

WALSHTM TIMES

DeVille School of Business Reflects on Ten Year Legacy



GRADUATES HONORED DURING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY | PHIZZLE CEO BEN DAVIS '96 ENCOURAGES FELLOW ENTREPRENEURS TO DREAM BIG

SUMMER 2018 | A PUBLICATION OF WALSH UNIVERSITY



President's Message

As you read this edition and marvel at the many successes in the 58th year of Walsh University, it should continue to validate the great work being accomplished by faculty, students, and employees at all levels. We are blessed by a community of talented, committed, and inspired people. We continue to hire and recruit such persons and look forward to yet another special group of Walsh students.

The opening of the new Global Learning Center highlights key campus initiatives that now have a home. Institutes in community health, food design, and community development are underway. Blouin Scholars, Leaders in Social Justice, and Renacci Scholars are flourishing. The Renacci Center for Civic Engagement has already hosted several events. And all of this happens because of enlightened leadership and special students who feel called to do more.

We are blessed with many MVPs on campus. These are persons who understand the Mission, have the Vision to sustain it, and the Passion to articulate it. This is why Walsh is flourishing and why Walsh is sustainable. About 16 people are retiring this year – that is a concern. They have been loyal members and represent significant institutional memory and legacy. We move forward on their shoulders – confident that God will send us kindred spirits.

Our work continues. Thanks for your support.

Richard Jusseume, President

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair: The Honorable Sara Lioi

Vice-Chair: E. Jeffrey Rossi

Gerard Archambault

Robert F. Belden

Dennis Biery

Bro. Levi Boudreau

Msgr. James Clarke

Daniel P. Cunningham '71

Frank D'Angelo '85

Ron Dees

Jacqueline DeGarmo '74

Bro. Charles Desjarlais

Roger DeVille '65

Gary Didado

Denise Domian '91

John E. Dowling '69

Timothy Fautsko '67

A.J. Hyland

Bro. Jerome Lessard

Edward A. Mahoney III '66

David McCauley

Carol Miller '93

The Most Reverend George Murry

Richard Reichert '78

Christopher Remark '92, '08

Paul L. Ruffin '76

Theodore Stults

Theodore Swaldo

Marlene K. Toot '85

Barbara Yingling '92, '96

Bro. Walter Zwierchowski

WALSH TIMES is published three times a year by the Office of Integrated Marketing & Communications in collaboration with the Office of Advancement and distributed free of charge to alumni and friends of Walsh University.

Vice President for Marketing and Communications:

Teresa Fox

Vice President for Advancement:

Eric Belden

Director of University Relations:

Andrea McCaffrey

Director of Alumni Relations:

Sarah Trescott '09 & '13

Graphic Designer:

Shane Brown

Additional Editorial Staff:

Kristin Brimfield

Karen Hodge

Cari Shell

Walsh University is an independent, coeducational, Catholic, liberal arts and sciences institution.

Founded by the Brothers of Christian Instruction, Walsh University is dedicated to educating its students to become leaders in service to others through a values-based education with an international perspective in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Change of Address and General Correspondence to:

Office of Alumni Relations

2020 East Maple Street

North Canton, OH 44720-3336

Phone: 330.244.4943

E-mail: alumni@walsh.edu

www.walsh.edu



7



11



13



19

FEATURES

- 7 DeVille School of Business Reflects on 10 Year Legacy
- 11 Phizzle CEO Ben Davis '96 Encourages Fellow Entrepreneurs to 'Dream Big'
- 13 Any Given Saturday: The Cavalier Marching Band Flourishes Under Director John Rivers
- 18 Students The Big Winners at 18th Annual Viva Walsh Vegas
- 19 In Memoriam: Brother James Lacasse
- 20 Your Room, Your Legacy: Renovations of Alexis and Menard

DEPARTMENTS

- 1 Campus News
- 3 Best of the Year
- 5 Commencement Recap
- 14 Board Member Spotlight
- 15 Alumni Notes

Professor Joe Ezzie '65, Dean Carole Mount, Dr. John Trapani Give their Last Lecture





TOP TO BOTTOM:
Dan McCallion Track Dedicated
Laurel Lusk named as Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs
Grand Opening of James B. Renacci Center

Dan McCallion Track Dedicated

After 41 years of service to Walsh academics and athletics, Dan McCallion is set to retire this summer. In honor of his achievements and contributions to Walsh's track and field program, Walsh celebrated the dedication of the newly named Dan McCallion Track on Saturday, April 14. During most of his tenure at Walsh, McCallion led the University's track and cross country programs, in addition to teaching. Most recently, he has served as Director of the Exercise Science Program and Professional Associate Professor of Physical Education and Exercise Science.

Upon joining Walsh University in 1977, Coach Dan McCallion molded the cross country program into one of the most successful in Ohio. Beyond his athletic contributions, McCallion has taught more than 24 different courses and held various roles on campus. He was instrumental in launching Walsh's women's track and cross country programs, the physical education major, the exercise science major and the athletic trainer certificate program.



CFO Shelley Brown Retires/Laurel Lusk Named to New Position

Laurel L. Lusk, CPA, has been named Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs/CFO, effective July 1. She will replace retiring Vice President and CFO Shelley Brown, who has served in this position since 2012.

For nearly 19 years, Shelley Brown was responsible for ensuring the financial integrity of Walsh University. As CFO, she oversaw the development of the University operating budget and managed the human resources office. In addition to her fiscal responsibilities, Brown directed the construction, renovation, maintenance and care of buildings and grounds, including the oversight of Walsh's newest academic building, the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center. Brown joined Walsh in 1999 as Assistant Director of Finance and Controller.

Laurel Lusk brings 20 years of accounting experience and fiscal expertise to this position. She joined Walsh in 2012 as Controller. Her experience includes more than five years in the field of higher education and 14 years of auditing and tax experience in public accounting. Among her many responsibilities as Controller, she ensured the efficiency of daily operations of the Finance Office and oversaw accounts payable and payroll.

Grand Opening of James B. Renacci Center for Civic Engagement

Walsh University celebrated the official opening of the James B. Renacci Forum and Center for Civic Engagement with a special event on Thursday, April 6. Following a reception, U.S. Representative Jim Renacci and The Honorable Sara Lioi, Chair of the Walsh Board of Directors, participated in a Q&A session for the more than 150 people in attendance.

The James B. Renacci Forum and Center for Civic Engagement will serve as a central gathering space in the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center, offering students a place to come together for significant, action-oriented dialogue on issues facing our local, state and global communities. Renacci was also instrumental in the establishment of the Renacci Government Scholars Program in 2013. Both were made possible through a personal gift from Jim Renacci to Walsh.

The Forum houses the Renacci Center for Civic Engagement, the Gary & Linda Byers Family Institute for Community Health, the Food Design Institute, the Blouin Global Scholars Program and the Leaders in Social Justice Learning Community.

Upcoming programming will include an October 22 special presentation by author Paul Kengor, "A Pope and President," exploring the role of Saint John Paul II, the fall of Communism and the role of the Catholic Church. Also, this fall, a new course, "Christianity, Communism and Capitalism," will explore through theological, historical and political perspectives how the Church has impacted and has been impacted by these economic and social systems.

Day of Giving Exceeds Goal

The third annual Day of Giving on April 18 was a resounding success that exceeded its \$100,000 goal, raising nearly \$150,000. Activities generated excitement on campus with the much anticipated Pie It Forward Challenge, where faculty, staff and students compete for campus fundraising causes such as the football team, marching band or student programming. Several individuals stepped forward to offer specific challenges, which significantly impacted the amount of money raised. These individuals include: AJ and Tricia Hyland, Carol Miller, Jeff and Carol Rossi, Ted and Marilyn Stults and the Walsh University Alumni Association.

"We are so happy and grateful for the support during the Day of Giving. We offer a heartfelt 'thank you' to our entire community," said Director of the Annual Fund Mike Frank. "The day surpassed all of our expectations with gifts from every facet of Walsh including our alumni, faculty, staff, students, Board and friends of University."

The Day of Giving also achieved great success with its challenges:

- **Student Managed Investment Portfolio** – More than \$100,000 raised
- **Admissions Scholarship** – Available for freshman student scholarships
- **Marching Band Uniforms** – Over \$3,000 contributed to support the purchase of new uniforms for incoming band members
- **Pie it Forward** – More than \$6,000 raised by 10 brave contestants
- **Cavalier Spirit** – At least one member of every graduating class from 1964-2017 donated, and matched with \$15,000.

As a result of donor generosity, the Day of Giving will help to supply additional resources that will have a direct impact on Walsh students.



Walsh Honored by Cardinal Newman Society for Sixth Year

For the sixth consecutive year, Walsh University has been recognized as one of the nation's top Catholic universities with inclusion in the 2018-19 edition of The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College. Walsh University is one of only two colleges included from Ohio in the annual publication that recommends 28 Catholic colleges, universities and higher education programs for excellence in faithful Catholic education.

The latest Newman Guide also celebrates the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's extraordinary address to American educators at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. The annual publication connects more than 50,000 families each year with Catholic colleges.

Last Lecture Proves to be a Winning New Tradition At Walsh

Three years ago, Walsh University started a new tradition – gathering graduating seniors together as one group, one final time, for one last lecture. Not part of any syllabus, for any grade, not for extra credit, the lecture was simply for the joy of honoring their time here in the presence of each other. This third Last Lecture, held on April 26, was particularly meaningful because it honored three of Walsh's longest serving retiring faculty members, Dr. Carole Mount, Professor Joe Ezzie '65 and Dr. John Trapani, who reflected on their time at Walsh and shared their most notable moments during their tenure, as well as words of advice, encouragement, and inspiration to the senior class.

DeVill School of Business Dean Dr. Mount and Professor Ezzie have worked alongside each other for more than 30 years. Dr. Mount joined Walsh in 1987, teaching business and economics at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. She has served as Dean since 2010. For close to 50 years, Professor Joe Ezzie has served as a role model, mentor and inspirational leader on this campus teaching Business & Economics.

Dr. John Trapani has been with Walsh University for 44 years. During his tenure as a Walsh professor of philosophy, he served on several different occasions as chair of the Philosophy Department, the Humanities Division. In his honor, the annual tradition of the Philosophy/Theology Symposium, which he founded more than 43 years ago, will now be known as the Dr. John Trapani Great Ideas Symposium.

Faculty and Staff Honored for Years of Service

Congratulations to the following 55 Walsh faculty and staff members who are celebrating milestone service anniversaries this year. Together, they represent 680 years of service and excellence to Walsh University.

5 years

Diane Belfiglio
Kristi Campbell
Fr. Tom Cebula
Mary Cook
Nancy Gaffga
Amanda Gradisek
Jennifer Green
Rachel Hammel
Amy Hassen
Roger Herstine

Laurel Lusk
Ronald Manse
Mona McAuliffe
Alyssa Mitchell
Tiffany Peets
Michael Sarver
Melissa Schoeppner
Alexander Skvarch
Davidcia Stubbs
Jessica Trambley
Karen Wajda

10 years

Constance Smith
Lisa Baylor
Sharon Black
Will Cooley
Britt Cooper
William Davis
Megan Donaldson
Chad Gerber
Stephen Hoeprich

Azra Karajic Siwec
Tiffany Kinnard-Payton
Holley Langenfeld
Kelly Mezurek
Jaime Paz
Michael Petrochuk
Michelle Spain
Adam Underwood
Joseph Wayand

15 years

Ralph Broadwater
Rebecca Conegio

Patricia Crum
John Schissler
Theodore Spatkowski

20 years

Carol Allan

Susan Dick
Edna McCulloh

25 years

Koop Berry
Ann Caplea

Karen Hodge
Jeff Young

30 years

Penny Bove
Jeannie Defazio

35 years
Joseph Torma

40 years

Ellen Kutz

Retiring

Linda Barclay, 28 years
Barb Beck, 12 years
Shelley Brown, 18 years
Joseph Ezzie, 49 years
Patricia Flanagan, 7 years
Bob Foss, 10 years
Mary Giffin, 12 years
Daniel McCallion, 41 years
Bob Miller, 25 years

Carole Mount, 31 years
Carl Musille, 3 years
Nancy Peters, 6 years
Rita Pumneo, 7 years
Rebecca Scheibelhood, 22 years
Jeannie Smyth, 19 years
Sandy Suvak, 38 years
John Trapani, 44 years

Special Awards

Joe Ezzie Outstanding Educator of the Year: **Will Cooley**
Supporting Staff Member of Year: **Susan Dick**
The Terrance Portis Mentor of the Year: **Pedro Chavez**

JULY

1. Walsh honored as a National College of Distinction for the seventh consecutive year and is one of only four Ohio institutions nationally recognized as a Catholic College of Distinction
2. Dr. Matthew Akers appointed Executive Director of the James B. Renacci Center for Civic Engagement
3. Miguel Chavez named Associate Vice President for Mission Implementation
4. Men's and Women's Bowling added to athletic offerings beginning with 2018-19 season

AUGUST

5. More than 90 students participated in seven different Global Learning trips to countries all over the world during the summer, including MBA students in Italy studying international tourism in partnership with the Pro Football Hall of Fame and Gervasi Vineyard
6. School for Professional Studies adds Bachelor of Business Administration degree program
7. Ben Walther named Director of Campus Ministry

SEPTEMBER

8. Dr. Leigh Murray, professor of Physical Therapy, appointed Director for the Gary and Linda Byers Institute of Community Health
9. Professor Jennifer Vokoun, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design, appointed Director of the Food Design Institute
10. Bryan Badar named Dean of Students
11. Walsh awarded \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women to support Cavalier Safeguard Initiative
12. Walsh MBA in Marketing ranked No. 7 in nation of Most Affordable Private Colleges



14.



24.



23.



27.



29.

OCTOBER

13. Outstanding Alumni Dinner awardees include Eugene Bressi '67 (Outstanding Achievement Award), Robert "Bob" Shearer '74 (Professional Achievement Award), Anthony Orahoske '82 (Distinguished Service Award), Dana Wobser '05, '06 and Erin Clark '12 (Young Alumni Leadership Award), and Professor Tom Ling (Lifetime Achievement Award)
14. Former "America's Next Top Model" contestant and nationally renowned Catholic speaker Leah Darrow shares message of faith and mercy with Walsh community
15. Annual Junior Achievement "JA for a Day" event draws 1,000 high school students to campus

NOVEMBER

16. Women's Empowerment Conference welcomed Retired Army Officer and Combat Veteran Dr. Margaret DeLillo-Storey as Keynote Speaker
17. Men's Cross Country won Walsh's first conference championship since joining the NCAA with a first place finish in the G-MAC Championships at Trevecca Nazarene University. The men's team finished No. 22 in the nation. Rob Mizicko was named G-MAC Coach of the Year.
18. Women's Cross Country finished No. 12 in the nation and Sarah Berger was the national runner-up in the individual standings. She was also named G-MAC Runner of the Year. It's the best finish in program history for the women's team. In their only other national championship appearance as a team, Walsh finished 13th in the NAIA National Championships. That was the first season for the women's program.
19. Walsh announces 3+2 Accelerated Law Degree Program, one of the only two in the nation, in partnership with the University of Dayton



33.



30.

- 20. Eleven Walsh Cavaliers named to G-MAC All-Conference Football Team
- 21. Women's Soccer players Alisha Himes, Olivia Peters and Brianna Sanborn selected to the D2CCA All-Midwest Region Second Team
- 22. Walsh Volleyball team makes G-MAC Tournament debut as No. 2 seed, three named to All-Conference team

DECEMBER

- 23. *We Believe*, the largest capital campaign in Walsh history, exceeded all goals and surpasses \$30M Goal with the conclusion of five-year campaign that began in 2012.
- 24. Commencement Speaker Christian Long, Ed.M., awarded the Walsh University Distinguished Service Medal
- 25. Walsh partners with Stark County Catholic High Schools to enhance College Credit Plus Programs
- 26. Jean-Paul Ajala-Alexis, Alisha Himes and Olivia Peters selected to All-Ohio team by the Ohio Collegiate Soccer Association

JANUARY

- 27. Walsh appoints John Fankhauser Cavalier Football Head Coach
- 28. More than 300 Walsh volunteers participate in annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
- 29. Walsh opens Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center



37.



42.



43.



45.

FEBRUARY

- 30. Walsh celebrates consecration of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Chapel in the Global Learning Center
- 31. Wall of Fame 2017 inductees include Nicole (Baumgardner) Murphy, Kristen (Cady) Senk, Ryan Contini, Jason Hamilton, Jeff Johnston, Adam Lesch, Andy Schon, and Paul Vincent
- 32. Walsh dedicates Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center in special ceremony
- 33. Walsh and Archbishop Hoban partner to offer new scholarship and College Credit Plus agreement
- 34. Three Cavalier Men's Basketball players earn All-GMAC honors: Darryl Straughter (Freshman of the Year), Chandler Vaudrin (First Team) and Bo Furcron (Honorable Mention Team)



51.

- 35. Two Cavalier Women's Basketball players earn All-GMAC honors: Mayci Sales (G-MAC Freshman of the Year) and Alex Hochstedler (Second Team)
- 36. Both Men's and Women's Basketball teams entered G-MAC tournament as No. 2 seeds

MARCH

- 37. Women's Track and Field finished No. 12 in the nation at the National Championships. Sarah Berger becomes an eight-time All-American with a third-place finish in the mile run. She was also part of the distance medley relay team with Tori Reeves, Andra Lehotay, and Jetaiya Smith that finished second in the nation.
- 38. Gary and Linda Byers School of Nursing recognized as one of the best RN programs in Ohio and as a 2017-18 Nursing College of Distinction
- 39. Senior education major Luke Burt nationally honored with the Anne Gayles-Felton Endowed Scholarship from the Association of Teacher Educators, Leadership Foundation of Teacher Educators
- 40. The Philosophy/Theology Symposium was named the John Trapani Great Ideas Symposium in honor of retiring professor of Philosophy John Trapani.
- 41. Walsh launches Unified Sports Intramural Program with Special Olympics Ohio and Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- 42. Mark T. Smucker, President/CEO of the J.M. Smucker Company, keynotes the 51st Annual DeVille School of Business Scholarship Luncheon
- 43. Freshman Makenna Hickey and sophomore Ian Stroud win Walsh's first-ever "Shark Tank" event, where student entrepreneurs compete for \$5,000 to start their businesses

APRIL

- 44. Walsh accepted for membership into national Alliance to End Hunger
- 45. Grand Opening of the James B. Renacci Forum and Center for Civic Engagement
- 46. Walsh dedicated Dan McCallion Track named in honor of longtime Coach and retiring Professor Dan McCallion
- 47. Vasily Vidmanov was named to the First Team and Heitor Adegas was named to the Second Team for the G-MAC All-Conference Teams in Men's Tennis
- 48. Mercedes Fernandez was named to the First Team, while Katarina Razum, Maria Kacalova, Clara Drasch, and Sofie Khairutdinova were named to the Second Team for Women's Tennis
- 49. Fifth Annual Walsh University Dance Marathon earns record \$26,115 to benefit Akron Children's Hospital
- 50. New partnership with Case Western Reserve University offers accelerated degree program, 4+1 BA/MSM Finance
- 51. Walsh launches new Master of Science in Nursing Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program



2018

COMM

“If you find something you are passionate about, Monday will be your favorite day of the week. Be proud of who you are, and use your unique abilities to positively affect everyone around you. Dream big, control what you can, never stop learning, and leave the rest up to God.”

—Jan Almasy '18, Tower of Excellence Recipient and Senior Class Speaker

It All Leads to This: Graduates Honored During Commencement Ceremony

Walsh University proudly welcomed more than 400 new members into its Alumni Association with the conclusion of the 2018 Spring Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, April 29. They join the 211 graduates from Walsh's winter Commencement Ceremony for a total of 615 graduates for the 2017-18 academic year.

Keynote Address and Honorary Degree Recipient



Ambassador Tony P. Hall

This year's Keynote Address was delivered by Ambassador Tony P. Hall. Three times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, Ambassador Hall is a leading advocate for hunger relief programs and improving human rights worldwide. He currently serves as Executive Director Emeritus of the Alliance to End Hunger.

During the ceremony, Walsh also honored Ambassador Hall with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Founders' Award



Br. Guillermo Dávila, FIC

The Founders' Award is bestowed upon those who have achieved national stature by illustrating in their lives the same ideals that inspired the Venerable John de La Mennais and Father Gabriel Deshayes in establishing the Brothers of Christian Instruction, Walsh's founders. This year's honoree, Br. Guillermo Davila's relationship with Walsh University spans many years. He has been instrumental in the development of service projects and global learning opportunities for students to work directly with the Brothers of Christian Instruction around the world, particularly in Uruguay. Br.

The Founders' Award is bestowed upon those who have achieved national stature by illustrating in their lives the same ideals that inspired the Venerable John de La Mennais and Father Gabriel Deshayes in establishing the Brothers of Christian Instruction, Walsh's founders. This year's honoree, Br. Guillermo Davila's relationship with Walsh University spans many years. He has been instrumental in the development of service projects and global learning opportunities for students to work directly with the Brothers of Christian Instruction around the world, particularly in Uruguay. Br.

Guillermo was also awarded his Master of Arts in Education degree from Walsh during the 2018 Commencement Ceremony.

Tower of Excellence and Outstanding Students Honored



Jan Almasy '18

his time at Walsh pursuing his nursing degree, Almasy has consistently shown the leadership and service characteristics of a Tower of Excellence recipient, Walsh's most prestigious and longstanding honor for work and service beyond the classroom.

The Senior Address was delivered by United States Air National Guard Staff Sergeant Jan Almasy, the 2018 Tower of Excellence Award recipient. During



Theresa Cherveney '18

Theresa Cherveney was honored with the 2018 Outstanding Student Award, Walsh's most prestigious academic honor awarded to a

ENCEMENT

graduating senior with a high cumulative grade point average, a record meeting rigorous challenges, and demonstrated ability to apply intellectual mastery. This year's honoree, Theresa Cherven, earned her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education.

Senior Class Honors: Outstanding Educator and Mentor of the Year



Will Cooley, Ph.D.

In addition, the Walsh University Class of 2018 honored Associate Professor of History Will Cooley, Ph.D., with the newly renamed Joseph

Ezzie Outstanding Educator of the Year Award. Sponsored by the Walsh University Student Government (WUSG), the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award is voted on by the Walsh students and given annually to a professor who is a prime example of a true, all-around educator. The annual Outstanding Educator of the Year Award was renamed in 2018 for Professor Joe Ezzie, Walsh alumnus Class of 1965 and business faculty member since 1971, in recognition of his 49 years of dedication to Walsh students.



Pedro Chavez

Director of Liturgical Services Pedro "PJ" Chavez, was named the Terrance Portis Mentor of the Year. The recipient of the Mentor of the Year award

in nominated by the Walsh senior class for their outstanding guidance, education outside the classroom and significant contributions to their college experience.





DeVille School of Business

Reflects on 10 Year Legacy



Just a decade ago, Walsh University proudly announced the formation of its first comprehensive school, the DeVille School of Business (DSOB), and accepted its first cohort of undergraduate and graduate students in fall 2008. The School's establishment marked an academic milestone in Walsh history as a natural step in the progression of the University's expanded curriculum.

Since then, dedicated faculty members have worked closely with local business leaders and students to lay the foundation for what has become one of the top business schools in the region. As the School celebrates its 10th Anniversary, DSOB students are actively engaged throughout the world, pursuing careers with integrity and the Walsh mission of service as their shared purpose and foundational grounding.

"I'm proud to have my name associated with Walsh's School of Business. I think over the years the DeVille School of Business has evolved to fit the needs of both our students and the business community," said Board

of Directors member and school namesake Roger DeVille '65, President of DeVille Developments. "I believe that close student-mentor relationships combined with our faith foundation help to set us apart. My hope is that the School maintains its commitment to academic excellence by continuing to attract the highest quality of students, faculty and mentors."

During the past 10 years, the DeVille School of Business has celebrated many milestones as it continued to grow and adapt to business trends and needs in the marketplace. With enhanced academic programming, enriched student experiences, engaged business partners and by leveraging faculty expertise, the DSOB prepares students to enter the workforce with a well-rounded and highly attuned perspective.

Academic Programs Demonstrate Collaboration, Industry Knowledge

Shortly after its formation as a "school," Walsh faculty and administrators implemented a revitalized undergraduate curriculum that emphasized a global perspective. Since that time, new academic programming has been



Best Online Program, 2017, U.S. News and World Report

Top 50 Best Value Accelerated Online MBA Programs, Values College

Top 10 Catholic Online MBA, Ranked #9, Online MBA Report

Top 50 Accelerated Program for 2017, Affordable Colleges Online

Best Online Program for Veterans, 2016, U.S. News and World Report

added to meet the needs of a constantly changing business world.

MBA Online: In 2012, the 12-month MBA because Walsh's first fully online graduate program. This nationally recognized program offers specialties in Healthcare Management, Management and Marketing.

Reintroduced Finance Major: The DSOB reintroduced its undergraduate major in finance in 2015. The new, integrated curriculum pairs finance knowledge with analytical skills to solve global problems.

New Certificate Programs: With the goal to increase interdisciplinary offerings to non-business undergraduate students, six new certificate programs were established in 2016.

MBA Enrollment Growth Skyrockets



608

Walsh MBA Graduates
2008 to 2018

Walsh MBA Graduates
2003 to 2008

126



Academic Partnerships: Offering students an accelerated degree path to earning their bachelor's and master's degrees, Walsh has partnered with renowned Catholic institutions and prestigious business schools including The University of Dayton, The University of Akron School of Law, Catholic University of America, St. John Institute in Denver and Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Business.



AACSB Accreditation: The DeVille School of Business is well on its way to receiving accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Pre-accreditation was received in 2015, and the school recently submitted its self-evaluation report for the next phase.



Enriched Student Experiences Create Real-World Impact

DeVile School of Business students benefit from experiential learning opportunities woven throughout the classroom curriculum.

Student Involvement: Numerous career development opportunities are available through DSOB organizations including American Marketing Association, Institute for Management Accountants, Center for Business Collaboration, Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society, Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization, LeanIn, the Business and Communication Club and the Student Managed Investment Portfolio.

Academic Programs

Accounting
Business Management
Economics (Minor)
Entrepreneurship (Minor)
Finance
Management (Minor)
Marketing
4+1 BBA/MBA
4+1 BBA/MAM in Finance
BBA/MBA
Business BBA/Legal Studies JD 3 + 2, 3 + 3
Healthcare MBA
Management MBA
Marketing MBA
Healthcare Management Certificate

Inter-Disciplinary Certificates:

Applied Ethics in Business
Strategic Leadership
Women in Leadership
Small Business Management
Sports Management
Consumer Behavior



National Competitions: Students enhance their coursework and sharpen their presentation skills by participating nationally in business competitions. In 2010, the Walsh Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization (CEO) Club was honored nationally at the National CEO Conference in Chicago. Walsh students earned first place in the 2012 and 2016 Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA)



Committee of the Walsh Board of Directors. With an additional gift of \$25,000, faculty are in the process of establishing a dedicated stock trading room in the Barrette Business and Community Center complete with electronic “stock tickers,” computers and stock research capabilities.

The Annual DeVille School of Business Scholarship Luncheon:

This annual 50+ year tradition now raises close to \$30,000 each year and provides an additional opportunity for students to network with local business leaders on campus. Past speakers have included corporate CEOs, international service leaders, healthcare administrators, technology innovators and self-made entrepreneurs.

Service Outreach: Guided by Walsh’s mission, students participate in service opportunities that combine leadership skills with volunteerism. DSOB students perform service work each year for organizations such as the United Way of Greater Stark County’s federal Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio, Junior Achievement and the Stark County Hunger Task Force.

Mentorship Program: Professional mentorship is a hallmark of the DeVille School of Business. In 2012, the School developed a Professional Mentoring Program to help students gain a working knowledge and understanding of business practices from seasoned professionals within the business environment. Many of these partnerships have led to internships and employment opportunities for students.



Society of Cleveland Regional Investment Research Challenge. In addition, Walsh teams have competed annually in the Values and Ventures Business Plan Competition at Texas Christian University.

Global Learning/National Business Trips:

In 2012, DSOB faculty designed the first Global Learning program specifically tailored for business majors in Rome, Italy. Since then, additional Global Learning trips have been created throughout the United Kingdom, Italy and Switzerland. Utilizing Walsh’s network of engaged alumni, business students have visited regional corporations and traveled nationally to immerse themselves in the business culture of major U.S. cities such as Atlanta, Nashville, Chicago and New York City.

The Garage Innovation Center: With the creation of the student-directed business incubator called The Garage in 2016, students have a dedicated space on campus to develop their entrepreneurial skills. The Garage also offers networking and education opportunities with student-leaders organizing



unique programming such as the Blueprint Speaker Series, Entrepreneurship Week and this year’s first “Shark Tank” Week, where student entrepreneurs competed for a \$5,000 business start-up fund.

The Student Managed Investment Portfolio Team:

In 2013, alumni gifts totaling \$100,000 provided the seed money to begin student-led financial trading on campus. The Student Managed Investment Portfolio (SMIP) is a co-curricular group that manages over \$250,000 of the student endowment and reports to the Investment



DeVile School of Business Students in London, England



Advisory Board: Drawing on the expertise from alumni, industry leaders, entrepreneurs and business professionals, the DSOB Advisory Board was formed in 2012 to provide guidance, advice, and counsel as it relates to the School's curriculum and engagement opportunities in the professional community. Student input is also considered vital to success. The Dean's Student Advisory Board was also created to increase student engagement, input and feedback between faculty, staff and students.

Internship Partners: All incoming business students complete the "Career KickStart Program" focused on the preparation for jobs/careers through the development of professional behaviors, internships and job seeking skills. In 2015, the School established an internship requirement for all DSOB traditional undergraduates.

Faculty Expertise Expands Reach and Recognition

Expertise: The accomplished faculty members of the DeVille School of Business draw on their unique experiences as senior business leaders, industry experts and PhDs to connect theory and practice in the classroom. Most faculty have worked in corporate and/or entrepreneurial environments prior to teaching at Walsh, with 77 percent of full-time faculty holding terminal degrees in their field.

Industry Leaders: Walsh faculty actively engage in their respective fields of study through peer-reviewed articles, research, publications, books, textbook chapters and professional conference presentations. The DSOB has also served as a host for professional symposiums and leadership conferences. In addition, DSOB faculty are active in the community and serve in leadership roles on many local/regional boards of not-for-profit organizations.



DeVile School of Business Bids Farewell to Two Longtime Faculty Members

Professor Joe Ezzie '65 and Dean Carole Mount, Ph.D., were honored during the DeVile School of Business Luncheon on Friday, March 23.

In recognition of his 49 years of dedication to Walsh students and 57-year Walsh affiliation, the annual Outstanding Educator Award has been renamed the Joseph Ezzie Outstanding Educator of the Year Award. In honor of Dr. Mount's more than 30 years of commitment and leadership, Walsh established the Dean Carole Mount Endowed Scholarship Fund.





Phizzle CEO Ben Davis '96

Encourages Fellow Entrepreneurs to 'Dream Big'

As the Founder and CEO of the multimillion-dollar corporation Phizzle, Walsh alumnus Ben Davis '96 has learned that when you "dream big" there is no limit to your potential.

Named to *Forbes Magazine* America's Most Promising Companies List, Davis attributes his success to lessons learned from early on in his career and the challenges he faced from not thinking "big enough."

"I put mental limitations on what I was capable of doing," said Davis. "If you put a limitation or a cap on your goals, you're going to hit that cap. And stop there."

As a Walsh student, Ben was a member of the Cavalier basketball team and he continued his athletic career as a professional basketball player in Europe. Following his basketball career, Ben took some time to travel

throughout Southeast Asia before returning to his home in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1994.

"During the late '90s, the digital revolution was starting to take shape, and I wanted to be in it. So, in 1997 I packed up my car and drove out to San Francisco where I landed a job selling computer aided design, manufacturing and engineering software. That was where I learned to embrace and love technology," said Davis. After a decade in enterprise sales and sales management with Fortune 500 companies such as Xerox, Parametric Technology and EMC, Ben left the corporate world to pursue his dream and become an entrepreneur in Silicon Valley.

"Growing up, I worked for both my grandfather where I pumped gas at his service station and for my dad in various roles at different companies that he founded.

"One of my Walsh business courses paired us with an entrepreneur to help write a business plan. I'll never forget it. Fogle personalized books for kids. That experience served as a foundation for me to start my own business years later."

Ben Davis '96

“Walsh was able to provide me with structure but also the flexibility I needed to figure out what I wanted to do. I think the Walsh environment really allowed me to find myself and mature at my own pace which was instrumental in my success. If you stay educated and ahead of the curve, surround yourself with smart people, pivot when necessary, treat everyone fairly, behave ethically and work really, really hard, there are no limitations.”

Ben Davis '96

Being in that kind of environment from a young age made it easy for me to follow in their footsteps, for which I am truly grateful.”

Truly Grateful

In 2003, Ben co-founded Pixiem, which was among the first of its kind as a developer and publisher of mobile video games. The company's customers included ESPN, IMG, Wimbledon and many others. In 2005, Pixiem was acquired by publicly traded WinWin Gaming.

“One of my Walsh business courses paired us with an entrepreneur to help write a business plan. I'll never forget it. Fogle personalized books for kids. That experience served as a foundation for me to start my own business years later,” said Davis. “With Pixiem, we literally created and sold a company in three years. I made a lot of mistakes, but I knew if I could fix them and focus on what I know and love, the next go around would be even more profitable and fun.”

Ben co-founded Phizzle in 2005 soon after fulfilling his role as an advisor at WinWin Gaming. Headquartered in San Francisco with an office in Denver, Phizzle's first generation technology serves major sports organizations by helping them to redefine digital marketing and customized consumer engagement.

“Being in the Bay Area, it's difficult to not develop an obsessive passion for technology. My dad played for the Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions so I was brought up in an entrepreneurial and sports infused environment. With this in mind, and a lifelong passion for sports, I decided to develop a business to help sports organizations create closer relationships with their fans by capturing and organizing large volumes of data in real time. And, if you can satisfy sports fans, you can satisfy any consumer in any industry.”

Since its founding, Phizzle has grown into a leader of the digital fan engagement space with over 100 professional and collegiate sports properties including Madison Square Garden and the Cleveland Cavaliers. In the past few years, Phizzle has further enhanced its technology to manage both human and

Profitable and Fun

machine-generated data and is now working with partners such as SAP, Cisco and Cray Super Computers.

“Looking back, my proudest moment is not what you'd guess. As we aspired to further enhance our solutions, we couldn't build the technology we needed with our current cash flow. So I had to seek venture capital in nearby Silicon Valley,” said Davis. “That was a whole new world to me as I was an

outsider who had never raised institutional funding. I'd say the first 20 pitches were all learning experiences. It took me just over a year, but after more than 100 pitches, I eventually found a firm to invest \$3 million. I would go on to raise more than \$15 million,

No Limitations

but that foundation allowed us to start building a new platform from scratch.”

Phizzle continues to grow with new partnerships in different industries and plans to expand internationally. But as an entrepreneur at heart, Ben is already dreaming of his next business venture.

“Walsh was able to provide me with structure but also the flexibility I needed to figure out what I wanted to do. I think the Walsh environment really allowed me to find myself and mature at my own pace which was instrumental in my success,” said Davis. “If you stay educated and ahead of the curve, surround yourself with smart people, pivot when necessary, treat everyone fairly, behave ethically and work really, really hard, there are no limitations.”

Work Hard

ANY GIVEN SATURDAY

The Cavalier Marching Band Flourishes Under Director John Rivers



“My philosophy is that there needs to be a little fun mixed in with the hard work. I think it’s important that we can come together as a band family and enjoy our friendships outside of practice and performing.” *John Rivers*

On any given fall Saturday afternoon, you’ll find John Rivers standing exactly where he was always meant to be, in the midst of twirling batons, trumpet blasts and the crash of cymbals. For Walsh University’s Marching Band Director, music has been a consistent theme throughout his life.

Growing up in a musical household in Daytona Beach, Florida, John’s father was also a band director. But following in his father’s footsteps was not necessarily the path Rivers had always imagined for himself.

“Music was just something I could always do. I say that I was born with music in my blood. But it probably didn’t occur to me to follow this as a career until after I got out of the military,” said Rivers. “Honestly, if you ask most kids, the last thing they want to be is what their parents are. I wasn’t any different. At one point I even considered pursuing a career in medicine, but I would say things just worked out for the best. I wouldn’t want to be doing anything else.”

Since Rivers took the baton in 2016, membership in the Cavalier band program has steadily grown by 28 percent with 46 total members this year. In addition to athletic events, the Marching Band has also brought their musical talents, infectious energy and Cavalier spirit to enrich special events on campus such as the Grand Opening

of the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center and the annual Faculty/Staff Opening Day Ceremony.

John came to Walsh with more than 20 years of experience in directing high school and middle school bands for local districts such as Plain Local and Canton Local. He also teaches music theory and ear training classes at Walsh.

During the fall, the Marching Band plays for the Cavalier football games at Tom Benson Pro Football Hall of Fame Stadium. In the spring, the Pep Band can be found at the home basketball games, and the Concert Band performs for special events and a spring concert. This past January, John and his wife Beth chaperoned 38 members of the band on a special trip to Nashville, TN, where they were able to play for the men’s and women’s basketball games and take in the sites of the nation’s most iconic musical city.

“My philosophy is that there needs to be a little fun mixed in with the hard work. I think it’s important that we can come together as a band family and enjoy our friendships outside of practice and performing,” said Rivers. “Most marching bands are a tight knit community. It’s my priority to recreate the band environment most of my students are familiar with from high school. I just want to have an atmosphere where the students can come in, relax, have fun and play music with their new band family. Especially for our freshmen. I want to be the true constant they have when they arrive on campus. A marching band is more than just a musical group. We’re a family.”

Rivers earned his Master of Music in Conducting, Bachelor of Music in Education and Associate of Arts from Kent State University. His education also includes earning his Basic Musician Course diploma from the U.S. Naval School of Music. John is also an ACE certified personal trainer and group fitness instructor with the YMCA. He and his wife Beth (Boyd) live in North Canton. They have two adult children, Jessica and Landon.

Service to Walsh

AN EXTENSION OF FAITH FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Gary Didado



For Gary Didado, serving on Walsh University's Board of Directors has been an extension of the Catholic faith that has provided a foundation for his family. With more

than 40 years of professional leadership experience as President of J.W. Didado Electric, Inc. and Briarwood Construction, Gary's professional input is invaluable to the Board.

"I believe in the importance of a Catholic education and feel that children should have an opportunity to attend Catholic grade schools, high schools and colleges like Walsh." *Gary Didado*

Gary started his career as an electrician at J.W. Didado, and under his leadership it has grown into one of the Midwest's largest, most respected full-service electrical contracting firms. In 2013, the company became part of Texas-based Quanta Services, a leading provider of engineering, procurement and construction services to the electric power and natural gas industries.

He is also president and co-owner of Briarwood Construction and Briarwood Properties Inc., a real estate development and property management firm that is known for carrying family values into its work environment.

But it is his commitment to faith that has been instrumental in forging strategic partnerships and new opportunities for Catholic students to pursue their college degree from Walsh University. This past semester, a leadership gift by Gary and his wife, Rhonda, established scholarship support

for Akron Archbishop Hoban High School students who wish to attend Walsh.

Gary first learned about Walsh University when his daughter Danielle '12 chose Walsh to pursue a degree in business management. His family connection to Walsh expanded when Danielle married Walsh alumnus Tyler Hysler '10. The couple welcomed their first child this past April.

"When we brought Danielle to visit Walsh, we could tell immediately it was a good fit for her. But my faith has also played a large role in my decision to join the Walsh Board," said Gary. "I believe in the importance of a Catholic education and feel that children should have an opportunity to attend Catholic grade schools, high schools and colleges like Walsh, because these institutions instill the values that we need most in this world today."

Gary and Rhonda are also locally involved in Barberton Community Pregnancy Center, Poor Clare's Perpetual Adoration Foundation and Julie Billiart Schools.

Carl Young



Walsh University will welcome several new Board Members this July including Carl H. Young, Executive Vice Chair of Kenan Advantage Group, Inc. Carl brings to the

Board more than 25 years of experience in senior-level financial management, strategic planning and organizational leadership.

Carl's involvement with Walsh dates back almost 25 years. It was a personal gift from he and his wife, Lynn, that established Walsh's baseball field's border of pine trees. Over the years, their involvement has included support of Walsh's collaboration with North Canton City School District in the establishment of Transition U where their son Tristan was a member of the first graduating class. In addition, the Youngs established a scholarship at Walsh to support students majoring in special education.

"I really admire how Walsh 'walks the walk.' The University community is not only committed to a Christian education in thought alone; I've actually witnessed many Christian acts as well," said Carl. "I've seen firsthand the positive impact Walsh has had on the continued growth of Stark County and, most importantly, in the lives the University has touched through its commitment to service. Our family was no exception. I'm happy to give back."

Carl is a co-founder of Kenan Advantage Group and served as the company's CFO until December 2017 and as a Director for Kenan's predecessors since co-founding Advantage Tank Lines, Inc., in 1991. In the early 1980s, Carl was the owner and President of North Canton Transfer, a predecessor company of Kenan. Young's prior experience also includes employment at Peat Marwick Mitchell (now KPMG).

In 2011, Carl Young, was honored with the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2011 Northeast Ohio Award in the Distribution and Industrial Manufacturing category. Young holds a B.S. in Accounting from Valparaiso University, where he served for nearly a decade as a member of the Board of Directors.

Young is active within his own parish of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and volunteers with the North Canton Little League. He and Lynn have three adult children and are the proud grandparents of six.

"I really admire how Walsh 'walks the walk.' The University community is not only committed to a Christian education in thought alone; I've actually witnessed many Christian acts as well."

Carl Young

MARRIAGES

2013 & 2014

Casey '13 & '17 and Ashley (D'Aurelio) '14 & '17 Quinn were married on October 14, 2017, at St. Michael the Archangel in Canton, OH. Casey graduated in 2013 with his B.A. in Psychology and earned his M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling & School Counseling in 2017. Ashley graduated in 2014 with a B.A. in Psychology and also earned her M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in 2017. They reside in North Canton. **1.**

2014

Bethany Elchert '14 married Samuel Maddox on December 2, 2017, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Marysville, OH. The newlyweds reside in Hilliard, OH. **2.**

BIRTHS

2012

Brandon and Rita (Eisenhauer) '12 & '15 Karl welcomed their daughter, Evelyn Agnes, on January 21, 2018. She was 6 lbs. 9 oz. and 19 inches. Rita is a Physical Therapist for the Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center. The Karls reside in Stow, OH. **3.**

In Memoriam

1976

Mike (Red) Greiner passed away November 21, 2017, following a brief illness. He was born and raised in Syracuse, NY, where he graduated from Cicero High School in 1972. While attending high school he joined the soccer team and developed his passion for the game. He graduated from Walsh in 1976 with a B.S. in Finance. He was a four-year soccer player for Walsh, earning MVP status junior and senior years. In 1992, he was inducted into the Walsh Wall of Fame. He continued to coach and play soccer for many years. Mike received his M.B.A. from The University of Phoenix in 1985. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to his four grandchildren, who lovingly referred to him as "Poppy G." Prior to his death, Red was the Managing Principal of Blue Moon Wealth Advisory, LLC. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Denise (Rhea) '76, whom he met at Walsh; his son, Cory; his daughter, Kendall (Dustin) Pillow; grandchildren, Colton, Eve, Grady and Dawson; as well as hundreds of former players, family and friends. Red will be remembered as an outstanding athlete, loyal friend and lover of a good joke.

1977

David Michael Serra (age 62) passed away on January 24, 2018, with his family at his side, after a courageous six-year fight against cancer. Preceded in death by his father, Jacques David Serra.

David is survived by his mother, Dorothea (Jake) Serra; sister, Catherine M. (Michael) Taylor; brother, Thomas J. (Debbie) Serra; niece, Jaclyn Serra Taylor (Mychal Conrad); great nephew, Mason Mychal Conrad; nephew, Christopher Michael Taylor (fiancé Cassie Vedros). David was a 1973 graduate of Central Catholic High School and a 1977 graduate of Walsh University. At the time of his passing, David was Executive Vice President of Delta Business Forms, a division of Sliman's Printery. David was also past President of the West Manor Homeowner's Association and a past member of the F.O.P.A. David's favorite pastimes were spending time with his family and playing golf with his buddies.

1980

Mark R. "Randy" Aversch (age 59) passed away Saturday, August 5, 2017, at his home in Southaven, MS, from complications following a recent surgery. He was born June 25, 1958, to Mary Margaret (Frueh) Aversch and Vincent B. Aversch of Lima. He was a graduate of Lima Central Catholic High School class of 1976 and earned a B.S. degree from Walsh. His career path in accounting landed him in the Memphis, TN, area where he was the controller at The Pallet Factory, a family-owned business where he established many friends that were like a second family to him. Randy loved to golf, followed both The Ohio State Buckeyes and the Ole Miss Rebels and especially enjoyed his time spent with family and friends at


1.

2.

Indian Lake, OH. Randy had a special gift of humor and loved to make people laugh. He had a nickname for everyone, even for himself, and if you knew him, you know what it is. Everyone who met him loved him. He is survived by his father, Vincent Aversch; two daughters, Morgan Aversch and Mackenzie Aversch; three granddaughters, Ava, Ani and Makinley; as well as his brother, Greg (Terri) Aversch, sister, Paula McPherson, nieces and nephews. He would not want you to mourn his death but celebrate his life!

1999

Rebecca A. Wilson (age 57) of Massillon passed away on Sunday, April 8, 2018. She was born April 4, 1961, in Massillon, the daughter of Agie Kennedy-DeVault and the late David James Kennedy. Becky was a CPA and owned Rebecca Wilson, CPA. She was a member of St. Barbara Catholic Church, a member of the Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce and was a board member of Brewster Federal Credit Union. Becky loved spending time with her family. She was a hardworking, dedicated, loving wife, mother and grandmother. Becky is survived by her husband of 32 years, Leonard J. Wilson; children, David L. Wilson (Cheryl Huggins), Brianna M. (Chad) Dillon, Michael J. Wilson (LeAnna Mehling); granddaughter, Jillian M. Dillon; mother, Agie Kennedy-DeVault; sister, Diane (Gary) Krueger; brother, David J. (Renee) Kennedy.

Friends

Arleen D. Douglas (age 66) of Canton passed away on Monday, April 9, 2018. She was born February 2, 1952, in Akron, OH, to the late Harry and Eileen Douglas. Arleen graduated from Timken High School in 1970. She was a member of Perry Christian Church and served as the treasurer for many years. She was also a member of Job Daughters for many years. Arleen was owner and operator of Douglas CPA for 45 years. She loved spending time with her family and friends, traveling and her cat Calvin. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two nephews. Arleen is survived by her sisters, twin Eileen (Edward) Halter and Harriet (Robert) Tomczak; nieces, Christine (Scott) Yurich and Amanda (Ian) Haggerty; nephew, Robert (Gina) Tomczak; nine great nieces and nephews and one great great niece; longtime boyfriend, Jay Faulhaber. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Aultman Compassionate Care and Brewster Park for all of the love and care given to Arleen and her family.

Stephen Paquette (age 67) of North Canton passed away on Friday, April 6, 2018. He was born August 4, 1950, in Tuscon, AZ, where he lived for 15 years. He then moved to Martinsburg, WV, where he met his wife, Kathy. He then returned to Arizona to attend the University of Arizona. Upon graduation, he spent 17 years working in economic development in Phoenix before coming to Stark County where he was hired

as the VP of the Stark Development Board. In 1989, he became the board's second president and remained there until his retirement in 2016. He is survived by Kathy, his wife of 45 years, daughter Jamie (Paquette) and Dusty Dannemiller, and his son, Todd and Erin (Grissett) Paquette. His grandchildren Gabriel, Grace, Austin, and Alina were the light of his life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lionel and Merle (Sellers) Paquette. Steve loved his church and pastor and was a committed member of the Chapel in North Canton.

Class Notes



2004 & 2006

Ryan Bitzel was named the Major League Physical Therapist for the Seattle Mariners baseball team this

past offseason. It will be his first season with the Mariners after spending the past 7 ½ seasons as the minor league rehab coordinator with the San Diego Padres. Ryan currently lives in Seattle, WA, during the season and resides in Massillon, OH, in the offseason.



2015

Laura Kozuszek has been promoted to AmeriCorps VISTA Leader for the American Red Cross of

the Colorado and Wyoming region. Their project is called Prepare CO/WY where they build sustainability in the community through their preparedness programs.

2015

Leah Stiles started a new career as a Human Resources Business Partner with DRB Systems. She currently resides in Uniontown, OH.

2016

John Burcu started a new career at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as an Associate in Federal Tax Strategies. John resides in Chicago, IL.



3.

WALSH UNIVERSITY A

The Walsh University Alumni Association will present the 2018 Outstanding Alumni Awards on Friday, October 19. We are currently accepting nominations for the following awards:



Outstanding Achievement Award

- Must be a Walsh University Alumnus/Alumna
- Exemplary professional or career achievement
- Exemplary service to the community
- Consistent philanthropic leadership, service and commitment to advancing Walsh's Mission through time, talent or treasure



Professional Achievement Award

- Must be a Walsh University Alumnus/Alumna
- Exemplary professional or career achievement



Young Alumni Leadership Award

- Must be a Walsh University Alumnus/Alumna
- Must be 35 years old or younger (as of December 31 of the year nominated)
- Exemplary professional achievement and service to the community
- Upholds a relationship with Walsh University through engagement and/or philanthropy

WALSH UNIVERSITY *Alumni Board of Trustees*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Catherine Shew '79 – President
Luke Vincer '07 – Vice President
Jennifer Grossman '06 - Treasurer
Marcellus Stroud '99 & '16 – Secretary

TRUSTEES:

Dana Allender '95
Chad Bauman '09 & '10
Teresa Brately '83
Mark Carrow '82
Olympia Kalagidis '77
Mark Mahon '05
Bob McCarthy '70
Mark Ratti Sr. '66
Anthony Rich '07
Tanzeah Sharpe '97
Steve Weigand '10

Want to see your name listed here?

Apply at walsh.edu/alumni-board!

HOW DO I NOMINATE SOMEONE?

Simply visit
walsh.edu/alumni-awards
to fill out a nomination form
or email alumni@walsh.edu

**NOMINATIONS DUE:
JUNE 1, 2018**

LUMNI ASSOCIATION

STUDENTS THE BIG WINNERS AT 18TH ANNUAL VIVA WALSH VEGAS

More than 300 people gathered in the Barrette Business and Community Center for the 18th Annual Viva Walsh Vegas Night, hosted by the Walsh University Alumni Association. In addition to returning favorites like horse races, charitable gambling and auctions, live music and new games such as poker darts added extra energy to the evening.

“Viva Walsh Vegas continues to be one of our favorite events of the year. It’s fun to see several generations of Walsh alumni together having a great time,” said Director of Alumni Relations Sarah Trescott ’09 ’13. “It’s also a good opportunity for our student volunteers to interact with Walsh alumni in a more casual environment. In the end, the students are the reason we’re here. This year, we raised \$18,000 toward student scholarship programs”

Follow us on social media and join the conversation:



Facebook: [WalshAlumni](#)



Twitter: [@WalshAlumni](#)



LinkedIn: [Walsh University Alumni](#)



Instagram: [@Walsh_Alumni](#)



Snapchat: Filters available at our major events



In Memoriam

Brother James Lacasse



Brother James Lacasse, 91, died Monday, April 16, 2018, at Maine Medical Center, in Portland, ME. Born Marcel Lacasse, “BJ” as he was known to all, served the students of Walsh University in many roles for 30 years – dean of students, registrar, director of financial aid, teacher, mentor, and friend. He was also known as “Coach” to so many alumni and friends.

Born in Waterville on Dec. 17, 1926, he was one of 10 children of Lucien and Desneiges (Nadeau) Lacasse. His formation as a Brother of Christian Instruction (FIC) began in Alfred, ME, in 1939. He entered the novitiate 75 years ago in 1942. Brother James was a 1952 graduate of La Mennais College (Alfred). He earned graduate degrees in education (Boston College, 1958) and mathematics (University of Detroit, 1963).

Brother James started his teaching career as an elementary school teacher in Plattsburgh, NY, and Sanford, ME. As a very popular high school teacher, he was assigned to Mt. Assumption High School in Plattsburgh, NY; Msgr. Prevost High School in Fall River, MA; and Cathedral High School in Detroit, MI.

In 1964 he began as dean of students at Walsh and eventually served as registrar. In addition, Br. James served as Walsh’s Golf coach for 29 seasons, leaving a legacy of 1,723 victories, 12 Mid-Ohio Conference crowns, and five NAIA national appearances. He was named “Coach of the Year” by MOC 11 times and District 22 “Coach of the Year” three times. In 1992 he was inducted into the Walsh Athletic Wall of Fame, and, in 1995, the University presented him with the Distinguished Service Medal.

Br. James’ coaching style covered more than the techniques of the game. He coached his student-athletes to grow and challenged them to always be better, on the links and in life.

For decades he held administrative positions internal to his congregation of the Brothers of Christian Instruction (province bursar) and beloved local religious superior.

In 1995, the kind, gentle and helpful religious retired to the Brothers’ retirement center on the Notre Dame campus to serve as its superior, until health issues compelled him to yield most of his responsibilities. He remained a faithful, prayerful and dedicated religious throughout his final years marked with the trials of physical challenges.

He was predeceased by his parents; three sisters, Rollande Therrien; Sister Jacqueline Lacasse, OSU; and Doris Dumais; as well as by twin brothers, Henri Louis and Henri Paul Lacasse, and brother, Jacques Lacasse. He is survived by a sister, Geraldine Lacasse, of Rochester, N.H.; and brother, Bertrand Lacasse, of California. He enjoyed great relations with many nieces and nephews and their children. Besides his family members, he will be greatly missed by his confreres among the Brothers, all of whom benefitted by his services, companionship and prayers.



YOUR COLLEGE DORM ROOM — Your first home away from home. The place where friendships were fortified and lifelong memories were made.

Whether or not you lived on campus, the dorms will always be part of your college story, but now you have the opportunity to make them part of your legacy as well.

This summer, the Alexis and Menard residence halls will be getting a little TLC. Walls will be painted. New carpet will be installed. Cabinets will be replaced.

For a very limited time, we're offering naming opportunities for individual dorm rooms in Alexis and Menard halls. For a naming gift of **\$1,000** you can commemorate

your time at Walsh and have your name and graduation year added to your old room or in honor of one of your fellow alumni. Only four spots are available per room.

Donate online at WALSH.EDU/LEGACYROOM and also share your favorite memory with us from your dorm room during your time as Walsh. Your story may be shared on the Walsh website.

[YOU MAY ALSO SEND IN YOUR DONATION USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE.]

Even if you didn't live in the dorms you can still help Walsh students. (See the enclosed information for details.) For more information please contact Advancement Office at **330.490.7111**.

YOUR ROOM.
Your Legacy.





WALSH
UNIVERSITY

A Catholic University of Distinction

Office of Advancement
2020 East Maple Street
North Canton, OH.
44720-3336

PARENTS: If your son or daughter has established a separate permanent address, let us know by calling 330.490.7298 or via email at alumni@walsh.edu.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO 145
CANTON OH

WALSH UNIVERSITY

Alumni Weekend and Golf Outing

ALUMNI WEEKEND

June 9 – 10, 2018



Relive your college experience! College activities throughout the day on Saturday. Stay in the Grove Apartments Saturday night.



BECOME A HOLE SPONSOR!

Only \$125 per hole
Identifying
Signage Included

Friday, June 8, 2018

The Sanctuary Golf Club – North Canton

Sign-In / Lunch: **11a.m.** • Shotgun Start: **Noon**

**Only \$100 per golfer (\$400 for a foursome)
\$500 for hole sponsor and foursome**

AS A GOLFER, YOU RECEIVE:

18 holes of Golf with Cart • Skins and One Mulligan
(additional Mulligan can be purchased for \$10)

Beverages on the Course
BBQ lunch at the Sanctuary Pavilion
sponsored by TJK Catering and Concessions

Prizes and Awards • 19th Hole Happy Hour
Steak Dinner at The Hoover Dance Hall at Walsh University
sponsored by Christian Healthcare Ministries

TO RESERVE YOUR FOURSOME CONTACT:

Sarah Trescott, Walsh University Alumni Office
330.244.4943 • alumni@walsh.edu

Sponsored by



No Refunds • Rain Date: Monday, August 13, 9 a.m. Shotgun Start