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## President's Message

We have successfully launched the 59th year of operations at Walsh University. Nearly six decades of students, of programs, of faculty, of alumni, of challenges, and of successes! *Deo Gratias* – Thanks be to God! Each year I fuss about important people retiring – 18 this year. And each year I rejoice at the tremendous people who choose to be a part of the Walsh family. For example, long-time treasurer and chief financial officer Shelley Brown decides to retire – after preparing Laurel Lusk to succeed her. Board members complete their terms of service, and other successful and committed people replace them.

In the past few years, we completed a capital campaign, built a Center for Science Innovation and a Global Learning Center, created 90 new endowed scholarships, reduced our long-term debt, increased our endowment by nearly 30%, and continued 18 years of balanced budgets. Do you know why? Of course! We have great employees, visionary leaders, and faithful alumni and friends.

Gary Brown, a veteran local reporter featured in this edition, is one who has chronicled many of our people and events. And yet, so much goes unreported – our new DeVille Business School Dean, our new institutes, our career services re-design, our Renacci Center initiatives, and so much more. *Walsh Times*, our primary alumni publication, helps our readers recognize, support, applaud, and marvel at what we have become – and all of it done by thousands of people who contributed from our first day.

As I begin my 18th year as president (and 38th as student, dean, Board member, and President), I am still in awe of what we have collectively created. I know how our founding Brothers began. I lived through two potentially enterprise-ending financial crises. In our almost 60 years, we have overcome fires, a carbon monoxide group poisoning in 1969, huge increases in competition, and rising prices and discount rates. So why are we here and growing? Can it be anything but “—God gives the increase”?

And so it goes –

Richard Jusseume, President

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### Celebrating Walsh's First NCAA Champions

Walsh University earned its first two national championship titles with first place finishes by seniors Marcus Myers and Sarah Berger at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in Charlotte, NC, in May 2018.

Marcus Myers became Walsh's first NCAA National Champion after he won the hammer throw on the opening day of the meet. It is the first national championship for Walsh as a NCAA member and the first since Joe Morgan won the long jump during the 2010 NAIA Indoor Nationals.

Named Walsh's Male Athlete of the Year, Myers is a four-time All-American and won with a throw of 67.05 meters on his fourth attempt. Myers also took seventh place in the discus with a throw of 52.57 meters. He was named Midwest Outdoor Regional Field Athlete of the Year, the G-MAC Men's Field Athlete of the Meet and Year, the G-MAC Champion in the hammer and discus, the G-MAC record holder in the hammer, and the G-MAC Athlete of the Week three times.

For the unprecedented fourth year in a row, Sarah Berger was named the Walsh Female Athlete of the Year and earned her long-awaited National Champion title with a time of 4:22.22 in the 1,500-meter run. Her win was Walsh's first NCAA national championship for a women's sport and second-ever behind the women's basketball NAIA championship in 1997 – 1998. Berger was named the Female Great Midwest Collegiate Achievement Award winner, Midwest Regional Cross Country Athlete of the Year, Midwest Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year, G-MAC Women's Outdoor Track Athlete of the Meet and Year, and G-MAC Athlete of the Week seven times.

### Walsh Earns College of Distinction Honors

For the eighth consecutive year, Walsh University has been honored as a National College of Distinction. Walsh also retained its status as one of only five colleges in Ohio to be recognized nationally as a 2018-19 Catholic College of Distinction. Walsh joins The University of Dayton, Ohio Dominican, Mount St. Joseph and Xavier University as the only Ohio Catholic colleges recognized by Colleges of Distinction for offering environments that are conducive to spiritual growth while preparing students for the future. Walsh degree programs in Business, Nursing and Education were also honored for their committed implementation of High-Impact Educational Practices.

Walsh University was recognized for creating a truly unique learning environment where students not only earn college credit and valuable life experience but also participate in character-building.

### DeVile School of Business Names New Dean

Rajshekhar (Raj) G. Javalgi, Ph.D., has been appointed Dean of the DeVile School of Business. Dr. Javalgi replaced retiring Dean Carole Mount, Ph.D.

Dr. Javalgi joins Walsh from Cleveland State University, Monte Ahuja College of Business, where he most recently served as Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Distinguished Research Professor of Strategy, Marketing and International Business since 2002. His close to 30 years of experience in administrative and higher education encompasses extensive levels of responsibility in strategic planning, student recruitment and retention, internal program reviews, working with leaders within and outside the region, developing and launching innovative interdisciplinary programs, establishing faculty development initiatives, improving research productivity, and fostering collaborative relationships with the business community.

Dr. Javalgi earned his M.S. in Mathematics, M.B.A. and Ph.D. all from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.



TOP TO BOTTOM:  
National Champions Marcus Myers and Sarah Berger  
Walsh Earns College of Distinction Honors  
Dean Rajshekhar (Raj) G. Javalgi, Ph.D.

## Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Instruction Visits Walsh

Walsh University was honored to welcome the newly appointed Superior General of the worldwide order of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, Br. Hervé Zamor, to campus this August. The FIC Brothers are currently established in 26 countries with 800 members serving around the world. Appointed on March 17, 2018, Br. Herve is the first Haitian national to hold this position.

During his time at Walsh, Br. Hervé studied and practiced the English language and met with various administrators, faculty members and students to become more familiar with the Walsh University community. Residing in La Mennais Hall during his visit, Br. Hervé also spent time with President Richard Jusseaume, Associate Vice President for Mission Implementation Miguel Chavez and shared the Brothers' Charism with Walsh's Peacemakers and Resident Life students and staff. He also gave a presentation to Walsh's 56 new employees during the 2018 Orientation.

## Dan Passerini Named Director of Development

Walsh University has appointed alumnus Daniel J. Passerini, Ph.D., '94, as the University's new Director of Development. Dr. Passerini will replace retiring Director Carl Musille. As Director of Development, Dr. Passerini will be responsible for the creation and execution of major gift fundraising plans for capital and endowment gifts to the University.

A longtime supporter of Walsh, Daniel Passerini brings more than 20 years of corporate experience and community involvement to his role as Walsh's Director of Development. His experience comprises managing and leading multiple successful businesses in a wide range of industries including a consulting firm that provided professional training services for Fortune 100 companies, an oil and gas drilling company, a startup drug development company and a logistics/trucking company.

Dr. Passerini earned his Bachelor of Science in Biology from Walsh in 1994 and his Doctorate of Biochemistry from The University of Akron in 1999. His involvement with Walsh over the years has included serving as an adjunct professor from 1995-2002 and collaborating on several research and development projects with the Division of Mathematics and Sciences.

## Local Partners Celebrate Grand Opening of Military Family Center

Representatives from Walsh University, Pegasus Farm and Rotary International, along with members of the veteran and first responder community, came together on Wednesday, July 18, to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Military Family Center, located at 5495 Meese Road in Louisville, Ohio.

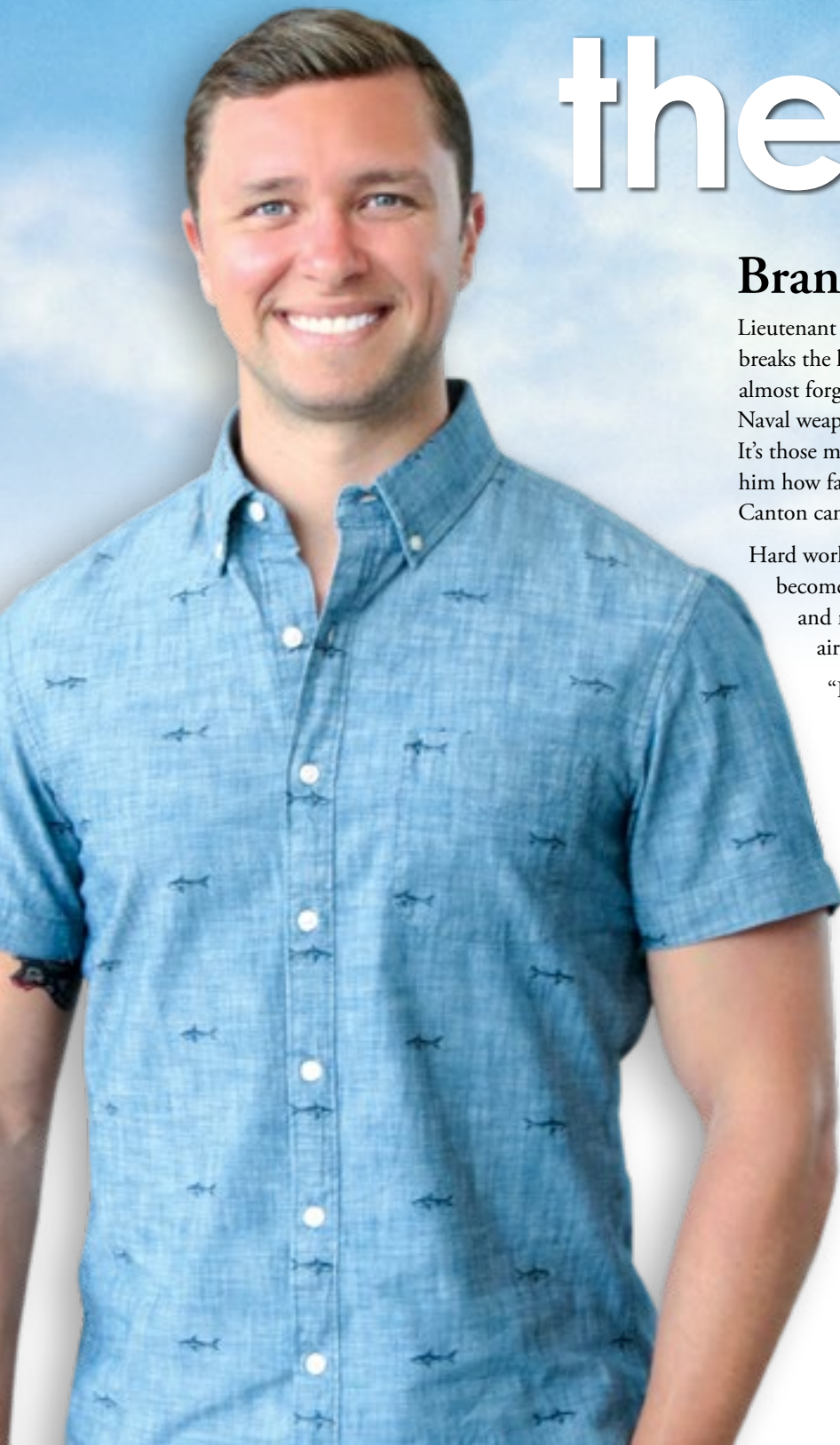
"What a wonderful opportunity. What a wonderful example of people coming together to honor those who deserve to be honored and served," said Walsh President Richard Jusseaume during his remarks. "We are very grateful to have been invited to be a part of this; we hope that, as it continues to develop, it becomes more of a presence here in Stark County. Our hope is that this center continues to help those who have helped so many of us."

Located on a beautiful 20-acre horse farm, the MFC is a new resource for veterans, active-duty military, first responders, and their families. The MFC combines the strengths of Rotary's vision and commitment to veterans and Pegasus Farm's therapeutic equestrian programs with Walsh University's physical/occupational therapy and counseling programs.



TOP TO BOTTOM:  
Superior General Br. Hervé Zamor  
Director of Development Dan Passerini  
Military Family Center Grand Opening

# The Sky's the Limit:



## Brandon Marucci '09

Lieutenant Brandon Marucci '09 will tell you that when the sun breaks the horizon at dawn, and all is quiet on the sea, you can almost forget for a moment that you are on one of the most feared Naval weapons in the history of the world – a U.S. Aircraft Carrier. It's those moments of quiet peace on the flight deck that remind him how far he has come from his student days on Walsh's North Canton campus.

Hard work and perseverance led Marucci to fulfill his dream to become a Naval Flight Officer qualified on one of the newest and most technologically advanced airborne electronic attack aircraft in existence, the EA-18G Growler.

"I received my Naval Flight Officer wings and subsequently became qualified as an Electronic Warfare Officer in the Growler. My job is to work with the pilot as a crew member in the jet," said Brandon. "My role in combat is to manage the battle space by communicating to Tactical Command and Control, ground personnel, and other aircraft within a strike package while running the weapons systems (jamming pods, air to air missiles, and air to ground ordnance). The pilot flies the jet, manages the radar and the air to air combat role, and helps with auxiliary tasks when required." The role of the Growler is the suppression and destruction of enemy integrated air defenses and the denial of the electromagnetic spectrum.

During his 8 ½ year career with the Navy, Brandon completed 34 combat missions in the Growler over Iraq and Syria and was deployed three times. He also collected over 1500 flight hours and 200 carrier landings.

After resigning his commission this past summer, he and his wife of five years, Jacqueline, are pursuing a



new dream – to live abroad.

Brandon is now an Operations Specialist in Australia where he trains Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) aircrew in the EA-18G Growler and F/A-18 Super Hornet. This fall, the couple will be featured on an episode of “House Hunters International” as they search for their permanent home in Brisbane.

But it didn't all come easy for Brandon. As a young boy growing up in Massillon, Ohio, he dreamed of flying jets for the military. But that dream seemed out of his reach, so he focused his efforts on other paths.

At Walsh, Brandon was a Psychology major with plans to pursue his doctorate. He is the first to admit he wasn't a very serious student and spent more time socializing than studying. It was during his junior year that Brandon realized he had a different calling than life as an academic.

“As a kid, I had always dreamed of flying. But I never knew of a clear pathway to get there,” said Brandon. “I was convinced I couldn't do it until I proved myself wrong.”

It was a simple Google search of “how to become a Naval Aviator” that set Brandon on the path to secure a commission in the United States Navy.

“My junior year was spent preparing applications, getting my grades up, attaining letters of recommendation, training to top physical shape and negotiating my contract with my recruiter,” said Brandon. “I knew it was a competitive program to get into, but I was still disappointed when I applied at the end of my junior year and was denied. I told myself that failure was not an option. I knew this was what I wanted to do. So the start of my senior year I recommitted myself and really buckled down to work hard and graduate in four years. I took a heavy course load and moved off campus to study. I applied again during the spring of my senior year and, just before graduation, I found out I had been picked up.”

By January 2010, Brandon was in Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island.

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In 2006, the U.S. Navy bought the EA-18G Growler from Boeing. Most aircrew transitioned into the Growler as seasoned aircrew previously flying the EA-6B Prowler. In 2012, a small group of aviators were selected to join the Growler Program directly from flight training. Brandon, who was at the top of his class in Jet Advanced training in Pensacola, was one of them.

“In 2010, I went through three months of Officer Candidate School to get my commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. From there, I went straight to Pensacola, Florida, which is known as the cradle of naval aviation. I spent close to two years in flight training where I met my wife, Jacqueline. It was a big accomplishment for me to get my wings in two years. At the end of the advanced jet training, I was selected for the Growler program. I packed my bags and went straight to Oak Harbor in Washington state to begin training in the Fleet Replacement Squadron, Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129.”

Training on the Growler took another year before Brandon received his initial qualification on the jet. His first tour was with the Electronic Attack Squadron VAQ-139 Cougars, a West Coast Carrier Base. In total, he spent three years with the Cougars, including a 10-month deployment on the U.S.S. Carl Vinson Aircraft Carrier from 2014-2015 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, the combined Joint Task Force operation to militarily defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria.



After he returned from his combat deployment, Brandon joined the VAQ-209 Star Warriors, where he deployed two more times in support of operations in the Pacific. He spent time in Guam, Japan, and South Korea flying with international partners to maintain stability in the region. In summer 2018, Brandon officially resigned his commission from the Navy.

“I was getting to a higher rank that would move me into a more administrative role. At this level, flying becomes a secondary duty while the primary focus is managing the bigger picture within the Navy. I wanted to keep flying,” said Brandon. “My upbringing was very family-centric, and I knew the deployments were hard on my wife. When you deploy, your spouse and children deploy too. It was time to focus on raising my family.”

Before the end of his commission, Brandon was quickly recruited by the Australian company Milskil Operational Training Solutions to help train Royal Australian Air Force members on American-made jets such as the Growler. The RAAF has recently purchased the Growler to become the only U.S ally to take up a tactical electronic attack role. Brandon is heading up the airborne electronic attack segment as a teacher, simulator instructor and flight instructor,

bringing much needed experience to the new program. Australia has consistently supported the United States in every conflict since World War II, and the value of American combat experience brought to the RAAF directly leads to an effective partner in future conflicts.

“When I was in school, I didn’t realize there are so many opportunities available in the military beyond enlisting out of high school. With a Bachelor’s Degree, you can choose your job and gain experience that is immeasurable doing things you never thought possible. All of that aptitude will help you down the road,” said Brandon.

**“I could’ve given up when my Naval application was rejected the first time, or when so many people told me the dream was a fantasy, but it only made me work harder. It just shows you that if you dare to follow your dreams, and not take no for an answer, literally, the sky could be the limit to what you can achieve.”**

*Brandon Marucci '09*



# Connecting to Something Greater Than Yourself



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## **Frank ’85 and Patricia D’Angelo Find Joy in Supporting Walsh University, its Students and the Community**

When Frank D’Angelo ’85 was an evening student at Walsh in the 1980s, there were only three buildings on campus and most academic classes were held in Farrell Hall. While the campus has changed over the years, to him, one thing remains.

“Walsh is still as welcoming today as it was to me then. The level of commitment towards each student is something that I felt personally as a student here and is something I still witness whenever I visit,” said Frank. “Walsh has been able to balance progress with preserving the school’s identity.”

Like many couples with a family, Frank and Patricia D’Angelo spent many years dedicating their time and resources to raising their two children, Frank and Michelle. When he graduated in 1985 from Walsh with his degree in business and management,

D’Angelo was already a top executive at Diebold with a family and home, but he credits Walsh with helping him to gain insight into how to manage both his personal and professional life.

Frank’s career includes more than 45 years of expertise in the financial services and payments industries in corporations such as Diebold in both the United States and Mexico, as well as serving as Chairman/President of Monitise America’s, Inc., and various executive positions with Payment Solutions Group. He was recently asked to come out of retirement by NCR and is now Executive Vice President and President of NCR’s Banking group.

About 20 years ago, the couple suddenly found themselves with grown children and extra free time.

“When we became empty nesters, we had more time on our hands. And with more time, I think you start thinking about the

ways you can give back to your community and organizations that have helped you along the way.”

Frank joined the Walsh Advisory Board and, several years later, the Walsh Board of Directors where he serves on the Investment Committee and as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee. As their connections to Walsh grew stronger with involvement, Frank and Patricia expanded their support to include an endowed scholarship benefitting computer information or computer science majors.

As a United States Air Force Veteran active in numerous civic and charitable organizations supporting military personnel, Frank also wanted to do something for Walsh students in service. The result was the couple’s endowed fund to support programming and services to students who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

When it comes to supporting Walsh students, Frank and Patricia have also expanded their

involvement beyond financial assistance. In 2018, they helped to arrange a visit to the New York Stock Exchange for students in the Student Managed Investment Club. While on the exchange floor, the students spoke with the stock exchange's market makers and were front and center for the closing bell. The two days also included a visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Wall Street.

When Walsh began plans to construct its new academic building, the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center, the couple felt compelled to once again get involved.

"The whole concept of the building, its openness both physically and intellectually,

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Married for more than 50 years, Frank and Patricia are active in the Catholic community and split their time between Florida, California and Ohio when they have a chance to visit. For them, supporting Walsh is not about recognition. It's about being a member of the community.

"I tell everyone in my business, and now my grandsons, the way for you to be successful is to make sure everyone around you is successful, whether it's your employee, customer, friend or family member. Ask yourself 'Did I contribute to the success of that individual? Did I help in some way to make this person better for having met me?'" said Frank. "It's not about ego or brand. It's more about the feeling you get inside when you can help someone else. Like when I drive past that mosaic of Walsh's crest. I get the feeling that there is a piece of myself up there. And the sense that we were a part of something bigger than ourselves."



appealed to us. It made us want to be more engaged," said Frank. "What really attracted us to this project was the freedom of expression and thought that the building concept represented. When I look at the building now, it just seems to represent all that Walsh stands for in the community."

The couple's support resulted in the beautiful mosaic of Walsh University's official crest on the exterior wall of the St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel inside the Global Learning Center. Prominently facing East Maple Street on the corner façade of the building, the Walsh crest in burgundy, yellow, and gold, was designed from approximately 500,000 pieces of handmade Venetian mosaic tiles.

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# Let the Experience Be the Lesson

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New Experiential Learning Initiatives Foster Personal, Professional Skills

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Experiential Learning is not something new to Walsh University. Service and global learning have always been key components to a Walsh education. But what is new is the restructuring of the Career Center and strategic inclusion of Walsh's experiential programs under one office, the Office of Experiential Learning.

"The overall vision is that, by working together, we will connect the academic experiences that happen outside the classroom with definitive career outcomes," said Associate Dean for Experiential Learning Rachel Hosler. "There is a lot of research identifying the key skills employers look for in graduates, including critical thinking, intercultural fluency and verbal/written communication. Experiential learning is trying to focus on developing those soft skills while building awareness that they are actually gaining something that will better prepare them for the workforce."

In the true manner of experiential learning, let our student's experiences be the lessons.

## International Internship Opens Doors

Senior history and psychology major Philip Kopatz is grateful for the doors that Walsh has opened to help him fulfill his dreams to someday teach on the college level and study Eastern European History. This past summer, Phil spent six weeks in Kyiv, Ukraine, with

an international internship at America House. His path to Ukraine exemplifies how the various departments within the Office of Experiential Learning work together to create unique experiences tailored to fit each student's individual goals and dreams.

Phil's Walsh experience also includes a Global Learning trip to Rome, Italy, and participating

as a member of the Honors Program Living Learning Community. Through the Office of Service Learning, Phil was able to interview and secure an international internship and meet a suitable host family to live with while in Kyiv.

"It was really fun to be engaged with people who were just so eager to learn about America and our culture," said Phil. "With my prior



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global learning experience, I knew how to be culturally sensitive. Walsh prepared me well to be a guest in their country. And it was Walsh that opened the door for me to take the first step on this journey.”

As an America House intern, Phil was responsible for planning, implementing and facilitating programs introducing Ukrainians to American history and customs. He also immersed himself in the local culture and studied the Russian language while living in Ukraine. One highlight of his internship was when Phil was asked to portray Elvis during the annual U.S. Independence Day Celebration honoring all things American. Performing for more than 2,000 people, Phil spent the day on stage and was photographed with more than 100 attendees. He also became a local TV star when he was interviewed by several different news organizations. While the experience was a lot of fun, he also credits his time in the spotlight and overall international internship with helping him to take more risks, build confidence and hone his communication skills.

“As a history scholar, the three basic skills I’ll rely on the most will be research, writing and speaking. Through my internship, I was able to apply those skills in a way that I had never done before. I became more confident as a speaker and facilitator. I learned to write for different audiences by contributing to the America House blog, and then changing my writing style completely to proof, edit and translate professional grant proposals. I was using my writing skills in a very new way that had real-world implications.”

Phil is currently working with the Office of Experiential Learning to fulfill his next dream, a return to Ukraine as a Fulbright Scholar. Phil was just one of four students who participated in international internships this summer.

Together with the Global Learning Office, Dr. Katherine Brown, Associate Professor of Museum Studies and Art History, coordinated an international internship for senior Museum Studies and History majors Maeggie Herman-Laurence and Hope Bruce



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at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial in Nettuno, Italy. As interns for five weeks, Maeggie and Hope conducted research on several American soldiers buried in the cemetery, developed tours based on that information, and helped to coordinate a commemorative July 4th event.

“We were in Italy, but I don’t know any Italian. So there was a language barrier. But, in the same way that museums interpret artifacts, I learned that you can interpret and communicate an idea in many different ways,” said Maeggie. “Ultimately when you are working with a museum, the goal is to help people see things in a way that is relatable to their own experience. This internship gave me a new and valuable perspective that I will carry into my own career. Before Walsh, I would’ve never thought I could have a chance to do something like this. It is definitely something I’ll never forget for the rest of my life.”

**Interdisciplinary Institutes Tackle Real Community Issues**

Junior Anna Shvach also interned in Rome, Italy, representing not only her University but also the Blouin Global Scholars and Food Design Institute programs, both under

the direction of the Walsh Experiential Learning team.

Living learning communities such as the Blouin Global Scholars provide an on-campus opportunity to deepen learning and collaboration. Each community features specialized programming and engaging activities that provide a unique experience geared towards increasing overall student success.

As a Blouin Global Scholar, Anna and her fellow classmates are concentrating on hunger and food sustainability as their global cohort



theme. When the Office of Experiential Learning launched the new interdisciplinary research institutes last fall, Anna saw an opportunity to expand her experience as a participant within the Food Design Institute. With focuses on community health, food insecurity and hunger, civic engagement and community development, faculty members and students like Anna work together to find solutions to some of the community's most pressing issues.

“While the purpose of our new Institutes is rooted directly into Walsh’s mission of service, the collaborative work will also encourage students to be active leaders in public issues long after graduation,” said Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Douglas Palmer, Ph.D. “The challenges

we tackle may not be solved by our faculty today, but we’re hopeful they will be solved by our students in the future.”

Because of her experience as a Blouin Global Scholar and Food Design Institute member, last December Anna was nominated to serve as a representative of Walsh to participate in the collaborative and solution-based Barilla International Food Conference in Milan, Italy. Through contacts made during the conference, she returned this summer to Italy to complete an international internship at Gustolab International Food Solutions.

“Anna’s opportunities in Italy exemplify the kind of experiences we want to provide for all of our Walsh students,” said Rachel Hosler. “Opportunities such as Anna’s are

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recognized as ‘high impact’ because they embed work experiences into the curriculum through internships, practicum experiences, field work, research, service learning and global trips.”

### **Service and Global Learning: Working Together**

As a freshman from Columbus, Ohio, psychology major Morgan Rowan arrived at Walsh last fall with a commitment to service already instilled in her by her parents and inspired by her faith. Through the Experiential Learning Office, she quickly became involved in the various service learning opportunities available to Walsh students. Morgan is an active member of the Peace Corps Prep program, volunteered for the MLK Day of Service and is exploring her interest in solving food insecurity in her community. In her first month on campus, she had already committed her spring break to serve through Walsh's Border Program.

New experiential initiatives such as the Border Program are expanding on the concept that students don’t have to leave the U.S. to participate in a global experience. During spring break, Morgan and a group of Walsh students and faculty members participated in a new collaborative Service and Global Learning program along the U.S./Mexico Border in Laredo, TX. The goal was to foster intercultural competencies and a better understanding of migration in the United States and throughout the world. The trip was built off of the course “The Border,” taught by Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs Koop Berry, Ph.D., which examined the complex relationship between the two countries. Walsh worked with community partners in Texas including the Congregation



of Saint John, The Holding Institute Community Center, Casa Misericordia and Sacred Heart Orphanage.

“My favorite service project was taking a class about the realities of immigration and its connection to the political, social, and economic relationship between Mexico and the United States. Educating myself about this important topic was service in itself, but the most impactful part of the course was traveling to Laredo, Texas, and experiencing the unique blended culture and social concerns of this special community situated on the frontlines of immigration conflicts at the U.S.-Mexican Border,” said Morgan. “From visiting women’s shelters, connecting with a youth-led immigrant alliance, and trying local foods, it was so meaningful to interact with leaders passionate about caring for the needs of their community.”

### **A New Home. A New Purpose: The Camelot Music Career Readiness and Development Center**

Another important tool to help students prepare for life after college will be the Camelot Music Career Readiness and Development Center. In the past, college career centers have traditionally focused on helping seniors with resume preparation and interview skills. At Walsh, that model is a thing of the past.

Inside the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center, students will begin working with the Career Readiness Center as freshmen to access the resources available to explore career possibilities, engage with the community and utilize the new Handshake career database to seek career and internship opportunities. Working in collaboration with the Offices of Service Learning and Global Learning, the Career Readiness staff are also pursuing new student internship opportunities with international organizations around the world.



### **New Digital Badge Validates Student Accomplishments**

Unfortunately, college transcripts and grad school applications don’t usually offer an opportunity for students to showcase the “soft” skills acquired beyond academics from

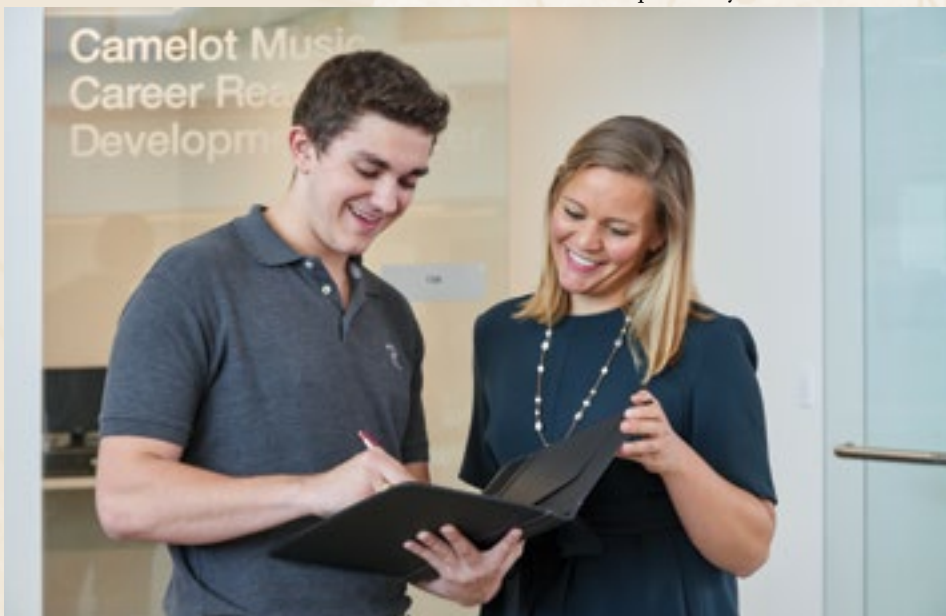
their college experience. A new student recognition program will launch this fall to capture and validate this broad scope of skills not shown on a traditional academic transcript. The Walsh Advantage Digital Badge system will provide an official credential for students that documents a student’s skills earned, such as adaptability, engagement, critical thinking, problem solving and innovation in a student’s undergraduate and graduate education. With the ability to share badges online through social media sites such as LinkedIn, Walsh students will be creating a positive online presence to maximize academic and career potential.

To earn their first Digital Badge credential, Walsh freshmen will explore the art of “storytelling” by creating a video documentary on their smartphones called “My Walsh Digital Story.” Students will submit their final documentary capstone project at the end of the semester and compete to win the grand prize. Throughout the process, students will learn to work collaboratively together as they hone their storytelling skills which were recently identified by *Forbes Magazine* as an in-demand job skill that will give students an employable edge over the competition.

“We’re preparing students not only for the workforce but to be engaged in their communities in a meaningful way,” said Hosler. “While academics are still the foundation, employers are also looking for individuals who can think and act outside of the box. By purposefully creating these types of hands-on learning opportunities for our students, we are adding value to their higher education experience and helping to give them a solid edge when it comes to career readiness.”

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*Rachel Hosler*



# THE CANTON REPOSITORY



## The Story is in the Written Word

Author, Columnist **Gary Brown:**  
Preserving and Sharing the  
Story of Walsh

**Gary Brown** is not a Walsh University alumnus. He's not an employee or professor. He didn't even grow up in Stark County. But during his more than 40-year career as a columnist at the *Canton Repository* newspaper his love for Walsh University has grown.

A historian at heart, his fondness for Walsh was nurtured by the thought-provoking interviews and personal stories of some of the most beloved and respected members in the University's history. Through his writings, he has been able to share the thoughts and spirit of treasured friends such as Br. Francis Blouin, Br. Joseph Power and longtime professors Tom Ling and Joe Ezzie, just to name a few.

"When I first came to the *Canton Repository*, and started writing a couple stories about places like Walsh, I realized how the story is

actually in the word," said Gary. "In Walsh's case, the story is really the people. And, I've been really blessed to have been able to write about a few of them."

In Stark County, Gary Brown is known for his fair reporting and insightful columns as a respected member of the *Repository* staff since March 4, 1974. His weekly column, "Monday After," effortlessly blends humor and the art of storytelling by connecting history to the lives of the people who have shaped the community. It was through his column that Gary has interviewed some of the most influential people of Walsh University, preserving their memory for generations to come. Through his column, their legacy remains.

When he began his career in the newspaper industry, reporters were typing stories on typewriters and the industry still relied on the hot metal type of the big rumbling press that shook the building.

"When I started, the industry really hadn't changed much since Gutenberg. The biggest advancement had been from wooden to metal type on the press. But in the decades since, everything has changed. We write wherever we want, take videos and photos. Laptops have changed the newsroom. I can even write and submit now from the beach if I want."

A native of Canandaigua, NY, Gary moved to Ohio to attend college. In 1974, he was hired as a *Repository* editorial assistant. Shortly after, he was promoted to reporter and covered the police beat. Seeking relief from the bad news associated with crime, Gary began writing humor columns and posting them in the lunchroom. From there his weekly column was born.

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Gary Brown first interviewed Br. Francis Blouin on campus in 2012. In an interview



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in La Mennais Hall, Br. Francis spoke about his 14 years as President of Walsh and his role in bringing a series of Nobel Peace Prize winners to campus, including Mother Teresa, now Saint Teresa of Calcutta, in 1982.

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*Gary Brown*

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As Gary recalls, Br. Francis described how Mother Teresa made him feel “like she was a friend,” and that their conversations centered around her questions about the Brothers of Christian Instruction, their mission and Walsh.

“I hear this remarkable story, and now, since I wrote about it, everyone has a glimpse of the real Mother Teresa that none of us would have had without him,” said Gary.

“But he did so many things beyond that. The contribution he made to not only Walsh but to our community by bringing these five legendary people here was remarkable. A lot of people knew him, but just telling his story in essence tells the story of the personalities and stature of the people he was able to introduce to us.”

When he interviewed Brother Joseph Power in 2010 it was just before the University’s Opening Day Mass where he addressed the student body, faculty and staff. They met on the porch next to La Mennais Hall where Br. Power was fond of sitting throughout the day. At that time, he had already been battling cancer for several months. But his spirit was bright and their conversation was lively.

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“I talked to him before he spoke at the Mass and then I had the privilege of hearing him address the audience. It was remarkable to see the emotional impact he had on everyone in attendance,” said Gary. “Sitting on the porch with him, it was interesting to see the number of people who would stop by and say ‘hello,’ including Joe Ezzie, someone I would write about later. It was really something to experience beyond the obvious interesting things he had to say. I was able to watch the reaction of other people around him, which was respect and love at the same time from students and staff.”

When Br. Power passed away only a month later in October it was Gary Brown who wrote his obituary for the paper and covered





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his memorial Mass. The article ran on the front page.

“It’s not something you get to write about often. To talk to the person and see a microcosm of his life and then to experience the legacy of the life he has left behind, it had an impact on me as well,” said Gary. “I wish I had come back after the stories with any of these people and sat on the patio and talked for another three weeks with Brother Power. But you get busy and time goes so fast. And then the opportunity is gone. I regret that I didn’t come back and visit with these remarkable men I’ve had a chance to get to know through my column.”

Gary notes that during his interview, Br. Power spoke about his time as an Oxford student of two famous writers and professors, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. He shared how each one of them had made him feel like he was a friend and not just their student.

“I truly believe he patterned his life after C.S. Lewis and Tolkien. Watching him interact with people on campus, and even when he first met me, he made everyone feel like a friend,” said Gary. “First of all, who gets to meet two people like that? As a writer, I was thinking ‘wow.’ But the other thing is he carried the spirit they had for life to his life, and in a sense you got to experience these two famous individuals through him.”

Through his column he has also profiled two of Walsh’s longest serving professors, retired Associate Professor of Mathematics Tom Ling and Professor of Business and Economics Joe Ezzie.

“Ironically, both of them were there when I spoke with Brother Power. They had stopped by to visit with him while we were on the porch,” said Gary. “As a self-proclaimed historian, it was fascinating to sit amidst all of that institutional memory.

They were each here for almost half a century, almost the entire history of Walsh. I remember Tom Ling saying when he got here there were two buildings and Joe Ezzie could not only speak about teaching in the Barrette Center but also about the man for whom the building is named, because he knew him. I can try to tell the story of Walsh, but these men actually lived it.”

Gary Brown is also an avid Cavalier basketball fan and rarely misses a home game. Through his regular attendance over the past five years, Gary has become well known to the Walsh community and has also profiled the work of Assistant Athletic Director Mark Heffernan and alumnus Corey Jones '08 in his column. He says by attending the games, he feels closer to Walsh and, at times, almost like an alumnus himself.

“My hope is that the students are studying history a little bit more than I did. And that they realize how many interesting people have passed through here. It says a lot that so many came for the short term and stayed for more than 40 years,” said Gary. “Walsh feels like a family. And by writing about it, I’ve gotten in some small way to feel like I’m a part of it too. I really have to take a course here someday so that I can say I went to school here. Because I love Walsh University, I already feel like an honorary Cavalier.”

Gary Brown is also the author of several books including “The Monday After,” a compilation of columns from the *Canton Repository*, and the local history book “Images: Pictures from our Past.”

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# Service to Walsh

## Walsh University Welcomes New Board Members, Thanks Outgoing for Dedicated Service

This July, Walsh University welcomed several new members to its Board of Directors and bid farewell, but not goodbye, to four of its members on completion of their second Board terms as strategic advisors and committed custodians of Walsh University's founding heritage and mission.

**Welcome New Board Members**  
(Next Issue: **Teresa Brately '83** and **Ed Robinson '77**)

### Philip D. Fracassa



Philip D. Fracassa joins the Walsh University Board of Directors from The Timken Company where he serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. At

Timken, Phil leads the finance organization, including external reporting, accounting, treasury, tax, financial planning and analysis, internal audit, risk management and investor relations. In addition, he oversees global information technology, enterprise shared services and legal and government affairs.

"I had the opportunity to get to know President Richard Jusseume over the past several years, and I was able to get more familiar with all the great things going on at the University. I believe Walsh plays an important role in our community," said Phil. "I was educated in Catholic institutions, and I firmly believe in the Catholic foundation that supports the school. I think my finance background and experience in attending Catholic universities will be helpful assets for the Board. But what I'm looking forward to the most is helping President Jusseume and the Walsh administration fulfill the mission of the University."

Fracassa joined Timken in 2005 and has held several key positions, including senior vice president for planning and development, senior vice president and group controller, and senior vice president for tax and treasury.

Phil is active in community affairs and currently sits on the Boards of Directors of Team NEO and the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is also a past Chairman of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Fracassa holds a Bachelor of Science (Accounting) from the University of Detroit and a Juris Doctor (JD) from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. In 2011, he completed the Advanced Management Programme (AMP) at INSEAD Business School in France. He is a certified public accountant and licensed attorney in the state of Michigan.

Phil resides in Bath Twp., Ohio, with his wife Joan and their son Dominic.

### Ramona Hood '12



Alumna Ramona Hood '12 is the Vice President of Operations, Strategy and Planning at FedEx Custom Critical. From the beginning of her career in 1991, she has

been able to drive business results with growth. This dedication has helped to contribute to her successful rise from an entry-level employee at FedEx to her current position as Vice President where she has the responsibility for setting and achieving strategic goals through inspiration and innovation.

"The Walsh University Board of Directors is a natural alignment for me, and I feel my personal journey provides a unique and diverse perspective to the Board," said Ramona. "I'm an alumna who followed a nontraditional path for my undergraduate degree, and attaining my degree provided great opportunities in my professional and personal life. I'm honored to join the Walsh Board of Directors and make contributions to further advance our diversity in students and an overall college experience that includes academics, spirituality, and social activities."

Ramona serves as Chair of the Technology Committee for Transportation Intermediary Association and was also appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. She is also an active member of the Summit Education Initiative Board, Cleveland State University Foundation, and serves as a business advisor for Welty Building.

Additionally, Ramona is a member of the Kent Area (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, and of Jack and Jill of America Inc., Akron Chapter.

In 2016, she received the *Crain's Cleveland* Women of Note award; Smart Women, Honoree of the Progress Woman award; and Woman of Influence from the Women in Trucking Association. She was also honored by the Greater Akron Chamber with the "30 for the Future" award. Additionally, in 2010 and 2016, Hood received the FedEx Five Star award, which is the highest recognition employees can receive at FedEx. In 2013, she was recognized by Sales & Marketing Executives International with a Distinguished Sales & Marketing Award. She also received the Woman of Inspiration Award from Walsh University.

Ramona Hood received her Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Walsh University and an Executive MBA from Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management.

She currently resides in Copley, Ohio, with her two daughters, Mariah and Kayla.

Also in July, the Board thanked four retiring members who have been instrumental in the growth and prosperity of the University for more than 12 years. Thank you for your dedicated service and continued support of Walsh University.

**Daniel P. Cunningham '71**  
**John "Jack" Dowling '69**  
**Dennis Biery**  
**Robert Belden**

# WALSH UNIVERSITY Alumni Association

## Event-Filled Summer Provides New Ways for Alumni to Reconnect

From Rome, Italy, to Walsh's North Canton campus, Walsh alumni enjoyed an event-filled summer that provided several new opportunities to reconnect with each other and their alma mater locally and abroad.



### Alumni and Friends Italy Trip

The summer kicked off with the Alumni and Friends trip to Italy in May. In total, 24 participants shared 12 days traveling through Italy where they enjoyed a Papal audience, met Walsh students studying in Rome, toured Walsh's Castel Gandolfo campus and, ultimately, built lasting friendships with each other.

Highlights of the trip included visiting the enchanting botanical gardens in Villa Carlotta and taking in the panoramic views of Italy such as Lake Como and the charming town of Bellagio. The group also toured the beautiful Venetian Lagoon, watched skilled glassblowers in Murano and toured the historic streets of Florence adorned with works of art by many of the world's greatest artists. The trip included all of the rich history of Rome with exploration of ancient buildings, magnificent architecture and works of art.

In addition, the Walsh group enjoyed a Papal audience and learned the art of making fresh ravioli and gnocchi during a cooking class. The Walsh alumni also found the time to enjoy dinner with several groups of Walsh students studying in Rome during the May Global

Learning session. Additional cities visited were Assisi, Murano, Modena, Burano, Siena, San Gimignano and Verona.

**"The days spent in Italy with alumni and friends of Walsh University were simply breathtaking,"** said tour organizer and leader Lucia Cirese, director of development. "Beautiful memories were shared and lasting friendships established as we explored the many cities, learned the rich history of Italy and enjoyed exquisite culinary delights."



### Alumni Golf Outing Hits Fundraising Goal

More than 110 golfers took to the links for the annual Walsh University Alumni Golf Outing on Friday, June 8. This year's event was the most successful in Walsh history in terms of fundraising with \$8,500 raised for student scholarships and alumni programming. Co-chairs of this year's event were Joe Eaton '70 and Mike Reed '87. The Golf Outing was sponsored by Huntington Bank.

### First-Ever Alumni Weekend a Big Success

The first annual Alumni Weekend, spearheaded by alums Chad Bauman '09 & '10 and Gustavo Stille '09 & '11, welcomed over 75 alumni back to campus on June 9 and 10. Alumni from the classes of 2006 through 2017 participated in college-themed events throughout the weekend. Some activities included yard games, a cookout, trivia, dinner in the cafeteria, a tour of campus, and wine/beer tastings. One of the weekend highlights included the opportunity for visiting alumni to recapture their college days by staying overnight in the dorms.

**"We would like to thank the University for the implementation of our first annual alumni weekend. We had a great turnout with great people,"** said co-chair Chad Bauman. "The activities provided and ample leisure time were a perfect mix for the event. We are thankful for all that attended and are looking forward to next year's event on June 22 and 23."



## First Annual Gilchrist Golf Outing Supports Family Legacy

More than 68 golfers participated in the first annual Columbus Alumni Golf Outing on Saturday, June 9. This outing was co-sponsored by Walsh University Alumni and Jacquie Gilchrist as a fundraiser for the Michael '86 & Brian '88 Gilchrist Scholarship Fund at Walsh. This scholarship was created in loving memory of the brothers.

As proud Walsh students, Michael and Brian Gilchrist both played basketball, helped create the Ebony Eyes Student Organization (now known as the Black Student Union), recruited Coretta Scott King to be the keynote speaker at the Black History Month Celebration and were extremely involved across campus. Michael went on to serve as an Accountant for Chase Bank in Columbus, while Brian was the Visual Regional Manager for Coldwater Creek. Next year, the golf outing will be held on June 8, 2019, at the Bend Tree Golf Course in Columbus, Ohio.



## Alumni Enjoy Behind the Scenes Look at American Greetings

Walsh University Board of Directors member and American Greetings Vice President of Corporate Innovation Carole Miller '93 graciously hosted more than 20 alumni at American Greetings Creative Studio in Cleveland for a tour, presentation, and lunch on July 24. During the event, Walsh alumni learned about the

company's history, the decision to sell part of the company and what the future looks like for the industry. The building features an elevated outdoor courtyard, plenty of "we space" for collaboration efforts, a creative laboratory and even space for employees' art to be displayed.



## First Annual Cavalier Football PMA Club Cookout

On Sunday, August 19, the Cavalier Football PMA Club held its inaugural event, the Kickoff Cookout. Current players, coaches, parents, alumni and their families enjoyed an evening together. The Club was launched in May of this year and was one of Coach Fankhauser's initial tasks when he was named head football coach.

**"When Coach Fankhauser approached me about creating a board of former Cavalier players from our 24-year history to contribute to the current program, honor our history, reconnect with former teammates, meet fellow alumni, network and mentor with each other, it was an easy yes for all of us on the board"**

*said Board President Patrick Mackie '07.* "Our initial goal for the remainder of 2018 was to engage with football alumni. We also introduced a membership program that would allow participants to contribute directly to the program, access special events and other perks. Currently we have over 50 members, and we look to grow that number along with launching initiatives and campaigns in the future."



For more information email [cavpmaclub@walsh.edu](mailto:cavpmaclub@walsh.edu)

For more information on upcoming Walsh University Alumni Events, visit [walsh.edu/alumni](http://walsh.edu/alumni).

Marriages



**'03 Adam Davis** married Valleria Bohrt on June 30, 2018. The couple resides in Springfield, MO.

**Elizabeth Bachner** and Jeffrey Sellers were married on July 23, 2017. Elizabeth is currently teaching at Aiken County Public Schools. The couple resides in Aiken, SC.



**'12 Lisa Sturgill** married Michael Oesch on October 14, 2017, in Cleveland, OH. Lisa is an Accounting Manager at Employers Health, and Michael is the Senior Manager at Veritas Solutions Group, LLC. The couple resides in Canton, OH.



**'14 Veronica Ringel and Vincent Scaia '13** were married on April 28, 2018. Veronica is attending Virginia Tech where she is pursuing her Ph.D. in Translational Biology, Medicine, and Health. Vinny works as a physical therapist at CORA Physical Therapy.

Births

**'98 Donny Williamson** and his wife, **Stephani (Hasapis) '04, '06 & '08**, welcomed their daughter, Gabrielle Elizabeth, on May 16, 2018. Donny is a physical therapist at Spectrum Orthopedics, and Stephani is a physical therapist at Cleveland Clinic-Akron General Rehabilitation and Sports Therapy in Green.



**'05 Kristen (Boyne) Popelmayer** and her husband, Mike, welcomed their daughter, Bridget Clare, on May 18, 2018.



**'07 Jennifer (Osyk) Ziegler** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their daughter, Amelia Caroline, on August 4, 2017. Jennifer is a 1st grade teacher at Durham Public Schools.

**'08 Kelly (Jackson) Krebs** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their daughter, Kendall Lee Krebs, on March 8, 2018. Kelly is a teacher for Akron Public Schools, and Brian is a firefighter for the city of Cuyahoga Falls. The family resides in Kent, OH.

In Memoriam



**'85 Margaret "Peg" (Miller) Duffy**, age 77, of Jackson Township, passed away surrounded

by her loving family on July 28, 2018. She was born on June 6, 1941, to the late Edward and Margaret Miller. She married Roger Duffy on May 11, 1963. Peg retired as a Medical Assistant. She was a spiritual person, who loved her family and animals. Peg was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by Roger, her husband of 55 years; her children, Beth (Michael) Rado and her twin sons Roger T. (Cathy) Duffy and Patrick G. (Debra) Duffy; her grandchildren, Mack, Jaclyn, Abby, Patrick, Emily and Matthew Duffy; her brother-in-law, Thomas (Anne) Duffy, and sister-in-law, Donna (Joseph) Filipowski; as well as a host of family and friends.



**'88 Lois Eva (Farrell) Thomas, RN, MA**, age 86, of North Canton, passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2018, following a long illness. Lois was born on September 17, 1931, in Camden, NJ, the daughter of the late Ernest and Sophie Farrell. She was a graduate of Earlham College and Walsh University. Lois retired from Jackson Local School District where she was the school nurse. She was a member

of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Lois traveled extensively but particularly loved her time on Cape Cod. She will certainly miss her garage sales! Lois is survived by her husband, George Thomas; daughter Kristine (Ron) Keppel and son George (Kelly) Thomas; along with four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Class Notes

**'95 Michael Palcisko** is a theology teacher at Holy Name High School. Michael resides in Parma Heights, OH.

**'99 Jennifer (McElrath) Mahoney** has been elected to a two-year term as President of the Society for Chemical Hazard Communication (SCHC), a professional organization committed to serving product stewards and chemical hazard communication professionals and to promoting knowledge and awareness in all areas of chemical hazard communication. She lives in South Dakota with her husband and three dogs. Jennifer is currently employed at CGI as Senior Consultant and Regulatory Advisory Services Lead.

**'02 Stephen "Brad" Albaugh** is employed by Cleveland Clinic-Akron General as Director of Practice Operations. Brad and his wife, **Sara Securro '02**, reside in Akron, OH.



**Dustin Weaver** was named news editor overseeing coverage of Congress, a key leadership role in the Associated Press Washington Bureau. Weaver joins the AP from *The Hill*, where he served as news editor overseeing the paper's print and digital coverage of Congress, the White House and other Washington beats. Weaver previously served as *The Hill's* business and lobbying editor. He has also held editing positions at *The Washington Post Express* and *The Washington Examiner*.

## '05

**Chris Morris** is employed as the Project Manager for Shearer's Foods. She resides in Massillon, OH.



## '05 & '06

**Dana Wobser** was honored on June 19 as a member of the ystark! 2018 class of "Twenty under 40!," which honors young professional leaders. In 2009, she joined Myers Industries in Akron, the largest wholesale tire repair supply distributor in the U.S., as an internal auditor. She has been promoted six times during the eight years she has been with the company and is currently the Director of Human Resources for the Distribution Segment. Dana was also honored with the Walsh University Young Alumni Leadership Award in 2017.

## '08

**Sam Cerreta** is the GYN-Territory Manager at Hologic, which specializes in medical devices for women's health. He and his family reside in North Canton.



## '11

**Pedro "PJ" Chavez** was honored on June 19 as a member of the ystark! 2018 class of "Twenty under 40!." He is the Director of Liturgical Services for the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University and was also honored this May by the 2018 Walsh University senior class as the Terrance Portis Mentor of the Year. PJ and his wife, **Bethany (Hipp) '08**, are the proud parents of two children, Luca and Caleb.

## '12

**Nicole Boatright** is the Director of Strategy and Corporate Operations at Aultman Health Foundation. She and her husband Anthony Borbonus, reside in Canton, OH.

## '13

**Dr. Therese Greco** has been honored for displaying outstanding leadership and having a positive impact on her community. She received the "25 Under 35" award from

her high school, Saint Joseph Academy. The award acknowledges the school's alumnae who have gone above and beyond in both personal and professional endeavors since their graduation from Saint Joseph Academy. Theresa is employed as a pharmacist at Discount Drug Mart.

## '13

**Allison Bonvissuto** is a pre-K teacher at Urban Community School. Allison currently resides in Brecksville, OH.

## '14

**Christian Zwick** is Senior Financial Accounting Advisory Services at Ernst & Young, LLP. He resides in Cleveland, OH.

## '15

**Jacqueline Donley** is a medical technologist-cytogenetics at Akron Children's Hospital.



**Laura Kozuszek** is currently serving as the Colorado/Wyoming regional AmeriCorps VISTA Leader where she oversees 9-20 VISTA members and develops the program for the two-state region. She received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for her American Red Cross and AmeriCorps VISTA Service in 2017. Laura now resides in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Gavin Hackett** is a physical therapist at Akron Children's Hospital Mansfield Rehabilitation. Gavin resides in Ontario, OH, with his wife, Mikayla.

## '16

**Miranda Morvay** is employed by the National Association of Counties as Administrative Manager-County Solutions and Innovation. Miranda resides in Washington, D.C.



**Michelle Ragusa** spent two years as a campus missionary with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). She recently accepted a nursing position on the residential psychiatric unit

at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. While at Walsh, Michelle developed a strong interest in public health, mental health, and pediatrics and looks forward to utilizing all three in her new position. She resides in Milford, OH.

**Emily Mazzafferri** is a high school counselor for Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin. Emily resides in Chardon, OH.

## '17

**Elise (Shirer) Freeman** is employed as the Annuities Analyst for Nationwide Financial. She and her husband, Dakota, were married on May 6, 2017. The couple reside in Reynoldsburg, OH.

## '18

**Matthew Lenz** is employed by Walsh University as the Coordinator of Intramural Sports. Matt is also pursuing his Master of Occupational Therapy degree at Walsh. He resides in North Canton.

**Nick Leasure** is a merchandiser at Superior Beverage Company. He currently resides in Mansfield, OH.

**Danielle Acuna**, a recent nursing graduate, has started her career as an RN at Aultman Hospital. Danielle currently resides in Canton, OH.

**Natalie Weigand** was awarded the Nursing Excellence Award from the Cleveland Clinic. This award is given to the top performing nurse of the year, with nominations coming from both colleagues and patients. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a nurse at the Cleveland Clinic. Natalie now resides in Shaker Heights with her husband, **Steve '10**, who is employed by PNC Bank and is on the Walsh University Alumni Board of Trustees.

**Katelyn Mokros** studied coral reefs, manatees, howler monkeys, jaguars and other wildlife while learning the methods communities are using to sustain them in Belize. Katelyn lives in North Canton and is a graduate student in Miami University's Global Field Program.

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# Homecoming and Reunion Weekend



## Friday, October 19

### Outstanding Alumni Dinner

5:30 p.m. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner  
*Barrette Business and Community Center*  
Registration Required

## Saturday, Oct. 20

### Cavs in the Community

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Service in the Community  
Register at [walsh.edu/CIC-18](http://walsh.edu/CIC-18)

## Saturday, Oct. 20

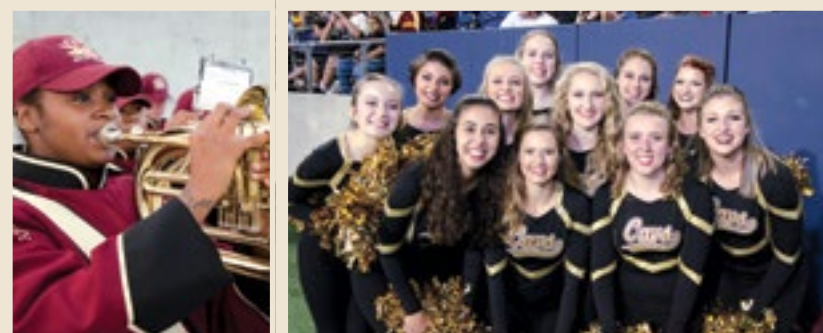
### Homecoming Game

Walsh vs. Hillsdale  
*Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium*  
7:00 p.m. Kickoff

## Sunday, October 21

### Alumni Mass

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



For a complete list of events or more details, please contact [alumni@walsh.edu](mailto:alumni@walsh.edu) or visit [walsh.edu/homecoming2018](http://walsh.edu/homecoming2018)