teacher at Child Time Learning Center. The couple resides in Kent, OH. **8.**

2010

Michael Bull and his wife, **Meghan (Goode)** '09, welcomed the birth of their first child, Brooklyn Jayne, on April 20, 2017. Brooklyn weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. The family resides in Canton, OH. **9.**

2011 & 2014

Stephani (Trescott) Dille and her husband, **Caleb** '15, welcomed their daughter, Lucille Eileen, on August 6. Lucy weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long. Caleb is employed as a physical therapist with Mercy Home Care, and Stephanie is a pre-kindergarten teacher with Canton City Schools. The happy family resides in North Canton, OH. **10.**



7.

Notes

1995

Rebecca Vilsack has recently been promoted to assistant vice president, Information Technology Financials Systems, for the University of Central Florida. Rebecca has been with UCF since 2002. She also serves on the board of directors for Quest International Users Group and holds many other leadership roles within the Oracle PeopleSoft community. She currently resides in Orlando, FL.

2006

Ryan McGraw is the vice president, administration, for Christian Healthcare Ministries. Ryan and his wife, Heather, reside in Barberton, OH.

2008

Kelly Dehn is the acquisition account executive for Sprint Business. Kelly is engaged to AJ White and currently resides in Westerville, OH.

2009 & 2011

Gustavo Stille is now the associate director of international alumni relations at Kent State University. He and his wife, Hilary (Rossi) '10, reside in Medina, OH.

2010

Steve Weigand was promoted to senior associate at PNC Erievew Capital, which he joined in July 2014. Previously, he worked in the investment banking divisions of Boenning & Scattergood, a full-service middle market financial services firm headquartered in Philadelphia, and Paragon Capital Group, a merchant bank based in Cleveland. He started his career at Huntington



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National Bank as a commercial credit analyst in the middle market commercial and industrial group. Steve is responsible for transaction execution, deal origination and portfolio maintenance, and has oversight/management responsibilities for several portfolio companies. In addition to his responsibilities at PNC Erievew, Steve serves on Walsh University's Alumni Board of Trustees and as an Advisor for the Student Managed Investment Portfolio.

2012

Jaclyn Brewer graduated from The Salvation Army's College for Officer Training in June 2017. She is now an ordained minister for The Salvation Army and serves as the assistant corps officer. She is currently serving in Chambersburg, PA.

2014 & 2016

Janelle Mickley is a registered nurse at the Cleveland Clinic, Akron General. Janelle resides in Akron, OH.

In Memoriam

Alumni

1986

James "Jim" Burrous passed away on April 29, 2017. He was born in Olean, NY, and was raised in Wellsville. Jim pursued a career in sales and management at Burrous Furniture in Wellsville. He then moved to Fairport, NY, in 2000 and joined the sales team at Hoselton Nissan. In 2004, he and his family relocated to Ocean Springs, MS, to pursue his career.



9.



1970

Richard "Dick" A. Lombino, '69, of Deerfield and formerly of Rome, NY, passed away unexpectedly at his home

on July 10, 2017. A graduate of Rome Free Academy, Dick continued his education at Walsh College and went on to complete a master's degree in Administration. For 32 years, he was employed as a teacher with the Rome City School District and was named the Rotary Club Teacher of the Year in 1988. Upon his retirement, Dick joined the Turning Stone Casino as a line chef where he was able to put his culinary skills to work. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Church in Rome and recently attended services at Mount Carmel Church in Utica. He was a board member of the Rome Teachers Federal Credit Union and also supported numerous community events and special causes. Most of all, he will be remembered as a dedicated father and an amazing grandfather.



1973

Betty Jane (Anthony) Sullivan, a lifelong native of Canton, OH, passed away on June 26, 2017. A 1943

graduate of McKinley High School, Betty graduated from Logan Basic Radiology in 1944 and from Walsh College in 1972. Betty, a retired teacher from St. Michael's School after 25 years of service, was a voracious reader and with her late husband, Bob, was an active player in the Grasshopper Golf League.



10.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Events are Free Admission Unless Otherwise Noted

1978

June Elizabeth Thomas (Mossor) passed away on August 17, 2017, in Santa Rosa, CA, after a long illness. She was born on June 24, 1930, to Mary and Leroy Mossor in Canton, OH. June graduated from Timken High School and earned an associate's degree from Walsh College. She was a long-time member of St. John the Baptist Church and participated in many of its clubs and activities. June lovingly raised 10 children.

2001

Dru R. Rhodes, age 39, of Canton, died Sunday, June 25, 2017, after injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Dru was born in Canton to Dr. Robert A. and Alice (Kiefer) Rhodes. A graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Walsh University, he was a full-time firefighter, paramedic, inspector, and investigator and a part-time police officer for the City of North Canton. He was a member of Canton Lodge #60 F & AM, AASR Valley of Canton and York Rite Bodies.



2007

Barry Busse of Carrollton, OH, passed away on May 15, 2017. Barry was born in Mechanicsburg, PA, and was a world-renowned tenor with a career that spanned 30 years. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Oberlin College, a Master's of Music degree in voice from Manhattan School of Music in New York City, and a subsequent Master's in Education from Walsh University. Barry was well known for his musical talents and acting roles. He was a choir member and frequent soloist with St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Massillon, OH, sang for an AIDS benefit at the Palace Theatre, and with the Carroll County Community Chorus. He served as choral director for Sandy Valley High School and also volunteered with Carrollton and GlenOak high schools, as well as the Timken High School Magnet School for the Arts. In addition, he co-founded the Ohio Opera Theatre (OOT), a non-profit opera company. Though Barry has no immediate, surviving family, he is loved and remembered by his surrogate family, Nancy and George Cazan of Carrollton.

Elvin (Smokey) L. Sutherland Jr., former professor at Walsh University, passed into the loving arms of the Lord on Thursday, July 6, 2017. Born on August 22, 1932 in Summerfield, OH, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy as a Quartermaster Seaman on the submarine USS Guavina. He graduated from The Ohio State University, worked as a Certified Public Accountant, and taught at Walsh University as a professor for many years. While teaching at Walsh, he formed lasting friendships with many of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, especially Brother Joseph Power, his mentor and friend. He is survived by his daughter, Julia (Barry) Finn; brother Jack (Joyce) Sutherland; nieces Cathleen (Michael) Billig and Beth (Michael) Robinette, nephew Jeff (Denise) Sutherland; 10 great nieces and nephews, and extended family Lois (Mark) Bixby, and Sam (Sue) Murphy and their sons Noah and Michael. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Rebecca Sutherland, and his loving companion Lois Murphy. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to the Walsh University Business Club Scholarship.



Dorothy Jean Ling was born in Huntington, WV, on January 7, 1941, to George and Dorothy (Dot) Garner, and was the oldest of their three children. She passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at St. Luke's Lutheran Home for the Aging. Dorothy graduated with honors from Huntington High School in 1958 and attended Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, WV, where she graduated with honors once again. It is there that she met her husband and soulmate, Thomas Y. Ling, a native of Taiwan. They married in 1962 and, after relocating to Canton, OH, she started her career at Walsh University in 1969. There, along with her husband, she enjoyed a career that spanned over three decades. She enriched the lives of not only her family but also her "college family," giving all the many thousands of Walsh students who passed through her classroom an appreciation

for classical music. In 1991, she earned her Master of Music History and Literature from The University of Akron. Dorothy will be missed not only by her family at Walsh but also by her husband of 55 years, Thomas Ling of Canton, OH, her two sons, Steven of Canton and David of Fort Wayne, IN, and her brothers, Robert Garner of Lexington, KY, and William "Billy" Garner of Richmond, VA. Memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the Dorothy J. Ling Scholarship at Walsh University.



Please direct any question regarding memorial contributions to the Advancement Office at [330.244.4746](tel:330.244.4746).

OCTOBER

October 6

Rick Grafmeyer '79 Luncheon

"What is the Pulse of Washington?"

- **Registration:** 11:30 a.m.
 - **Event:** 12 – 1:30 p.m.
Barrette Business and Community Center
 - \$35/person or \$250/Table of 8
- Call 330.490.7567 for details.**



HOMECOMING WEEKEND

October 13-14

Join us back on campus for a chance to reconnect with your classmates and alma mater.

For details, contact strescott@walsh.edu or visit walsh.edu/homecoming-2017.

October 23

From Top Model to Role Model



A story of an unsuspecting woman meeting Christ in the most unlikely of places. Leah will challenge us to have courage and embrace our faith.

- 7 p.m.,
Barrette Business and Community Center

NOVEMBER



November 4

Breakfast at Tiffany's Fashion Show Luncheon

Presented by the Walsh Women's Committee. Featuring a silent auction including home décor and gifts for all seasons, jewelry, handbags, and more.

- 11 a.m., Brookside Country Club
- Call 330.244.4752 for details.**

November 16 – 17

Genesisius Players Present



The Walsh University drama troupe stages this clever play of southern eccentricity.

- 7 p.m., Betzler Auditorium
- \$5 for General Public; Free with Walsh ID

Call 330.244.4931 or email mheffernan@walsh.edu for details.

November 28

#GIVINGTUESDAY

A 24-hour day of giving dedicated to the Brothers of Christian Instruction. If you are interested in supporting the Brothers' Scholarship, please consider donating on

#GivingTuesday.

Contact klewis@walsh.edu for more information.

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Homecoming and Reunion Weekend



Friday, October 13

5:30 p.m. **Outstanding Alumni Dinner**
Barrette Business & Community Center

Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient:
Professor Tom Ling

Saturday, October 14

9 a.m. **Cavaliers in the Community Day**

In the spirit of Walsh University's dedication to educating its students to become leaders in service to others, we – the students, alumni, faculty, staff – commit to making this day our recognized day of service in the community.
www.walsh.edu/communityday

5:30 p.m. **Tailgate and Walsh vs. Alderson Broaddus Football Game**
The New Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium

7:00 p.m. **Kickoff**
Enjoy fun, food, music and games before watching your Cavs take on the Skirmish. Be sure to wear your Walsh gear and enjoy the comradery with all the Maroon and Gold faithful

Sunday, October 15

11:00 a.m. **Alumni Mass**
Our Lady Perpetual Help Chapel

For a complete list of events or more details, contact strescott@walsh.edu, 330.244.4943 or visit walsh.edu/homecoming – 2017