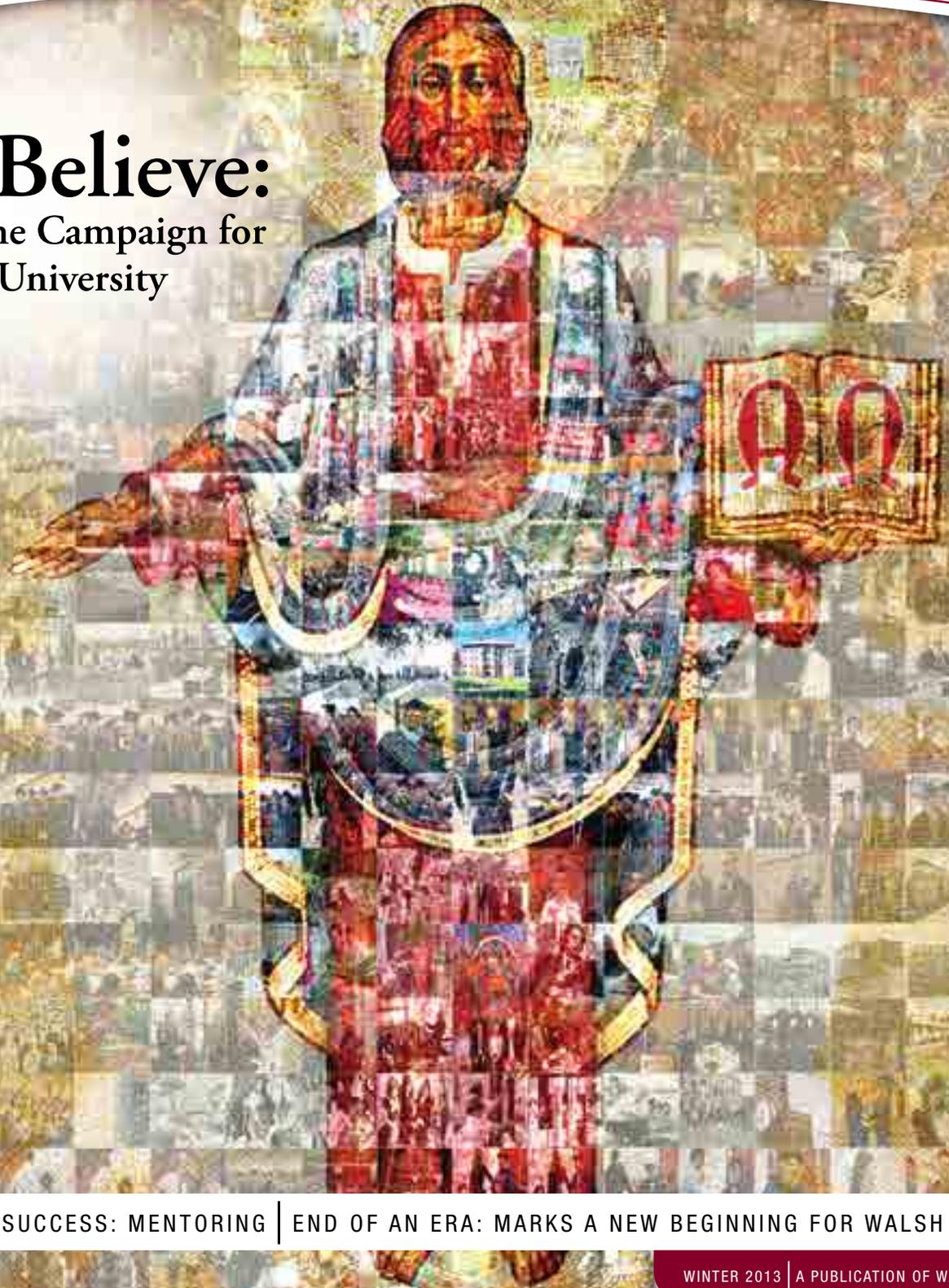


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## President's Message

As alumni, particularly those of you from the first decades, you know well that as you graduated you had at least lingering doubts that your alma mater would be around to welcome your children. Dr. Richard Reichert once told me that he and his classmates going on to medical school had two sobering questions: "Are we ready for med school?" and "Will Walsh be here when we finish?" The first was answered quickly: Most of them were at the top of their med school classes and had been prepared at Walsh to take on all challenges.

The second question could be answered only over time. Now, after 53 years, the verdict is in: We shall prevail! Why? Simply put, because "We Believe!" Yes, that's the motto for our comprehensive campaign. We believe we must continue to educate generations of working class people and their families. We believe we need a global academic center, equipped for the 21st century, and designed so our graduates will never have to ask, "Are we prepared?"

Though campaigns can be stressful, they are also exciting. I am humbled by the philanthropy, the caring, and the generosity I encounter. I get to tell alumni and friends about the Walsh University they helped build. I get to welcome their children.

If you are part of "We Believe!" I ask you to consider all the assistance (financial and otherwise) you received as a student here. If you are able, would you be willing to give it back so the next generation can get through?

We believe in God's bounty. We believe in Walsh. We believe in you. Help us believe by sharing your successes with today's students.

We believe—let that be your call to action.

Richard Jusseaume  
President

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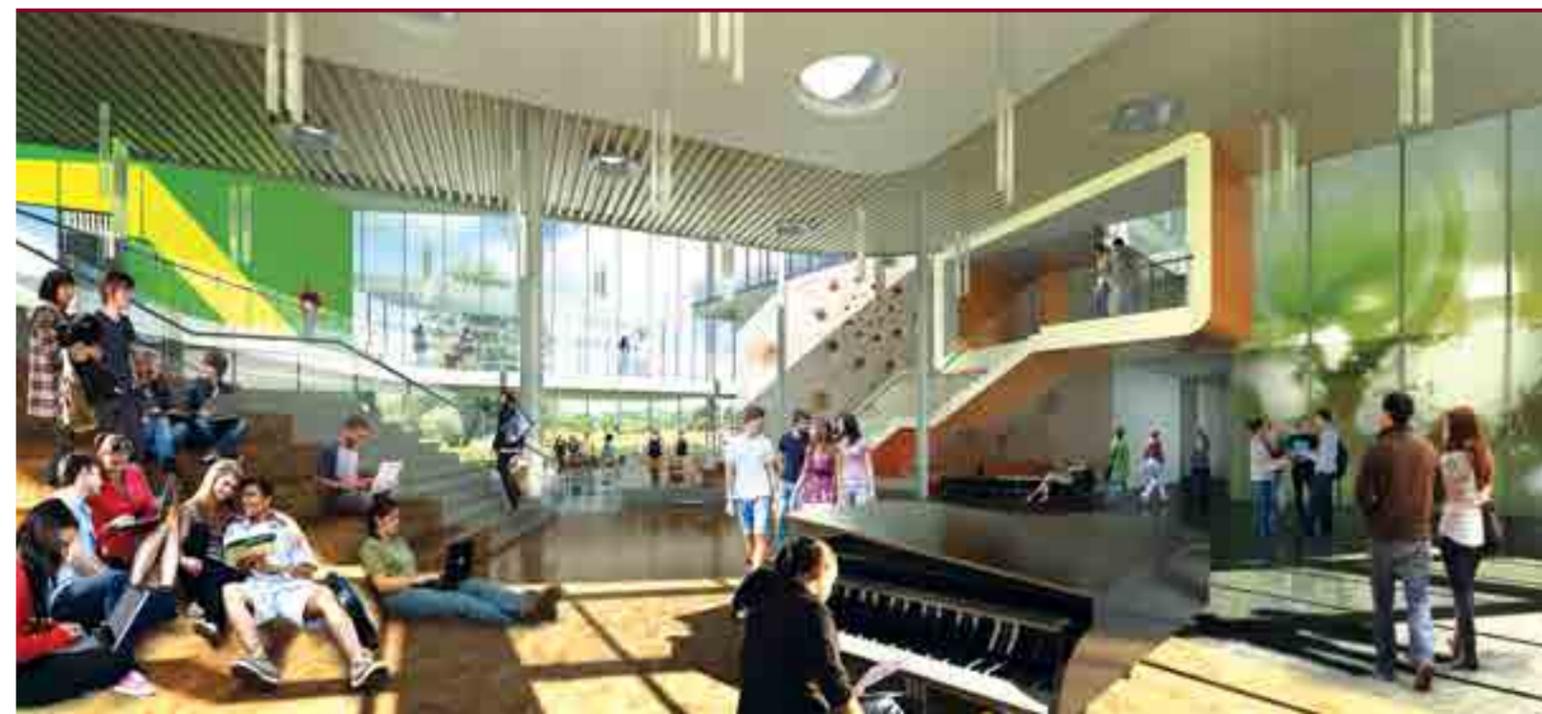
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**Walsh Welcomes International Leaders for Inaugural ICF Institute Symposium**

Political leaders, business executives, educators and community members from around the world converged on the Walsh University campus in October to participate in the first international symposium hosted by the new ICF (Intelligent Community Forum) Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community. Titled “Seizing Our Destiny: New Models for Reenergizing Our Communities, Our Schools, Our Economies,” the day-long conference featured presentations by TED-Ed director, Logan Smalley; The Third Teacher’s Christian Long; Dan Mathieson, mayor of Stratford, Ontario; Steve Reneker, Director and CIO of SmartRiverside, CA; and Lev Gonick, VP at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Norman Jacknis, director, Cisco’s ISBG Public Sector Group and a globally recognized expert in government innovation and transformation was the keynote speaker.

“It is our hope that the interactive format of the workshop will aid in the development of new models and promote the advantages of global partnerships for everyone in attendance,” said Jackie DeGarmo, director of the Walsh University ICF Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community. “Our goal is to promote continued collaboration and dialogue between educators in the creation of new ‘hybrid’ teaching models and a progressive redesign of educator training for the knowledge economy. The whole community needs to be a part of this critical conversation.”



**Immaculée Returns to Walsh University**

Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculée Ilibagiza returned to Walsh University recently as part of a weekend-long retreat in partnership with Queen of Heaven Parish in Uniontown. Considered one of the world’s leading speakers on peace, faith and forgiveness, Ilibagiza spent an evening with the University’s first-year students, faculty and staff and discussed overcoming struggles, the power of forgiveness, the miracles of the Rosary and the love of Our Lady of Kibeho.

An internationally acclaimed author, Ilibagiza is a Tutsi survivor of the genocide that swept Rwanda from April to July 1994, when ordinary Hutu citizens rose up against their ethnic rivals, the Tutsi people. More than 800,000 people were killed in the 100 days of the holocaust.

**International Dinner Showcases Culinary Creations**

It really didn’t matter what your favorite food was – the International Dinner offered just about every ethnic favorite. Over 250 students, faculty, staff and guests enjoyed the annual event.

Walsh’s 43 international students planned the festivities, from choosing and cooking a variety of dishes to the program of cultural entertainment. The fashion show, a staple of the evening’s events, included students, Walsh’s Brothers from Uganda and University Chaplain Fr. Anselm Zupka, who modeled clothing from their native countries.



**Ronald J. Manse ’71 Joins Walsh University**

Ronald J. Manse has joined the staff of Walsh University as Director of Economic Alliances.

In this new role, Ron will act as the key liaison between prospective stakeholders and the University. He will be responsible for the vision, articulation and education of the external community concerning the economic and social impact of Walsh University on the surrounding region. Additionally, Ron will cultivate giving in all forms by representing Walsh University as a place where moral, spiritual and philanthropic goals can be achieved.

Ron, a Certified Public Accountant and Walsh alumnus, recently retired as Tax Partner of Bruner-Cox, LLP. He has more than 40 years of experience in taxation and business consulting, including tax-exempt tax planning, international tax strategies and individual and corporate tax planning.

Ron’s service to others is as extensive as his professional accomplishments. Among his many volunteer roles, he also serves as chairman of the North Canton Medical Foundation board of directors and is the current chairman of the distribution committee and board member of

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the Sisters of Charity Foundation. He also participates in several fundraising drives within the community including the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, Paul and Carol David YMCA Building Fund, Arts in Stark Fund Drive, Walsh University and Catholic high schools in Stark County.

**Dana Scallon, Harold Ziegler Honored at Winter Commencement Ceremony**

Over 250 summer and fall graduates received their respective degrees at Walsh University’s winter commencement ceremony, held in December.

Dana Scallon, international recording artist, politician and advocate of the Catholic faith, was the keynote speaker and received the Honorary Degree Doctor of Humane Arts from the University. Honorary degrees are awarded to individuals who provided Walsh University with outstanding service in intellectual or human interest areas; individuals who have demonstrated a deep commitment to their fields of expertise; or individuals who have made significant contributions to the greater community.

Canton native Harold E. Zeigler, a longtime friend and supporter of Walsh University, was also honored during the ceremony as a Distinguished Service Medal recipient. Established in 1985, the Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to those who have rendered distinguished professional or voluntary service to others within the national, regional or local Walsh University community. Those who receive the Distinguished Service Medal reflect the University’s steadfast commitment to the strength of noble character.

The Senior Class Address was presented by Demaine Kitchen, who received his bachelor of arts degree in management from the DeVille School of Business.



**Walsh University’s Board of Directors Welcomes Marlene Toot, ’85**

Walsh University’s Board of Directors recently welcomed Marlene Toot.

A member of Walsh’s graduating class of 1985, Marlene’s business career predates her Walsh degree. She spent 17 years at the Timken Company. She also worked at the Center for Exhibition Industry Research (Control Data, MD) and at General Motors Acceptance Corporation. Over the years she has served on a number of boards including Goodwill Industries, Aultman Hospital and Harvard Business School and currently serves on Harvard’s University Resources and The University of Akron’s Nutrition Advisory boards. Marlene’s involvement with Walsh’s Board of Directors includes serving on the Advancement and Academic Affairs committees, as well as participating on the Capital Campaign Steering committee.

Marlene is a wellness speaker and sometimes professor (Walsh, University of Akron). She is also a nationally recognized competitive shooter in trap and clay.



**Walsh Featured in 2013 Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College**

Walsh University recently received another distinction – inclusion in the 2013 edition of *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College*.

The Cardinal Newman Society guide for parents, grandparents and students based its recommendation on how well a school “embraces the Catholic mission in all facets of campus life” including academics, governance, spiritual life, student activities, and residence life. Walsh will join the ranks of some of this country’s most noted Catholic colleges and universities, including Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC; The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, FL; and the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH.

“As an independent, Catholic university, we encourage individuals to act in accordance with reason guided by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ,” said Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume. “Walsh’s inclusion in to *The Newman Guide* is confirmation of the fact that the campus community is committed to the continual dedication and fostering of our Catholic identity.”



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# We Believe

The Campaign for Walsh University

Faith is the foundation upon which Walsh University has grown and prospered for over 50 years.

“The Brothers of Christian Instruction established Walsh on nothing more than faith in a vision. They had no money, no connections, no buildings, no students, and no plan. They believed that God would grant the increase if they committed themselves to Walsh, and they were right,” said Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume. “The Brothers have always looked into the future and knew that their faith would carry them through. They believed then. We must believe now.”

On November 19, Walsh University initiated *We Believe: The Campaign for Walsh University* with a special blessing ceremony in the Barrette Business and Community Center. The ceremony also commemorated Founders’ Day, honoring the Brothers of Christian Instruction and the inspiration behind the campaign theme “We Believe.”

The Campaign will be led by co-chairs **Gerald Walsh** and **Edward Mahoney ’66**. Jerry Walsh joined the Walsh board of directors in 2001 and currently serves as the board’s chairman. Ed Mahoney graduated from Walsh in 1966. He has served as a long-time advisory board member and joined the Walsh board of directors in 2010.

In addition, Walsh’s third president and former chairman of the board, **Brother Francis Blouin, FIC**, will serve as Honorary Chair. Brother Francis served as Walsh University’s third president from 1978 until his retirement in 1992. After his retirement from Walsh, Br. Francis spent the majority of his time serving as the director of the Kisubi Brothers University Centre in Kisubi, Uganda, Africa, until 2012.

As a Catholic university, Walsh has remained committed to its enduring mission of the

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creation of leaders in service to others. The Brothers of Christian Instruction founded Walsh University with the purpose of providing a high quality, values-based education to all who seek it, regardless of financial means. Over the past several years, rising educational

costs coupled with reduced state funding have challenged that founding principle.

The five-year comprehensive campaign was carefully designed to sustain Walsh’s founding mission and ensure the University’s relevance for generations to come by focusing on three key objectives:

- **Grow the endowment to secure funding for student scholarships and aid**
- **Grow the annual fund, the Walsh Fund, to surpass \$1,000,000 annually**
- **Build a new learning center that fosters global competency in our students and economic development in our region and beyond**

Growing the Walsh endowment and annual fund are critical to carrying out the Walsh mission. Nearly one-third of the Walsh operating budget is allocated to students as financial assistance. In total, 98 percent of Walsh students require some form of financial aid to attend college, with many at or below the poverty line. In addition, a significant number of Walsh students, approximately 46 percent, are first in their families to pursue higher education.

“In a university that is growing as rapidly as Walsh University there is a tremendous need for funding,” said Brother Francis during

his Blessing Ceremony remarks via Skype from the Brothers’ Residence in Alfred, Maine. “The Brothers of Christian Instruction started this University with the purpose of helping students with low income. We have continued that tradition through the years. If Walsh intends to continue our substantial scholarship program, the only way that is possible is through an increase in the endowment program.”

A healthy endowment is essential to the financial stability of any university. With an endowment fund, a percentage of the fund is used each year to help students, while the remaining balance is invested, allowing for the donation to have a much greater impact over a longer period of time. A strong endowment income provides stability against economic downturns and changes in federal funding, while reducing the dependence on a university’s operating budget to offer

scholarships and university-based financial aid. “This campaign will guarantee that our students have the resources they need to earn their degrees and enter the global workplace,” said Jerry Walsh. “Increasing scholarship dollars by building our endowment and annual fund is the key to our students’ success. With the help of Walsh’s alumni and friends, we should be able to guarantee the Walsh experience for future generations of students.”

The annual Walsh Fund campaign helps make a Walsh education possible by providing critical student resources such as scholarships, service-learning opportunities, library materials and classroom technology. When combined, gifts to the annual Walsh Fund are one of the University’s most important sources of support that can be applied to areas of essential need, often yielding the most significant impact. In 2010, Walsh

University began an ambitious campaign to almost double the amount raised each year through the Walsh Fund, bringing the total to \$1,000,000 or more raised annually.

In addition to increasing scholarship resources through the endowment and annual fund, the campaign includes a new academic learning center on campus that will be designed to encourage global experiences for students and economic development for the entire community. The new learning center will be designed to foster collaborative learning, innovative thinking, and global perspectives.

“Educational innovation is vital to ensure that Walsh students are ready for the marketplace of tomorrow,” said Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume. “The ‘business as usual’ model of teaching and learning will render institutions academic dinosaurs and irrelevant. This will not be our fate.”



Co-Chair  
Gerald Walsh



Co-Chair  
Edward Mahoney '66



Honorary Chair  
Br. Francis Blouin, FIC





Through the new academic building, learning will no longer be limited to the campus classroom.

The new learning center will provide students an interactive, technology-driven space that will foster and inspire global connections through international networking and collaboration that focuses on solving real world global issues. Each learning space will be designed to transform quickly and easily to support large groups of learners or small collaborative teams. Students will gather, meet, study, plan and research in a space that is designed to accommodate different disciplines and departments of study. Students will be able to interact fluidly with faculty, “senior fellows” and entrepreneurs while connecting virtually with global partners. In addition, the building will include a designated area for spiritual



respite where students and visitors will be able to find a quiet place designed specifically to encourage prayer, inspiration and reflection.

“The new building will be a community resource for businesses and civic entities, locally and around the world, that will use it to create and implement new entrepreneurial ventures,” said Campaign Co-Chair Edward Mahoney, ’66. “It will also serve as the foundation upon which teaching and learning will be advanced into the future.”

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In addition, the new facility will serve as a resource hub for the local and international community to bring design challenges to Walsh project groups, pilot new ideas, engage global partners and utilize the center’s resources to incubate and develop new processes and products. The Walsh ICF Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community will also find a permanent home in the learning center. The ICF Institute will provide regional resources and an annual global symposium anchored in the new building.

“We are willing to do our share to plant those seeds and prepare the harvest. Collectively, we can make a difference and show the world that truly, ‘We Believe.’”

In response to the changing needs of present and future students, the new building will promote connectivity with learners around the world, between the university and the local community and with global businesses’ needs and services. The learning center will propel and guarantee the relevancy of Walsh’s learning experience in the new global knowledge economy.

“When visitors walk around campus, I’m sure they notice they are no longer in the middle of an alfalfa field. We are no longer just 67 students and seven Brothers on campus, but 12,000 people around the world. We have hundreds of faculty members who have made significant professional contributions, and our graduates are going out in the community — making a difference for having been at Walsh University,” said President Jusseume.

“We are trying to ensure that even in difficult times, those who choose to be a part of Walsh University can do so. We can continue the mission of the Brothers of Christian Instruction and create a transformative, faith-filled environment where young and old can continue to develop their own God given talents. We are willing to do our share to plant those seeds and prepare the harvest. Collectively, we can make a difference and show the world that truly, ‘We Believe.’”

# A Father's Footsteps

Kenichi Wakatsuki '83

Walsh alum Kenichi Wakatsuki '83 believes that you should find your own path in life. That is why he never actively encouraged his children to attend his alma mater. But he admits he was happy when son Ren decided that Walsh was also the right choice for him. And, while multi-generational students aren't unique at Walsh, it's rare for them to come from as far away as Japan.

**"I am delighted that Ren chose Walsh. As a parent living so far from his son, it is a comfort knowing that he has several of my college friends nearby if he needs anything."**

Kenichi was born in Fuji, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan, about 90 miles from Tokyo at the foot of the world-famous Mt. Fuji. He attended school in Japan before a desire to continue his studies in the United States brought him to Mount Assumption High School (currently Seton Catholic Central) in Plattsburgh, NY, for his final two years of high school. The school was founded in 1903 by the American Province of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

He quickly adapted to life in the United States at the New York boarding school where he participated in varsity soccer, varsity baseball and as yearbook photographer. He also served one year as a manager for varsity basketball.

After graduation, he decided to stay in the United States to pursue his bachelor's degree. It was through the Brothers of Christian Instruction at Mount Assumption that he was first introduced to Walsh College in North Canton, Ohio.

**"I was seeking a small school with an excellent business administration program. I also wanted a school with a competitive intercollegiate soccer team and a relaxed and calm environment. I found everything I wanted at Walsh."**

During his time as a student at Walsh, Kenichi was a Mid-Ohio Conference (MOC) soccer stand-out and even played tennis for one year. He also served as a resident assistant, president of the Photo Club, vice president of the International Club, photo editor for the Lamp Yearbook and was active in the Business Club.

"When my dad attended Walsh he was a triple major, an RA his senior year, he played several sports including soccer and tennis and he was the manager for the basketball team. He accomplished so much," said son Ren, a freshman pre-med major. "Now that



Kenichi Wakatsuki '83 with son Ren Wakatsuki

I'm a student at Walsh myself, I can really respect how he managed to juggle it all."

Among his many happy memories of Walsh, Kenichi recounts his favorites as the annual Ox-Roast and Christmas parties held at Alexis Hall.

"Also, winning against Malone in soccer, particularly my senior year, when we beat the Pioneers 11-1 at home...with my winning goal!"

He fondly remembers his Spanish classes with Dr. Gargoline and Music Appreciation classes with Mrs. Dorothy Ling, whom he now counts as one of his good friends. He graduated from Walsh in 1983 with a triple major in finance, management, and Spanish.

"The Walsh campus has been upgraded substantially since I was a student, yet it still

has the same relaxed environment that drew me there. There are so many new buildings! I was also surprised to see the surrounding area has been much enhanced with the new Washington Square complex across the street. I can't believe how different it is."

After graduation, Kenichi returned to Japan where he has enjoyed a successful career in investor relations. He and his wife Yukari just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in October and have two children, Ren (age 19) and Shun (age 16). He is the Senior Managing Director and Co-Founder of Edge Interna-

tional, Inc., Investor Relations Services, in Minato, Tokyo. The company provides investor relations services such as planning and production of annual reports and other financial materials to large companies in Japan. Kenichi manages and supervises the sales account executive staff as well as the editorial department.

"I like every aspect of my job. Producing annual reports on behalf of top-notch Japanese listed companies gives me a great deal of motivation," he said.

His career has brought him back so many times to the United States that he has lost count. Most recently he returned to campus with Yukari in September to visit Ren in his new dorm room in Lemmon Hall.

**"In many ways I have personally benefited from Walsh. My business major skills made for a solid foundation in my career. But my friends are my most important assets—Tim Mead, George Kasper, Nick Kapustin, among many more with whom I get together whenever I travel to the U.S. While it may seem he is walking in my footsteps, Ren is actually forging his own way. I couldn't be more proud to share my alma mater with him."**



# The End of an Era

## Marks a New Beginning for Walsh Football

On September 2, 1995, Walsh University football made its official Saturday afternoon debut against Geneva, PA, at North Canton Memorial Stadium. In a rare successful first season, the Cavs enjoyed a six-game winning streak with a final overall record of 7 – 3. After 18 years as Walsh's founding head football coach, Jim Dennison still counts that first season as one of the greatest in his 31-year career.

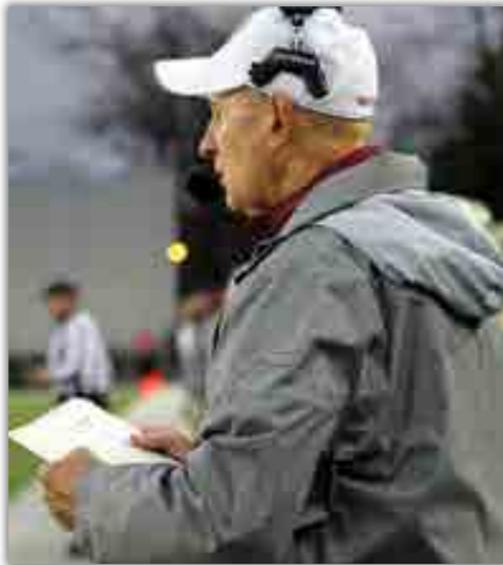
This past December, Coach Dennison officially announced his retirement from Walsh University. As the only head coach in the history of the football program, the announcement marked the end of an era as the University takes the field as a full-fledged NCAA Division II member in 2013.

“When we started the program in 1995, we were truly starting from scratch in every sense. There were no uniforms. No locker rooms or a lined practice field. No coaches’ offices. We even had to buy footballs,” recalls Dennison. “I’d have to say our first group of 35 players really came on faith. Looking back, I’m proud that we were able to build something from nothing. And make it into something good.”

During his career, Dennison has spent 31 years on the sidelines and 53 as a coach and administrator. At Walsh, Dennison beat the odds of most start-up programs and guided the Cavs to 14 winning seasons with 119 wins against only 77 losses. Walsh made an

appearance in the NAIA playoffs in 2006 with a 9 – 3 record and won the Mid-States Football Association championship in 2001. This past season, the Cavs finished with a 3 – 8 record in their provisional year in the NCAA II and in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC).

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*Head Football Coach Jim Dennison*

Dennison. The passion and countless hours that he devoted over the past 18 years have laid the groundwork for our successful transition into the GLIAC and NCAA,” said Dale Howard, Vice President for Athletics.

Dennison leaves the game of football with an overall record of 208-139-2. In addition to his time at Walsh, he spent 28 years at

The University of Akron, including seven years as director of athletics and 13 years as head football coach (1973-85), where he is still the all-time winningest coach (80 – 62 – 2). Dennison retired from his post as director of athletics at The University of Akron in June of 1993. Only three days later, he was named director of athletics at Walsh, a position he held until 2007.

Less than a year later, Walsh University announced that it would institute football as a varsity sport in the fall of 1995 and named Dennison as head coach. The addition of the new program with Coach Jim Dennison at the helm was a boost to Walsh's reputation among local high school athletes and their coaches. Between January and March of 1995, the dedicated recruitment efforts of Dennison and his assistant coaches Greg Gilbert and Mike Woodford brought an unprecedented 275 prospective student athletes to visit Walsh. The Cavaliers began their first season with 105 players, and the rest, they say, is history.

In addition to athletics, Jim Dennison has also been a sought-after public speaker on his personal mantra of “Positive Mental Attitude” (PMA) and has delivered his message to a variety of teams, civic organizations and businesses throughout his career. The importance of goal-setting, life-preparation and a positive mental attitude became the foundation upon which the Walsh football program was built.

As we look back on the many successes of the program, both on and off the field, it is very evident that we got it right with Jim Dennison.



"I've been blessed to work with so many exceptional people and feel grateful that I had this opportunity at Walsh."

"Every Thursday evening, for the past 18 seasons, I have held team meetings in the locker room. This was an important time for me to speak to the squad about something other than football. Each talk had a theme such as perseverance, commitment or faith," said Dennison. "Surprisingly, it was the players that I thought I could never reach that have come back to tell me to never stop having those meetings."

It was that commitment to each player's personal development beyond the football field that has set the Walsh program apart.

The two greatest days in everyone's life are the day you were born and the day you find out WHY you were born," said Coach Dennison. "College can be the time to find that

purpose, and for us academics always came first. We built a successful football program on the belief that what our students become is more important than what they can do on the football field."

Dennison's legacy at Walsh University is now grounded in an established football program that is ready to compete on the NCAA Division II level in one of the most prestigious conferences in the country, the GLIAC.

"It is truly a unique experience for any coach to build a successful football program from scratch at this level. Simply put though, I have always loved the game of football, and I believe coaching is what I was born to do. I couldn't have asked for 53 better years."

### Ted Karras named New Head Coach



*New Head Coach Ted Karras, Jr. and his wife*

During a December 21 press conference, Ted Karras Jr. was formally named Walsh University's new head football coach.

Ted Karras (48 – 23) spent the last seven seasons at Marian University and recently won the NAIA National Championship. The 2012 season was Karras' fifth winning season in six years, as his Knights earned the program's first NAIA National Championship. Marian won its second consecutive Mid-States Football Association Mideast League championship and finished the regular season 8 – 1 and 12 – 1 overall. Marian defeated Morningside College 30 – 27 in overtime in the title game. His 2012 team placed 26 players on the All-MSFA Team, with eight earning first team accolades. Karras earned AFCA NAIA Region II Coach of the Year honors for the second straight season. The Knights spent five weeks as the top ranked team in the NAIA and were

ranked in the top ten the entire season. In the final poll released December 18, the Knights were No. 1.

A northwest Indiana native, Karras came to Marian University after three seasons at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. During his time at RHIT, his players excelled in both football and academics. He had two Academic All-Americans, 13 All-Conference performers, and the first All-American defensive lineman in school history. He also coached the SCAC Defensive Player of the Year in 2004. Karras went 14 – 16 with RHIT, the best three-year record of any coach, and was named one of the "10 hottest coaches in division III" by American Football Monthly.

For four years prior to RHIT, Karras was the offensive coordinator at MSFA foe St. Xavier University and was part of an MSFA Midwest League championship and NAIA playoff-qualifier in 2002.

Prior to SXU, Karras served as the head coach at Andean High School in Gary, Ind., from 1996 – 98. He also served as defensive line coach at St. Francis College from 1995 – 96 and defensive coordinator at Lake Forest College from 1993 – 95. Karras also served as a defensive line graduate assistant at Northern Illinois University in 1992 – 93 and as a graduate assistant at the University of Minnesota from 1991 – 92. His coaching experience began as a defensive line coach for Kankakee Valley High School in 1989.

Karras was a four-year starter at Northwestern University from 1983 – 87 and earned his bachelor of science from Northwestern in 1987. His playing career continued as he signed with the Washington Redskins as a free agent and spent one season with the Redskins.

Ted and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Taylor, a junior honors student at Indianapolis Cathedral, and Teddy, who is a redshirt freshman offensive lineman at the University of Illinois. Teddy is the seventh member of the Karras family to play football in the Big Ten Conference.



*Kathleen Biris and daughter Judy*

## A Legacy of Generosity

### Kathleen Biris

It was through her longtime friend Betsy Farey that Kathleen Biris first became connected to Walsh University. About a year after the inception of the Walsh Women's Committee, Betsy recruited Kathleen as one of the organization's earliest members. Now a sustaining member of the Women's Committee, and former president from 1983-1985, Kathleen has fond memories of the black-tie affairs and other events the committee organized through the years.

To this day, one of Kathleen's favorite Walsh traditions is the Library Book Fund, a custom the Women's Committee established in the 1970s. Through the book fund, donors contribute toward the library's general book fund in recognition of special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc., as well as in memory of departed loved ones.

"It's remarkable," Kathleen said, "Such a simple yet thoughtful way to make a lasting tribute."

Like many friends of the University, throughout the years Kathleen developed strong ties to the Brothers of Christian Instruction who have resided on campus. In addition, she spent many afternoons chatting away with Brother Joseph Power as they sat outside La Mennais Hall.

"We became good friends," she said. "My family and I enjoyed good company with all the Brothers."

Kathleen's affinity for Walsh has spread to her son, John, and daughter, Judith, who have also been great supporters of the University mission. Among their contributions to the University was a donation to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel.

"I love the University," Kathleen said. "We promote it every chance we get."

It's her fondness for Walsh that through her estate plan Kathleen has created the Biris Family Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of her deceased husband.

"I believe in the values-based education that Walsh provides and want to help educate those who otherwise couldn't afford a college degree," Kathleen explained. "Walsh is a great asset to our community, and I want to contribute toward the University's future and the future of Walsh students."

# HOMECOMING

## Weekend 2012

### Alumni Return to Campus for Homecoming Weekend

More than 1,000 Walsh alumni, family and friends joined in celebration of Homecoming 2012. The weekend's festivities kicked off Friday, October 19, with the Wall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony, which featured the induction of six new members to the Wall of Fame.

» The following alumni were honored for their athletic and academic achievements: Justin Atkinson '95, Men's Soccer; Derek Besgrove '05, Football; Rosie (Giles) Hall '08, Volleyball; Kelly Green '99, Softball; Brad Hubert, '04 Baseball; and Kevin Surnear '03, Men's Track and Field. In addition, the 1998 NAIA Championship Women's Basketball team and the 2005 NAIA Championship Men's Basketball team were also honored.

On Saturday, October 20, Cavs fans gathered at Fawcett Stadium for a homecoming tailgate party before cheering on the Cavaliers as they defeated the Tiffin Dragons 27 – 3. The celebration continued back on campus for the annual Fall Family Festival, which featured carnival games, balloon animals, inflatables, a photo booth and chili cook-off. Later that evening, members of class years ending in 2 and 7 reunited in the DeVille Atrium sharing food, drink and favorite memories of their alma mater.

» To wrap up the weekend, Walsh honored its Outstanding Alumni at a special lunch on Sunday, October 21. This year's honorees included Dr. Peter Rogers '64, Donald Detore '81 and Beverly Jordan '95 as recipients of the 2012 Outstanding Alumni Award. In addition, Brother Ernest Paquet, FIC, was honored as the recipient of Walsh's Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award, and Dr. Richard Reichert '78 was named the recipient of Walsh's Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

Upcoming Alumni events include: Professor-for-Day, January 29-30; Florida Alumni Gathering, February 20-22; Viva Walsh Vegas, March 2; Gary Farey Scholarship Raffle, April 22. Complete details are available at [walsh.edu/alumni](http://walsh.edu/alumni).

### National Board Adds New Members

Three new members have recently joined the National Alumni Board of Trustees: Mark Carrow ('82), Jennifer Grossman ('06) and Cathy Shew ('79).



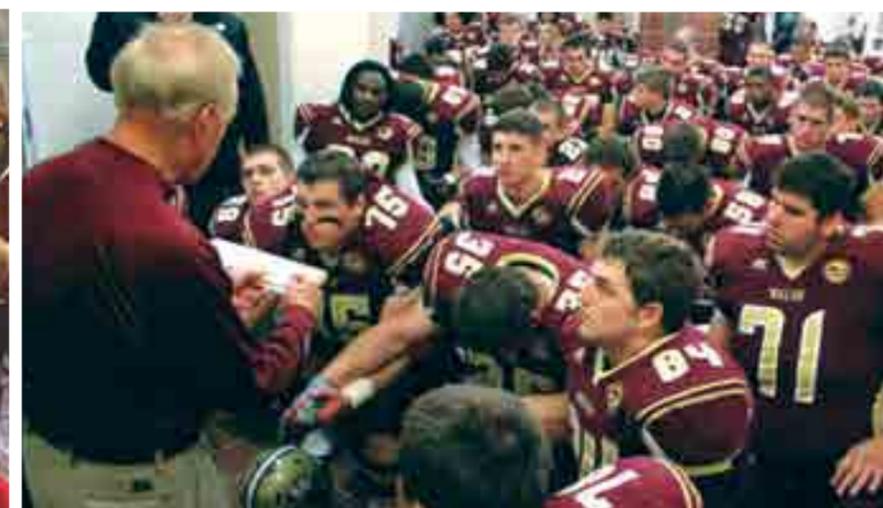
A CPA and managing partner of Citrin Cooperman's Philadelphia office, Mark Carrow provides tax services and business consulting advice, with a focus on implementing tax and financial planning strategies to optimize business strategies. In addition to the Walsh Alumni Board, he is a member of the American and Pennsylvania Institutes of CPAs.



Jennifer Grossman is a CPA and assurance supervisor at Bruner-Cox LLP, where she works with clients in the manufacturing, wholesale distribution, health care, nonprofit and employee benefit plan industries. Grossman is also a member of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, the Health Care Conference Planning Committee and the yStark! Education Committee.



Cathy Shew is Director of Business Development for FirstEnergy in Akron, Ohio, where she is involved in mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and corporate strategy. A graduate of the Leadership Akron Class XXVII, Shew also serves as President of the Board of Trustees for Summit Housing Development Corporation and is a former recipient of the YWCA Women of Professional Excellence Award.



# ROME EXPERIENCE

## Makes the Grade for Students

Most students, if not all, when speaking of their study abroad experience, often describe it as transformational.

And if you think about it, how can it not be? Send a college student thousands of miles from home, immerse them in a new culture to actually see and feel the historically powerful sites they only read about peppered in their history and English books, and it has to change a person, even just a little.

So just imagine the change that could be achieved by offering a study abroad experience to students who struggle academically, who aren't exactly comfortable with academics. Walsh University, along with the Timken Charitable Trust, imagined just that.

The results were, well, transformational.

Thanks to the vision of Dr. Douglas Palmer, executive director of Global Learning; Ryan

Sweet, director of the structured education program and English faculty member; Dr. Cindy Staudt, Chair, Division of Languages & Letters and Associate Professor of English; and the support of the Timken Charitable Trust, eight students from Walsh's Structured Education Program, or SEP, had the opportunity to spend 10 days in Rome last summer. Not only did each student realize some sort of change, each came back an academically stronger student than when they arrived.

SEP provides remedial math and English training, as well as specific tutoring opportunities and a studies skills course, to students who lack the full preparation academically for college success. Part of the legacy of the Brothers of Christian Instruction is to reach out to students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend a college or university. Walsh's program started in 2003, and since that pilot class



of 20 students the graduation rate for SEP students has increased from 9% to 32%.

The number of students in the program has increased as well from 20 to more than 60 students. The SEP students are taught by the same instructors, have the same advisors and work consistently with same tutors through the first year. To maximize this support system, a learning community was also established. The support continues into the sophomore year.

With all that the SEP offers, why was it so important to add an international study abroad experience to the curriculum?

"There's abundant evidence that shows that participating in an international study abroad kind of experience is one of those high impact learning sorts of experiences," Palmer explained. "Participation actually boosts student achievement at colleges and universities."

Palmer continued that it used to be conventional wisdom that study abroad experiences were considered a semester off or a semester to goof off. Research has proven that these types of international experiences really do make a difference, especially with student achievement.

"The University of Georgia system looked at 15 to 20 years of data and found that when students return from studying abroad they actually do better in their courses, their GPA's tend to go up, their retention is higher

and their graduation rates are better. The achievement with at risk students is even greater than the students who are mainstreamed. Participating in an international experience can be a real path to academic achievement."

So with that research in mind, Walsh University said *bon voyage* to its first group of SEP students last summer.

Through an application and a vetting process, eight students from the SEP program were

chosen to go abroad. The students, along with two faculty members and an undergraduate tutor, spent 10 days in Rome as a capstone experience at the conclusion of instructional time that included an English and history class at Walsh, thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Timken Charitable Trust.

Sweet traveled with the students. Because he teaches many of the SEP students, he knew that the group chosen to go to Rome would do well. But he was still in awe of the results with this inaugural group.

"This group of kids is so used to being disappointed by academics," Sweet said. "For a lot of them, (they have the feeling) that school's not necessarily been a fantastic experience, school's not necessarily been a place that they've been allowed to shine.

These are kids that fall in the gray area, kids that do okay but haven't really been pushed. This study abroad experience said to them you have worth as the person you are, and to prove that to you we're going to provide this life-changing experience. None of them ever thought an academic place would ever put them in this position."

Brenton Kiser, a sophomore theology major discerning the priesthood, was one of the eight who traveled to Rome. He found his experiences while there affected him on a variety of levels.

"I found it to be very transformational," Kiser noted. "To experience another culture and how it practices its faith (was amazing) and left me spiritually changed. At times I was uncomfortable but learned to adjust to that discomfort. To learn about Rome and the persecution of the Christians, to see the basilicas. It was all just truly amazing."

The Timken Charitable Trust was interested in funding a program like this because of its global vision.

"The world of business today is global, and students who experience cultural differences by traveling abroad have an advantage in understanding the complexities of this global economy," Elizabeth L. Engels, manager of community relations at the Timken Company, noted. "They are sensitive to the differences of thought that come from being

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raised in a different environment and begin to learn how to manage these differences. Learning starts with an awareness, and this experience gives them the awareness of cultural differences. Timken is a global company

and thinking about the impact of our decisions on our global workforce is something that we do on a daily basis. By having our name associated with this program, we hope to reinforce the message to the students and to the community that thinking globally is something that is important."

Walsh University's results from the first SEP group of students who traveled abroad wasn't much different than The University of Georgia's results. The bonus, though, is that Walsh saw great results almost immediately.

"The advantage of this and the benefit of this program is that not only did the students get to have the experience in Rome, but when the students returned they were caught up with their peers by the beginning of their sophomore year," Palmer said. "Most SEP students don't get caught up to their peers until the middle of the sophomore year."

"Part of the legacy of the Brothers of Christian Instruction is to reach out to students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend a college or university."

Sweet reported that currently there are 16 SEP student semifinalists being considered for the Rome trip in summer 2013. The study abroad component will be a part of the SEP program going forward, for obvious reasons.

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# PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

## Mentoring programs and internships help students refine their career goals and develop professionally.

Exam scores and textbook learning can take a person only so far. To succeed post-graduation, today's college students need real world experiences just as much as a diploma. While Walsh has always encouraged students to pursue such practical experience, a few new programs have emphasized the importance of making these professional experiences more accessible across all disciplines of study.

In the DeVille School of Business, two mentoring programs offer business majors opportunities to promote their personal and professional growth. First-year students participate in a peer-mentoring program in which they are paired with upper-class business majors who assist them with specific goals and encourage involvement with co-curricular activities and student organizations. The program is led by Stacy Hilterbrand, DSoB administrative assistant.

For upper-class business majors, adjunct instructor Pat J. Berry has developed a professional mentoring program, which launches this month. The initial group consists of 15 students who are paired with professionals who are carefully selected based on their experience and work knowledge. Students enter the program in their junior year and continue through graduation.

"This is an opportunity to work with students in a professional environment for two years," Berry explained. "Mentoring in the academic environment is extremely important to aid students in learning and prepare them beyond academics for the business environment."

In addition, Walsh University Advisory Board Chair Lisa Waite oversees what has become known as the "SuperMentor" program, through which Advisory Board members have an opportunity to share their expertise, mentor student career goals, generate interest in the community and cultivate greater connections among the advisory board, faculty and student body.

"Successfully completing a degree is only part of degree preparation," Waite explains. "As students near graduation, they often feel anxious and overwhelmed. The mentoring experience can reduce these emotions and prepare students to enter the interview process and job market with greater confidence."

Though Waite spearheaded the program, it is a collaborative effort involving Walsh faculty as well as staff from the Advancement Office and Career Center. Because the program offers a small time commitment—usually just a brief, one-time visit with the mentor—the flexibility and convenience make it easy for students to become involved. However, an ongoing mentorship is also encouraged. Interested students can register by contacting Shaanette Fowler in the Career Center.

"The Advisory Board and students share common ground, where Walsh University

and our amazing Brothers of Christian Instruction remain the centrifugal force, capturing a distinct bond as we live the mission of Walsh University," Waite said.

An added benefit of professional mentoring programs is the potential to result in student internships, another critical facet of a college education, and often these experiences lead to full-time employment after graduation. Locally, Walsh students have interned at Diebold, The Timken Company, Aultman, Mercy Medical Center, J.M. Smucker Co. and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, to name a few. Students have also gained experience with organizations such as CNN, Ernst & Young, the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Marshall's Office and the Cleveland Clinic.

"Students who participate in mentoring and internship programs gain valuable knowledge and experiences from the professionals they meet in their career fields," Fowler said.

"These experiences allow students the opportunity to put into practice the concepts that they have learned in the classroom. From the employer's perspective, these opportunities allow them to grow their work force. Internship and mentoring programs are a win-win situation for both students and business professionals."

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Adjunct Professor Pat J. Berry with students Rick Leach and Chelsy Kwiatowski



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Eric Belden, Vice President

# Walsh Fund Marches On Towards Goal of One Million

In January 2011, Walsh University launched the **"MILLION DOLLAR MARCH"** seeking a 59 percent increase to the annual Walsh Fund by 2014. Through the continued support and generosity of many, the Walsh Fund continues its forward momentum by exceeding its second phase goal of \$800,000 in 2012.

Each contribution to the Walsh Fund helps to sustain Walsh's mission of providing a high-quality, affordable education for all students, regardless of financial limitations. With nearly 32 percent of Walsh student families at or below the poverty level, and with the recent decrease in government aid, many Walsh students rely on scholarships to help fulfill their college dreams and goals. Regardless of the size, each gift is appreciated and directly impacts students by providing the scholarship dollars necessary to obtain their education at Walsh University. In addition, the Walsh Fund supports the academic resources to make a quality, values-based education possible.

Students are not only the recipients of gifts to the Walsh Fund they are also instrumental in the success of the campaign itself. In the course of one year, Walsh student callers speak with over 5,000 people during coordinated telephone campaigns to raise money or thank donors for their gifts to the Walsh Fund.

Walsh junior caller Zach Laughlin, a special education major from Massillon, OH, chose to become a Walsh Fund caller because **"I have been blessed to go to Walsh through a lot of scholarships and financial aid. I thought that the Phone-a-Thon would be a great way to show my appreciation."**

Each Walsh Fund call connects a current student with alumni, parents, and university friends and offers a personal opportunity to find out what's new on campus, ask questions, and, especially for alums, share stories about the Walsh experience.

**"I've enjoyed my time at Walsh University and have a generous scholarship that is a direct result of the Walsh Fund's existence,"** said sophomore accounting and philosophy major Allie Spurrier from Canton, OH. **"I sought employment with the Walsh Fund because I wanted to help continue to make it possible for Walsh to provide as many scholarships to deserving students as it possibly can."**

Help to put a face to the name and go to [walsh.edu/callers](http://walsh.edu/callers) to meet the entire Walsh Fund caller team.



Zach Laughlin



Allie Spurrier

## HOW DO I DONATE?

Visit [walsh.edu/giving](http://walsh.edu/giving) to make a secure donation online via credit card or use the enclosed envelope to send a check made payable to the Walsh Fund. Gifts of stocks and bonds can also be made by electronic transfer from your broker directly into Walsh's account. The full market value is deductible as allowed by tax law, and you can avoid capital gains tax on your gift. For more information, contact Craig Eynon, Director of Annual Giving & Donor Relations, at 330.490.7337 or [ceynon@walsh.edu](mailto:ceynon@walsh.edu).

## Marriages

### 2002

Josie McCormick married Eric Sellers on October 21, 2012. The couple resides in Newcomerstown, Ohio.

### 2005

Lauren Collins married Chuck Corsillo on June 2, 2012. The couple resides in Macedonia, Ohio.

### 2006

Courtney Pilch married Capt. Vito Abruzzino on July 13, 2012, at Casa Ybel Resort in a sunset beach side ceremony in Sanibel Island, Fla. Courtney graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Mount Union and a masters of arts degree in counseling from Walsh University. She is employed as a school counselor at Broadman Glenwood Middle School. Her husband, Capt. Abruzzino, is employed as a judge advocate general from the United States Army stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. The couple resides in Columbiana. **1**

### 2009

Jennifer Baratholomew married Scott Bennett on October 12, 2012. The couple exchanged vows during a ceremony at sunset on Fort Myers Beach. Jennifer received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Youngstown State University and a master's degree in education from Walsh University. She is a 5th grade special education teacher at Glenwood Middle

School, Boardman. Scott received a bachelor's from Youngstown State University and is working on a master's degree. He works for the city of Canfield. The couple resides in Canfield, Ohio. **2**

### 2009

Jenna Byerly married Kyle Seavey on August 11, 2012, at Roses Run Country Club in Stow. Jenna is a 2009 graduate of Walsh University and is employed with Robinson Memorial Hospital in Ravenna. Her husband Kyle is a 2009 graduate of Stark State College and is employed with Summit Toyota in Akron. The couple resides in Ravenna, Ohio. **3**

### 2009

Megan Shook married Mark McElroy on September 29, 2012, at Jackson Friends Church in Massillon. Megan is a 2005 graduate of Calvert High School and a 2009 graduate of Walsh University. She is a manager of a UPS store. Mark is a 2003 graduate of Heritage Christian High School and attended Kentucky Christian University. He is a sales support manager at Dick's Sporting Goods. The couple resides in Massillon, Ohio. **4**

### 2011

Monica Greczanik & Jeremy Hess were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony August 4, 2012, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel with a reception at Hoover Park Hall. The couple resides in Canton, Ohio. **5**

### 2011

Benjamin Siefke and Erika Pace (2012) were married on September 1, 2011. Erika is employed by Akron General Medical Center as a Registered Nurse and Ben is employed by The Wireless Center, a Verizon premium retailer in Canton, Ohio. They reside in Alliance, Ohio. **6**

### 2012

Amy Collett married Brandon Joyce on October 20, 2012. The couple resides in Clinton, Ohio.

## Birth Announcements

### 1994

Katy Ridel and her husband Mark welcomed their son, William Jaro, on June 27, 2012. Katy and Mark also have a 3 year old daughter named Julia. **7**

### 1998

Christine (Eberts) Muniak and her husband Michael welcomed their daughter, Mackenzie Joye, on April 14, 2012. Christine is a teacher and cross country coach at Louisville High School. The family resides in Uniontown, Ohio. **8**

### 2002

Craig B. Sisak and his wife Shanna welcomed their son, Gavin Charles, on August 31, 2012. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 20 inches long. Gavin was given the middle name Charles, after the late Br. Charles St. James.





## 2004

**Tracey (Stirbens) Evans** and her husband **Michael** are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter **Raegan Lynn Evans** on August 3, 2012. She was welcomed by big sister **Haidyn**, 2 years old, born June 19, 2010. Tracey is a Vice President for FirstMerit Wealth Management Services, and Michael is a Firefighter/Paramedic for Canton City and Ravenna Township. The family resides in Plain Township, Ohio. **9**



## 2004

**Chad Bailey (2004)** and **Stephanie (Zaratsian) Bailey (2006)** are happy to announce the birth of their son, **Gavin Thomas Bailey**, who was born on September 26, 2012. Chad works for MT Business Technologies as Technologies Consultant, and Stephanie works for Quintiles, VCG, as Operations Director. The couple resides in North Canton, Ohio. **10**



## 2005

**Amy (Angelo) Fiumara**, and her husband, **Dominic**, are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Dominic John Fiumara**, on November 29, 2012. Dominic joined big sister **Alexandria** in time for Christmas. They reside in Poland, Ohio. **11**



## In Memoriam

### 1966

**John Seton Steib** passed away on August 25, 2012. He graduated from Walsh College where he met the love of his life, **Mary Jane**. He worked successfully in the various professions of banking, insurance, and piracy. John found his true calling and happiness when he founded his own company, **Water Works Pool Service**, with his wife and children in 1976. He loved travelling the world with his wife and family and always shared stories of his travels with anyone who would listen.



### 1967

**Mario J. Penny**, age 67, passed away on October 9, 2012. Mario retired two years ago from **RGIS Company** in Akron where he worked in inventory control.

### 1967

**Joseph E. Hawkins**, age 68, passed away on January 24, 2012. Joseph was a graduate of **Power Memorial High School** in New York City. He received his bachelor's degree from **Walsh University** and a master's degree from the **University of Dayton**. Joseph was a teacher/coach at **St. Thomas Aquinas**, **Canton McKinley** and **Rootstown High Schools**, worked at **Park Farms** and the **Diocese of Youngstown**. He retired as **Principal of Indian River School**. Joseph was a member of the **Canton Ex-Newsboys** and **Our Lady of Peace Men's Club**, volunteer for the **Pro Football Hall of Fame Festival**, one of "the boys of the round table" at **John's** and avid sports and **Notre Dame** fan.

### 1972

**Sister Lucille Spirek** passed away on October 12, 2012, at **Villa Maria** community Center in **Villa Maria Pennsylvania**. Born in **Cleveland**, she entered the **Sisters of the Humility of Mary Congregation** in 1948. She graduated from **Walsh University** in 1972 and taught at **St. Barbara, Massillon**, from 1974-1982.

### 1975

**Linda Slease**, age 62, passed away on August 27, 2012. She graduated from **Walsh** with a **B.A. in elementary and special education**. Linda retired from **East Holmes Local School District** where she was a reading specialist.

### 1976

**Danny Wren**, 59, a lifelong resident of **Syracuse, NY**, died Thursday, September 20, 2012, at **St. Joseph's Hospital**. Danny was the owner of **Paint Systems of Syracuse** for many years. He loved the outdoors and was an avid bicyclist, kayaker and woodworker, crafting rustic **Adirondack twig chairs**.

### 1986

**Jean Marie (Klingaman) Hudas**, age 46, passed away August 17, 2012. She was a home health care provider and was a member of the **Basilica of St. John the Baptist**.

### 1987

**Richard Duane McGarry**, age 54, passed away on August 9, 2012. Richard received a master of science degree in special education at **Walsh**. The last 23 years Richard taught special education and coached for **Canton City Schools**, including **Timken High School**, **Souers Middle School**, and **Allen Elementary**. He retired after 30 years in 2012 and relocated to **Ormond Beach, Florida**, to be with his mother, **Betty**.

### 1989

**Sandy L. Emig**, age 56, of **Deerfield** passed away on Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at the **Cleveland Clinic**. She was a graduate of **Walsh University** with a degree in nursing, and she worked as an **RN** at **Alliance Community Hospital** and **Alliance Visiting Nurse Association**. Sandy was most recently employed at **Pet Supplies Plus** in **Alliance** as a **Groomer**.

### 1991

**Michael P. Rufo, Jr.**, age 57, passed away on July 30, 2012, in **New Port Richey, FL**. Michael received his master's degree at **Walsh** in clinical psychology and worked as a licensed mental health counselor.

## Faculty

**Herschel Grose**, age 91, of **North Canton** passed away on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012, at **Aultman Hospital** in **Canton**. He graduated cum laude from **Indiana Central College** in 1942 and later joined the **U.S. Navy** during **World War II**. Herschel received training at **Princeton University** and attended radar school at **MIT** where he met his wife **Charlotte Wilson**. After the war, he received his doctorate degree in chemistry from **Indiana University**. Herschel was a research chemist for **DuPont** and then joined the faculty at **Marietta College** as a chemistry

professor in 1953. In 1985 he retired and relocated to **North Canton**, and at the age of 84 he returned to teaching chemistry at **Walsh University** for two years. He traveled extensively in the American west with his family and during retirement toured 27 foreign countries.

**Dr. John Knapp Mahaney, Jr.**, passed away on Monday, December 31, 2012, after a long battle with cancer. John ("Jack") was born in 1941 in **Sharon, PA**. He grew up in **Warren, Ohio**, and graduated from **St. Mary's High School**. Jack attended **The Catholic University of America** where he studied and obtained degrees in chemistry and chemical engineering. Later in life he pursued and obtained a master's degree from **The University of Akron** and doctoral degree in operational research from **Kent University**. Jack spent his professional career working in the steel industry, first with **Republic Steel** and later **LTV Steel**. After retiring from **LTV Steel**, he became the president of **Metallurgical Consultants, Inc.**, a private consulting firm in which he continued to be active until the last days of his life. Jack was also an **Adjunct Professor** in the **Walsh University MBA program**.

## Class Notes

### 1967

**Daniel Hines** is now the research lab supervisor at **Sonoco-Phoenix**. Dan and his wife reside in **Dalton, Ohio**.

### 1971

**Ronald Manse**, certified professional accountant and retired tax partner at **Bruner-Cox LLP**, was awarded the highest honor, the **Award of Merit**, from the **Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce**. Manse, an active civic volunteer for more than 35 years, currently is chairman of the **North Canton Medical Foundation board of directors**. He recently ended his more than 30-year tenure as chairman of the **Chamber's business excellence awards committee**. He is also a board member and

past chairman of the **Jackson YMCA**.

### 1982

**Mark Carrow**, an accounting professional with **Cirtin Cooperman** in **Philadelphia**, has been named among the region's top accounting practitioners by readers of business magazine **SmartCEO**.

### 1982

**David Potopsky** is a school teacher at **West Muskingum High School** and was named teacher of the year 2012. He is the **Care team supervisor**, **FBLA advisor**, **head basketball coach** at **Strasburg**, and also mentors teachers. David and his wife **Kimberly** have three kids, **Logan** who is 14, **Alexis** who is 12, and **Landon** who is 8 years old.

### 1982

**Mark Fries** is now the independent associate of the **Toys Department** at **LegalShield/Walmart**. He currently resides in **Milford, Ohio**.

### 1983

**Mary Elizabeth Hill**, principal at **Newark Catholic** for the past 15 years and a former highly successful volleyball coach for the **Green Wave** at her alma mater, has begun a two-year term on the **OHSAA Board of Directors**. She was inducted into the **Walsh University Wall of Fame** in 1994, the **Newark Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame** in 2004 and the **Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame** in 2008.

### 1984

**Todd Rock** is one of six members who have been inducted into the **Rosecrans High School athletic hall of fame**. He has been the **Bishops' head boys coach** the past 20 years, which includes a record 288 wins and a division IV state semifinal finish. Rock was **All-Ohio** in football and baseball for the **Bishops** before graduating in 1979. He later started four years in baseball at **Walsh University**, where he held several offensive records in the 1980s. Rock is also a member

of the Muskingum Valley Old-Timers' Hall of Fame as a coach and player after a heralded career with the Junior Pioneers. He also started the Christmas on The Hill program, which provides Christmas for needy families in Zanesville, with contributions exceeding \$120,000 in 20 years.

## 1987

**Kent Swarny** is now the Director of Inpatient Rehabilitation at Milestone Healthcare at Union Hospital. He resides in Bolivar, Ohio with his wife.

## 1988

**Jo Ann Musgrave** now works at the Art Institute of Chicago as the Director of Financial Information Systems.

## 1988

**Gerilyn Shimek** is a first grade teacher at Clearmount Elementary School and has been with the district for 14 years. The North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce, Westfield Bank and Starbucks are saluting one teacher from each North Canton City School District this school year, and she is first in line. Gerilyn received her BA in management and finance from Walsh University and her teaching degree from The University of Akron. She resides in North Canton with her husband, daughter, and two dogs.

## 1990

**Lisa Dennis** has been inducted into the West Branch Hall of Fame. She graduated from West Branch High School in 1985 where she received 11 varsity letters (four in basketball and track and three in volleyball). Lisa continued to play basketball at Walsh University where she was named an Academic All American.

## 1995

**Michael E. Pregaman** is now the General Manager of manufacturing continuous improvement at the Timken Company. Michael received master's degrees in materials engineering and management from the

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Walsh University, respectively. He resides with his family in North Canton, Ohio.

## 1995

**Beverly Jordan** was honored as a Community Salute Award Winner from the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, November 7th, at Kent State University at Stark. Jordan well remembered the story told about her finding 3 siblings rooting through a dumpster for food. She and her staff made the youngsters their personal "project," finding them food, shelter, and supplies. Years later, a policeman came up to her and said, "You probably don't recognize me, but I was one of the kids digging in the dumpster. Well, I am a policeman, my sister's now a nurse and our little sister is getting her life together," Jordan recounted. What she and her organization do is gratifying work that has no end. Helping solve society's problems in her life's work, she said.

## 1995

**Michael Kindelberger** is now the District Manager of Walgreens in Portland, Oregon.

## 1998

**Richard McCarthy** is now the Regional Account Manager at Mid-West Materials.

## 1999

**Ron DeBarr** is the current President and CEO of the Northeast Ohio Trade and Economic Consortium (NEOTEC). He was elected to a one-year term as Vice Chairman of the board of directors of the National Association of Foreign-Trade Zones (NAFTZ) in Washington, D.C., at the organization's recent annual conference. DeBarr has served in a leadership role with the NAFTAZ since 2008, including chair of the grantee committee, secretary, and most recently as treasurer.

## 1999

**Candace Chamberlain** has recently accepted a new position as a business development specialist with Chevron. She now resides in Houston, Texas.

## 1999

**Andrew Sluss** is now working for Maxcell as an inside sales manager.

## 1999

**Joshua Twitchell** is now a realtor for Cutler Real Estate.

## 2000

**Bret Fisher** is now the Assistant Vice President and branch manager at First Place Bank.

## 2000

**Heidi (Fledderjohann) Sluss** is now the Physical Therapist at North Canton Schools and Stark County DD.

## 2001

**Karen Heimgartner** obtained a law degree through the University of London and has also celebrated her first anniversary with her husband Christian Bock. The couple currently resides in Abu Dhabi, UAE, and Zurich Switzerland.

## 2002

**Dan Herbert** was inducted into the 25th Wadsworth Sports Hall of Fame. He set a Medina County record with 1,923 rushing yards in 1996. He later played for Walsh.

## 2002

**Vic Maculaitis** is now the Vice President and Bank Secrecy Act Officer at Zions Bancorporation.

## 2002

**Kelly Crawford** now works for Summa Health Systems as a Registered Nurse.

## 2002

**Josie Sellers** is now the News & Content Editor of the *Coshocton Beacon*.

## 2003

**Michael Hannon** is now the IT Operation Manager at EEDAR.

## 2004

**Jim Seldenright** has retired after 12 years as Tuscarawas County Commissioner. He is rejoining the private sector and has made the decision to not seek re-election. Jim said that he has always had a passion for politics and holding officials responsible. He has already begun some of his duties for his new sales position at USA Label Express. Jim is also going to work on some real estate ventures and enjoy his next phase of his life with his wife, Mary, and their five children. Prior to taking office in 2001, Jim was a partner in a promotional advertising company for three years and served in the United States Army from 1988 until 1991. He worked his way through college as a package driver and loader for UPS. He first attended Kent State and later graduated from Walsh University with a degree in business management. Jim decided to run for County Commissioner in 2000 after a departing Republican commissioner left a vacancy. He saw room for improvement and won the seat with no prior political experience. Jim has been part of several changes over the years. He said working for the county has been a learning experience, and he will miss the people he worked with the most.

## 2005

**Nathan Beres** is now the Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Heidelberg University.

## 2005

**Lauren (Collins) Corsillo** is now the Account Manager at Cleveland Clinic.

## 2005

**Laurie Knotts** is now the Food Technologist at Shearer's Foods, Inc.

## 2005

**Chris Brink** was inducted into the 25th Wadsworth Sports Hall of Fame. He played football, basketball and baseball. He set the single-season receiving record and went on to play at Walsh University, where he holds the single-season and career receiving yards and touchdown records.

## 2006

**Rebecca Adkison** is now an ER nurse at Akron General Mediacal Center.

## 2006

**Gary Byers** was recently appointed as Chief Financial Officer of CAD Audio, LLC, in Solon, Ohio.



## 2007

**Andy Coutts** has received a promotion from Deloitte & Touche LLP in Chicago. He is now the Audit Manager. Andy, a CPA licensed in Ohio and Illinois, has been

with Deloitte for five years. Andy's clients are primarily in the public manufacturing or consumer and industrial product sectors.

## 2009

**James Huthmaker** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, AIR Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2009 from Walsh.

## 2010

**Jeannette Hendrickson** graduated from Walsh University with a bachelor's degree in business management. She has worked at Miller Weldmaster for eight years as Sales Support and Tradeshow Coordinator and was recently promoted to Marketing Manager in November. She is excited about the opportunity presented by her new role and is ready to elevate Miller Weldmaster to a new level of marketing leadership in 2013.

## 2010

**Alycia Kakos** is a kindergarten teacher at Amherst Elementary School in Jackson Township. She resides in Jackson Township, Ohio.

## 2010

**Tom Williams** is now the Director of Music and Liturgy at Little Flower Parish in Toledo, Ohio.

## 2011

**Sara Stone** has been working at Archbishop Hoban High School where she will be coaching the track and field throwers. She is also working on a 5K event for a Hoban and Walsh alumnus Ric Sayre.

## 2011

**Sarah Reed** is the new religious studies teacher at Glimour Academy. She resides in Madison, Ohio.

## 2011

**Eric Shimko** is Diebold Inc's client representative for US Bank and PNC.

## 2012

**Tracy Haltrich** is the new project manager at Rolling & Hocevar. Tracy resides in Medina, Ohio.

## 2012

**Amy (Collett) Joyce** is now working at FirstMerit Mortgage Corp. as a mortgage loan originator. She resides in Clinton, Ohio.

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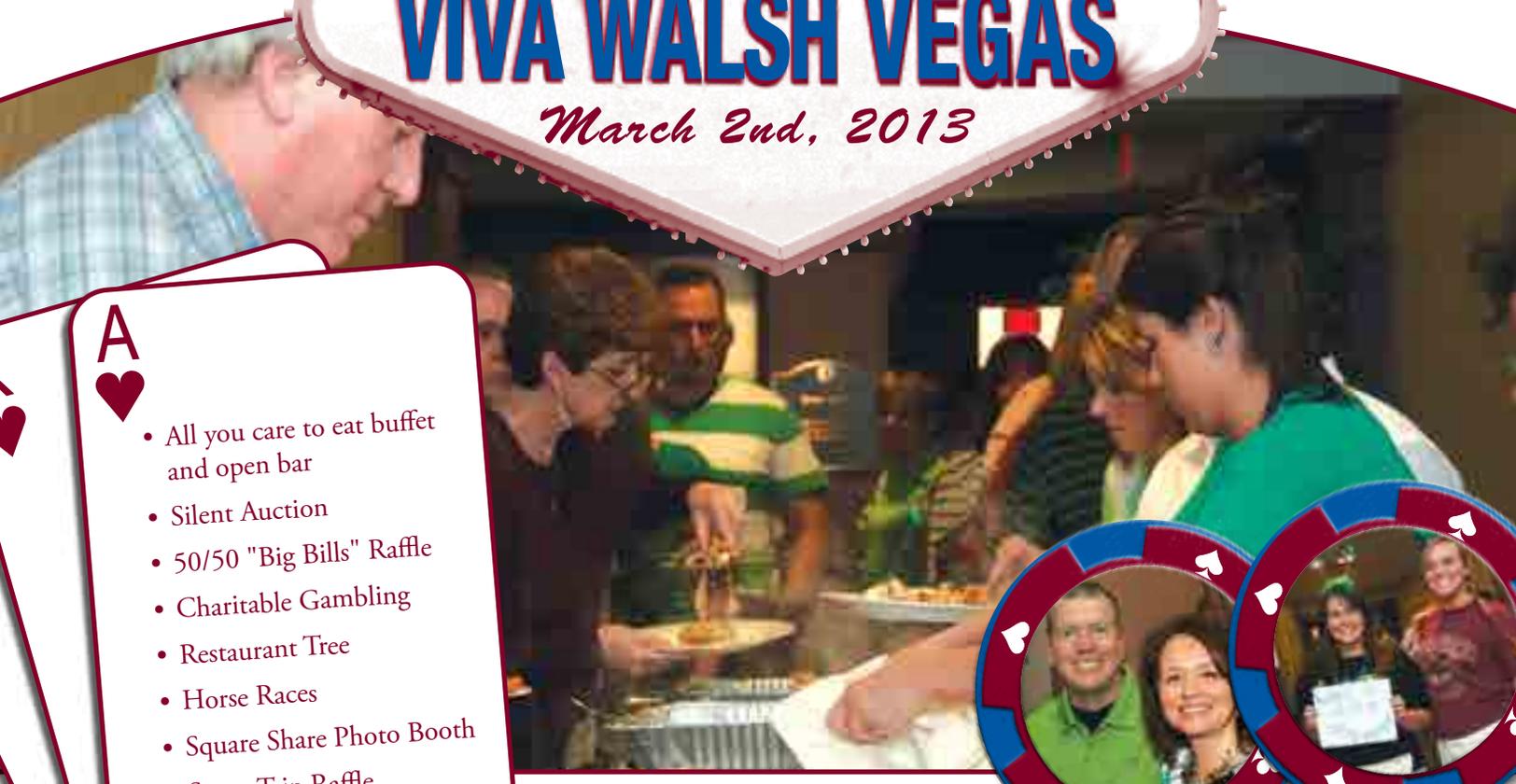
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