

A portrait of an elderly man with white hair and glasses, wearing a blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red tie with a gold pattern. He is smiling slightly. The background is a wood-paneled wall with a large wooden crucifix visible on the right side.

Walsh Times

Special Edition

President Richard Jusseaume Says Farewell

Celebrating a Legacy of Servant Leadership



President's Message

As I sit to write my last "President's Perspective," I do so as somewhat of a challenge. What's left to say after 18 years? What important idea, opinion, threat, opportunity, or vision have I not spoken dozens of times (to the chagrin of some!) What insight, hope, or fear do I harbor that it is not too late to do something about?

The Walsh community of staff, faculty, alumni, advisors, friends, and students has been laudatory and generous in support of Terie and me. It has been so sincere and so appreciative, that it is nothing short of overwhelming. It seems to me the only final response is reduced to two words!

THANK YOU!

Thank you for caring about Walsh -- its Mission and its Vision.

Thank you for supporting every project, program, building, and venture for which we sought help.

Thank you for helping our students by providing mentorships, internships, scholarships, jobs, and even housing.

Thank you for serving on advisory boards of all kinds, on committees, on task forces, on event panels, and more.

Thank you for being on the Board of Directors for as many as 12 years.

Thank you for believing in Walsh's faith-based identity and all that helps to bring it alive as each of us lives our faith journey.

Thank you for tolerating my foibles, my mistakes, my incorrect assumptions, and my inappropriate words. For these I apologize.

And, finally, Thank you God for "providing the increase" and Our Lady for spreading Her mantle of protection on Walsh University.

Until next we meet...

Richard Jusseaume, President

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Walsh Times Special Edition Note

After 18 years of monumental growth under his leadership, Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume officially announced his retirement in December 2018. This special edition of the *Walsh Times* highlights Richard Jusseaume's historic Presidential tenure through milestones, photographs, heartfelt well-wishes and reflections from faculty, staff, students, alumni, family and friends. While this publication strives to articulate the transformation of Walsh University during his tenure and the stability his leadership provided for the future, it cannot adequately convey the depth and breadth of his accomplishments nor the gratitude of the entire Walsh University community blessed to have been a part of this remarkable period in our University's history.

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A Legacy of Servant Leadership

While it's easy to measure a person's success by the numbers, the legacy of President Richard Jusseaume extends far beyond the quantifiable. President Jusseaume's impact is more than the impressive number of years served, buildings erected, enrollment increased or programs added. His true legacy lies within the lives he has touched along the way, his stewardship of the Brothers of Christian Instruction's vision for Walsh, and his embodiment of true servant leadership.

While other institutions were quick to shed their religious affiliations to appeal to the masses, President Jusseaume proudly affirmed Walsh's Catholic identity while creating a campus culture welcoming to people of all faiths. As he often spoke to incoming students and staff, "Whatever your religious affiliation—or not—we're here to meet you where you are and support you along your faith journey, whatever that may be."

A recognizable face across campus, often seen cheering on the Walsh Cavalier athletic teams or attending various student events, President Jusseaume regularly took the time to engage with students. He always maintained an open door policy, giving everyone on campus an opportunity for their voices to be heard.

Countless students passed through that door, from those who had experienced significant loss and wondered how they'd ever complete their degrees to those who with innovative ideas for new campus initiatives, and he listened to them all.

The Walsh community is frequently referred to as a family. For nearly two decades, Richard Jusseaume has been our patriarch, celebrating our successes, comforting us during times of struggle, and always encouraging us to be the best version of ourselves.

President Jusseaume's lifelong connection to the Brothers, his deep Catholic faith, keen intelligence and acute business sense perfectly positioned him to lead Walsh University. However, it is his heart of service that truly made the difference and will be remembered for generations to come.

6th President of Walsh

18 Years as President

16 Buildings Added

6 New Residence Halls

4 Global Learning Programs on Continents

60% Increase in Enrollment

18 Consecutive Balanced Budgets

38 New Majors

16 New Graduate & Certificate Programs

2 Doctorate Programs

\$25M Increase in Endowment



November 17, 2010, Br. Francis and President Richard Jusseaume celebrate Walsh's 50th Anniversary.



November 9, 2016, Walsh welcomed Sister Dominga of the Missionaries of Charity for a special celebration of Mother Teresa.



September 4, 2016, President and First Lady Terie Jusseaume attend the Canonization of Walsh Honorary Alumna Mother Teresa in Rome, Italy.



February 9, 2018, Walsh dedicates the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center.



November 17, 2010, President Jusseaume presents the Farrell Hall 50th Anniversary Address.



While in Alfred, Maine, President Jusseaume and Former Board Chairman Gerald Walsh view the Marian collection of Br. Donald Lapointe.



August 27, 2014, Provost Dr. Larry Bove, President Jusseaume and VP of Athletics Dale Howard dedicate the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge to Br. Francis Blouin, FIC.



Winter 2014, President Jusseaume and former Congressman Jim Renacci honor the establishment of the Renacci Government Scholars Program during the Annual Washington, D.C., student trip.



December 9, 2014, President Jusseaume attends the Inaugural Meeting to Solve Hunger at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.



September 22, 2005, President Jusseaume and Aultman Health Foundation President and CEO Ed Roth commemorate the dedication of the Aultman Health Foundation Health Sciences Building.



August 2018, Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Instruction Br. Hervé Zamor visits Walsh.



April 30, 2017, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States Archbishop Christophe Pierre is honored at Walsh's Spring Commencement.



September 2007, Linda Ganser, the Jusseaumes and Patricia DeSimone at the Walsh Women's Committee Annual Boot Scootin' Barbecue.



April 21, 2017, Global Learning Center Topping Ceremony marks end of first building phase of Walsh's newest academic building.



March 13, 2015, President Jusseaume welcomes Catholic Philosopher Michael Novak for the dedication of St. John Paul II Center for Science Innovation.



February 2005, Walsh celebrates the opening of the renovated Barrette Business and Community Center (formerly the Rannou Campus Center).



1967 Walsh's First President Br. Thomas Farrell and Student Brother Richard Jusseaume.



July 19, 2005, President Jusseaume and Don Betzler during the dedication of the Don & Ida Betzler Social and Behavioral Sciences Center.



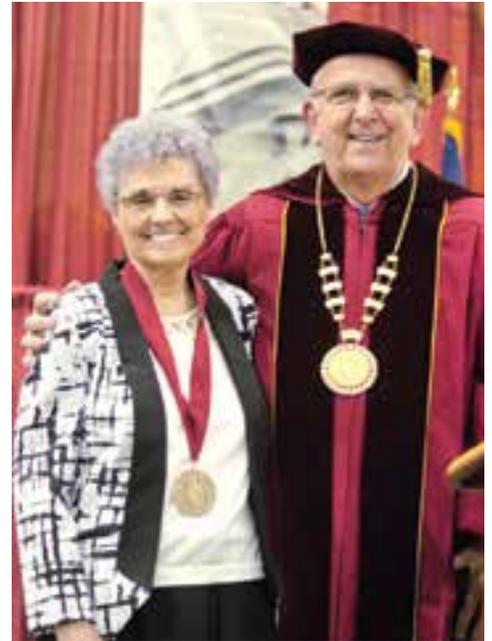
President, First Lady and students pose with the Sisters of Charity.



May 10, 2017, President and First Lady meet Pope Francis and present him with a scholarship established in his name.



Richard Jusseaume, Walsh College Dean of Students from 1972 – 74 and 1979 – 84.



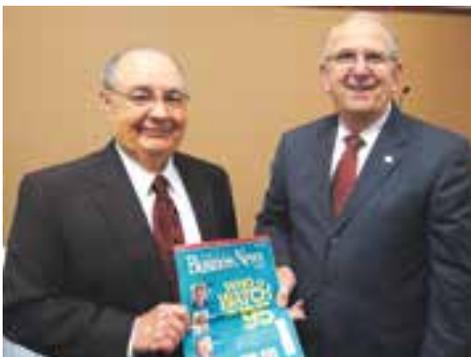
December 12, 2016, Walsh honors Sister Karen Lindenberger with the Distinguished Service Medal.



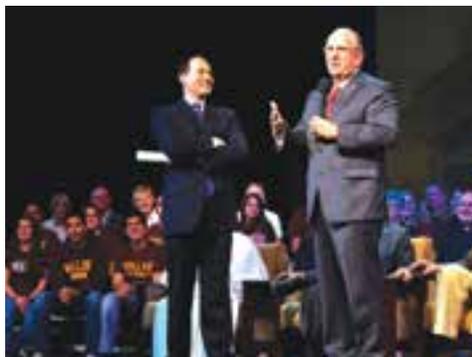
September 16, 2013, President Jusseaume with Gary and Linda Byers during the dedication of the Gary and Linda Byers School of Nursing.



October 2002, President Jusseaume's Inauguration Mass held at St. Paul Catholic Church, North Canton.



September 13, 2010, Walsh formally dedicates the DeVille School of Business in honor of Roger DeVille '65.



President Jusseaume addresses the EWTN Global Network audience at the Canton Palace Theatre.



Fall 2004, Campaign Chair Bill Meier, Margaret "Peggy" Hamilton, President Jusseaume and Thomas Schervish at the wrap-up celebration for the Excellence: A Continuing Challenge Capital Campaign.



January 2005, President Jusseume with Congressman Ralph Regula and Jack Timken at the Timken Natural Sciences Center Dedication.



September 2006, Walsh dedicates the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel in honor of Mary, the Patroness of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.



April 2016, Walsh begins construction of the new Global Learning Center.



October 3, 2009, over 400 guests celebrate Walsh's 50th Anniversary at the Black Tie Gala.



October 19, 2002, Inauguration Ceremony of President Richard Jusseume.



Fall 2004, President Jusseume and Marie Wilkof during the dedication of Wilkof Towers.



January 2012, President Jusseume with Dorothy Ling at the Birk Center for the Arts Dedication Ceremony.



March 2018, Longtime Professor of Philosophy Dr. John G. Trapani Jr., is honored with a special recognition for 44 years of service to Walsh by President Jusseume.



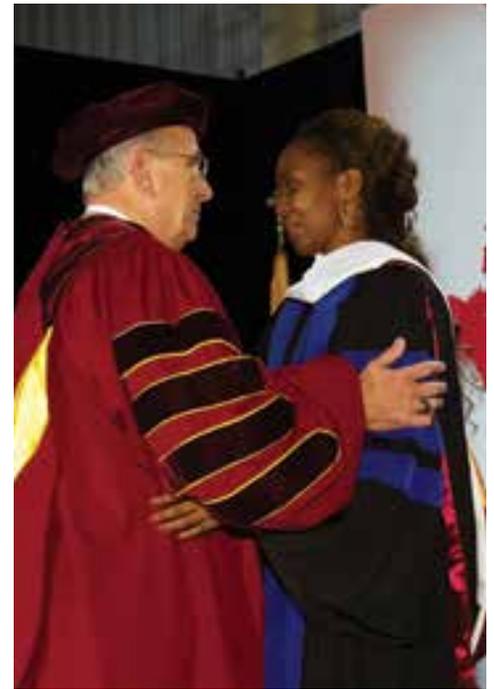
November 2015, The Garage Student Innovation Center, a Student-Run Entrepreneurship Program, opens on Campus.



Monsignor Robert Siffrin, Vicar General of the Diocese of Youngstown, celebrates the Mass of the Consecration of the St. Teresa of Calcutta Chapel.



October 2002, Funded by the Jusseume Family, the Prayer Garden is established on Campus.



October 22, 2009, Rwandan Holocaust Survivor, Immaculee Ilibagiza, addresses a crowd of 2,000 at Walsh.



Winter 2002, Don and Mildred Stein with President Jusseume at the Stein Hall Dedication.



August 2007, President Jusseume with Fred and Virginia Olivieri during the dedication of Walsh's eighth residence hall, Fred Olivieri Family Towers, adjacent to Wilkof Towers.



January 2015, Walsh Celebrates the Cavalier Men's Basketball 2004-2005 NAIA National Championship Team.



April 29, 2012, Br. Francis Blouin honored during Spring Commencement.



July 18, 2018, Representatives from Walsh, Pegasus Farms and Rotary International celebrate the Grand Opening of the New Military Family Center in Louisville, Ohio, for veterans and first responders.



November 5-6, 2015, Walsh welcomes The Honorable Mathilde Mukantabana, Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda.

A GRATEFUL

President Jusseaume Honored During Events

Amidst his retirement preparations during the 2019 spring semester, President Richard Jusseaume found little time to relax as his inbox flooded with well-wishes, and his schedule quickly booked with honor assemblies and community appearances marking his final months in office. During his April 25 Last Lecture to the senior class of 2019, he affectionately dubbed the more than 15 speeches given between March and May as his “Farewell Tour.” Each event provided an opportunity for him to share his trademark wit, steadfast faith and astute counsel with audiences that included students, faculty, alumni, government officials, business leaders, Walsh families and the Catholic Church Community.

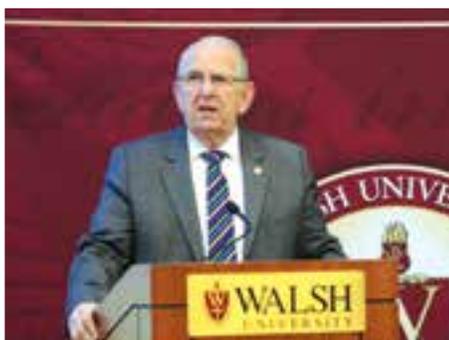


North Canton City Council Meeting, April 1

During the April North Canton City Council Meeting held in the Marlene and Joe Toot Global Learning Center, North Canton Mayor David Held declared April 1, 2019, the city's highest honor, a formal Day of Recognition for Richard Jusseaume.

“His legacy shall leave an indelible mark on Walsh University. We are forever indebted to his many years of service and dedication he has bestowed upon our community,” said Mayor Held. “Now, let it be resolved that the City of North Canton does hereby confer upon Richard Jusseaume its highest commendation for the manner in which he has performed his duties and in deep appreciation for his selfless and dedicated service to Walsh University and to this community. We wish him well as he steps down from his role as President. I, David J. Held, as the Mayor of the City of North Canton do declare April 1 as a day of recognition for Richard Jusseaume in the City of North Canton.”

– *North Canton Mayor David J. Held*



DeVile School of Business Scholarship Luncheon, April 11

“Leading this institution has been the greatest honor of my life, and I am so proud of the work we have done, the goals we have accomplished, and the students whom we’ve served. Walsh has become the Catholic University of Distinction the Brothers of Christian Instruction envisioned, and it has been a privilege to be part of it. I didn’t do it alone, though. My staff, our faculty, Walsh’s alumni, and our community helped us to achieve so much, and to all of you I say ‘thank you.’”

“By the way, don’t think you’re getting rid of me. I’ll be around and will continue to help Walsh achieve its mission of preparing leaders in service to others. This campus has given me so much; I am happy to spend my life paying it back.” – *President Richard Jusseaume*

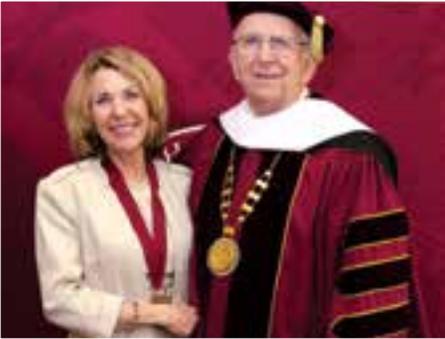


Senior Class Last Lecture with President Richard Jusseaume, April 25

“The Walsh University Student Government wishes to thank President Jusseaume for his dedication to the student body and the University as a whole....the Student Government wants to honor the work and tenure of President Richard Jusseaume by contributing to a project that reflects his dedication to students and our Catholic faith. Therefore, be it resolved that Walsh University Student Government allocates an amount of \$2,019 to reflect the year of this resolution and the year of the President’s announced retirement; and be it resolved that the \$2,019 donation be directed toward the Statue of St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students, to be raised on the Walsh campus and dedicated to President Richard Jusseaume.” – *Brad Caston, President of Student Government*

Proclamation Presentation

COMMUNITY



Spring 2019 Commencement Address to Graduates, April 28

“I know you realize that all of those wonderful accomplishments credited to me were not mine. They were the results of the hard work of teams of faculty, administrators, staff, at times students, working together to get it done. I just happen to be blessed to be part of a team of talented people who are capable of tremendous and marvelous creations.”

– *President Richard Jusseaume*

“Your life is stimulated, enlightened, emboldened, meaningful and, yes, sometimes miserable. But the unique assortment of hopes chronicle your life. These will be the posts marking your life when it comes to a close. Spend little time bemoaning the past. You can reminisce if you choose, hold fond memories perhaps, and maybe still harbor unfortunate and most hurtful episodes that simply will not fade away. So be it. Move on. Move forward. Bring the great memories. Seek out new people, new opportunities, new goals and dreams and know that, even as you approach these, they will be creating both exciting times, Charles Dickens called them ‘the best of times’, and difficult times, he called those, ‘the worst of times.’ That, my fellow graduates, is life.” – *President Richard Jusseaume*



60th Anniversary North Canton Chamber Annual Dinner, May 23

The North Canton Chamber of Commerce honored President Jusseaume during its 60th Annual Awards Gala on May 23 at the Barrette Business and Community Center. During the ceremony, Walsh was honored for 60 years of education excellence and President Jusseaume received a standing ovation as he accepted the Fred Krum Visionary Award. Chamber President Doug Lane notes it is only the second time the award has been given, the first posthumously to Fred Krum for his visionary work in transforming the Akron Canton Airport. “Over his many years at Walsh, President Jusseaume has transformed the institution through his vision and perseverance, making him a natural recipient for the second presentation of this prestigious award.” – *Doug Lane, North Canton Chamber of Commerce President*

“Finally, one more thought. God loves you. Whatever the details might be of your own personal faith journey, of the religious beliefs you espouse, of the significance – or not – of God in your life, the phrase remains. Compelling, unending and always there. God loves you. It’s exciting, consoling, enlightening. Please revisit your own personal faith journey. Make room for that God who loves you without condition. It may be your only recourse at times...the Walsh motto says it so well: ‘God Grants the Increase.’ It is for you to plant the seeds of greatness. Farewell.” *Richard Jusseaume*



Celebrating a Legacy of Service

Months of commemorative events honoring the retirement of President Richard Jusseaume culminated in a campus celebration for the entire community with the Mass of Thanksgiving and Gala on June 1, 2019. As President Jusseaume noted, this special event was a blending of his three families -- the Brothers of Christian Instruction; his Walsh family; and his personal family including his three siblings and their families, wife Theresa, their five children and 13 grandchildren who actively participated throughout the Mass and Gala Ceremony.

The evening began with a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, presided by Youngstown Diocese Bishop George V. Murry S.V., with concelebrants from Walsh's extended Catholic family. Speakers throughout the evening represented President Jusseaume's personal life interwoven with the history of Walsh University including remarks from alumni, colleagues, family and the Brothers of Christian Instruction who took the stage to conclude the evening with a rendition of the Brothers' French hymn *Animés de l'amour*.

Throughout the night, members of the Walsh community shared heartfelt testimonials acknowledging Richard and Terie's faithful servant leadership, commitment to Catholic values, and embodiment of Walsh's mission that has inspired and uplifted so many for more than 40 years. Their legacy will not only be remembered in terms of accomplishment but, more importantly, in the continuation of Walsh University's founding faith, values and traditions for generations to come.



"My sisters and I are honored and we are very proud of our brother. He's done a fabulous job of being President of Walsh University. The alfalfa field has been well planted and harvested. It's a beautiful tribute to our brother. We love you, we care about you and we wish you a great retirement."

– Roger Jusseaume, Representing President Jusseaume's Siblings

"Father, we thank you for blessing us with the life and outstanding talents and spirit of this good man..."



He has trusted in you, Father. And you have granted the increase in almost every facet of our University life. Father, we pray that as he leaves us, his spirit remains with us to fire our hearts and minds with new energy, new vision, to achieve newer heights of excellence as a Catholic university in the tradition of the Brothers of Christian Instruction."

– Father Thomas Cebula, Walsh University Senior Chaplain

"Under his leadership over the past 18 years, Richard has made extraordinary contributions to the University. And at every step of the way, Walsh's First Lady has been with Rich, supporting the University and its mission. Through their example and commitment, they have inspired others to embrace



"When he began at Walsh, Dad found his passion and purpose in life. His longevity as President may be attributed to the alignment of his own personal values with those of this University. A deep faith that God will provide and a selfless approach to hard work is the example that he and my mother set for us. Make no mistake about it, Dad was not alone in his mission to make a difference at Walsh. Mom was with him every step of the way. I can assure you that no First Lady has offered more prayers, or Rosaries, for any University than our mother did."

– Nicole Finefrock, Daughter of Richard and Terie Jusseaume, Representing the Jusseaume Children



Walsh's values and contribute to our success. And in their efforts to advance the mission of Walsh University, they have always been student-centered. Leadership in service to Walsh's students has been the hallmark of Richard's Presidency and of Richard and Terie's service to the university."

—The Honorable Judge Sara Lioi, Chair, Walsh University Board of Directors

"I am very proud of the new Brothers' vitality on campus. We've always been a part of your story Richard, and you have been a part of ours...You have inherited some of the spirit of Francoeur, Farrell, Barrette and others. When this province entrusted you with the reins of Walsh University, your priorities became the school's Catholic identity, the initial vision of the Brothers and the commitment to service in the Catholic tradition. Faithful to the spirit of Jean de la Mennais, you ensured that young people had access to education regardless of the financial means of their family. On behalf of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of the U.S. and all North America, President Jusseume, thank you from the bottom of our heart. You have always been, and you will always be, one of us."

— Brother Mario Houle, FIC, Representing the Brothers of Christian Instruction





Dale Howard

Vice President for Athletics, Athletic Director

God Grants the Increase. As I finish my 30th year at Walsh University, having served five presidents, I have come to appreciate the University motto and have seen it in action in a variety of ways. *Sed Deus Dat Incrementum* has come to realization in my life and the life of the University on a consistent basis, but perhaps in no more meaningful ways than by providing Walsh the right leader at the right time.

While I could enumerate the ways that the first four presidents that I served were the right leaders at the right time in our history, I will focus on the man who has made the most significant impact in my tenure here.

Richard Jusseaume has been a dynamic leader, a visionary who is committed to the mission of Walsh University. He is a man of deep faith, of passion, of integrity, and of compassion. He has greatly enhanced the fiscal stability of the University while at the same time growing the campus and the student body to create the Walsh University we know today. While these are the qualities that any exceptional university president must possess to be effective, they are not what has made him so exceptional in my opinion.

President Jusseaume has been an active, engaged president. One who cares deeply about all aspects of the University, but perhaps the most about the holistic development of our students. It is difficult to imagine another president being so present in the lives of our students. Not only has he always been accessible to them if they wished to speak with him through appointments, he has been seemingly everywhere supporting them in their individual and collective pursuits. He would make time to speak with them at Student Government meetings (9:30 p.m.), Honors presentations, international student events and various student social activities. His passion for the spiritual development of our students manifested itself by making sure we had a free standing chapel, developing the Campus Ministry department through additional staffing and space and participating in retreats and even leading pilgrimages with his wife, Terie.

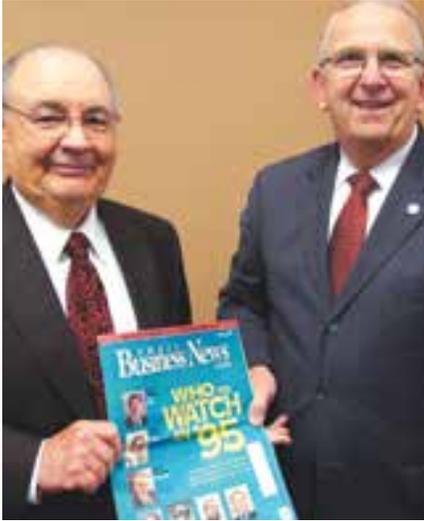
So now, add to all of that if you will, that he made it a priority to support the some 650 student athletes by attending as many games as he could, often sitting in the cold and rain at games, and even travelling to away contests, especially when they were representing the University at National Championship events. One might wonder where he got all of the energy to participate so actively in the lives of our students and of the University as a whole. I sure do. But perhaps it is simply because, after his family, Walsh is the love of his life. His 50-plus years of affiliation and service to the school, and to all who have been a part of it, has helped bring us to where we are today...truly a Catholic University of Distinction.

Thank you ,God, for “granting the increase” and for providing us Richard Jusseaume.

Dale Howard, *Vice President for Athletics, Athletic Director*

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– Dale Howard,
Vice President for Athletics, Athletic Director



Roger DeVille '65

Walsh University Board of Directors

It has been with great gratification and admiration that I have had the privilege to work with you and for you over the past many years. I have known you for approximately 50 years. I have observed and witnessed your growth from a student at Walsh College, to a teacher, to a Dean, to a business leader and eventually President of Walsh University. A metamorphosis that can only happen in a natural setting, in a free country like the United States of America where hard work, intelligent vision, passion and dedication to a goal can lead to success.

I know you knew and were taught by the original seven faculty Brothers of Christian Instruction who founded Walsh University. Their unselfish dedication to educating others to a higher learning standard, their strong work ethic, total sacrifice of worldly possessions for the benefit of others, combined with the belief that God will grant the increase helped mold you into a strong leader, dedicated worker and intelligent visionary. Your 18 years at Walsh University are documented proof of your accomplishments; a balanced budget each and every year, steady student enrollment growth, much needed endowment increases, curriculum improvement and development, and a beautiful expanded campus of land, buildings and flowers.

Your work has provided Walsh University with a strong asset base as well as a foundation for the next generation of leaders to surge forward and advance our Mission.

You have completed your mission well with great success, integrity, and a lasting legacy. Now enjoy the fruits of your hard work and the love of your family in good health for many, many years into the future.

God bless and keep you,

Roger DeVille '65, *Walsh University Board of Directors*

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– **Roger DeVille '65**,
Walsh University Board of Directors



Cindy Smalczyk

Walsh University Women's Committee

On behalf of the Walsh University Women's Committee, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to President Richard Jusseume for his many years of dedicated support and service to Walsh University and to our mission. For almost 50 years the Women's Committee has been dedicated to supporting the University and its academic, cultural, and social objectives for the benefit of the University community and the community at large.

During that same time, President Jusseume has supported our work with a singular focus on making Walsh University the remarkable academic institution it has become. In addition, his wife Terie, a Women's Committee member for the last 17 years, has been a constant source of counsel and encouragement. As a couple, they have participated in our fundraisers in too many ways to mention: they have served as tour guides, danced with square dancers at our "Boot Scootin' friend-raiser, bought more than their share of silent auction items, and were enthusiastic Kentucky Derby participants.

We will surely miss them both but recognize that they will still be very engaged in our mission and the future progress of this great University.

Cindy Smalczyk, *Walsh University Women's Committee*



Jerry Pellegrino

Longtime Friend of Walsh University

Before Rich was picked as President, there was concern because he didn't have a doctorate. Everyone knew he was the best person, but the doctorate "thing" was a problem. Fortunately, the board was guided by the spirit and picked the best person – an absolute stroke of genius.

When you see the results today from when Rich took the helm, it's a thing of beauty: leading by example, always doing the right thing, and making important decisions based on honesty and integrity. Those rubber wrist bands people wear with WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?). There should be WWRD – What Would Rich Do? What a simple, easy map to follow to get the job done...

It's hard to believe how much progress and growth Walsh has had since President Jusseaume became the leader. At a time when colleges and universities are facing difficult financial times and shrinking enrollment, Walsh just keeps marching along because of ever-ready Rich.

All the miles he and Terie traveled to tell the Walsh story; all the chicken they had to eat and enjoy...they were always ready to help whenever they could. When Mother Teresa visited Walsh, she said her sisters measure distance by how many rosaries they could say while traveling. One time Rich called me while driving to the Carolinas with his wife, Terie, who (as you may not know) received an Olympic gold medal in Rosary Praying! And I asked, "How many miles do you get per rosary?" He said, "A lot. Then we start another."

President Jusseaume has made his leadership a very tough act to follow. And Terie has established very high standards for a President's spouse. It is obvious Rich has followed his faith in his Presidency and, by example, has shown everyone how to live a life of faith, integrity, and love.

Jerry Pellegrino, Longtime Friend of Walsh University

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– Jerry Pellegrino,
Longtime Friend of Walsh University



Ted Swaldo

Founder of Gervasi Vineyards

Walsh University Board of Directors

I can't thank you enough for the work you have done to grow and develop Walsh University into the wonderful University it is today. It took someone with your background, vision, and dedication to make this happen. I have only known you for a few short years but I could easily see how your management style and commitment to the students was driving the development of Walsh. We are where we are because of you. You will be greatly missed. I don't see anyone taking your place being able to do the job you have been doing. I hope you enjoy your retirement and get some time just for you. If you get bored, call me. I am always looking for good people. I think you could make some great wines.

May God bless and keep you!

*Ted Swaldo, Founder of Gervasi Vineyards
Walsh University Board of Directors*



Collette Jusseume Turcotte

Sister of President Richard Jusseume

My brother Richard has been an inspiration to me my whole life.

It began when he was an infant who had a health scare and my mom was afraid to lose him. She chose to consecrate him to the Blessed Mother and she promised to dress him in blue and white for seven years. As a family we prayed the rosary every night and we were intrigued by our father who arrived from work early in the morning and never went to bed without saying his morning prayers. Richard was deeply impacted by this practice. As a young man he had a special love for the Virgin Mary. His actions during his lifetime of helping others through prayer and his devotion to Mary were endless. His wife Terie had a very strong attachment to the Blessed Mother, and thus, Rich and Terie are prayerfully united.

Over the years, Richard's strong faith has made me see that prayers to our Mother Mary can truly bring peace and joy to your heart.

Collette Jusseume Turcotte, Sister of President Richard Jusseume

Annette Jusseume Makstela

Sister of President Richard Jusseume

My brother Richard always had a strong work ethic. At 15, he held three jobs while being at the top of his class in high school. He always wanted to make things better and he never said no to hard work. He always got the job done.

He'd be at Walsh during the day wearing a suit and tie, and in his farm clothes at night baling hay, mucking stalls, or mending fences, always with a baseball hat on his head.

This all fit in to his role at Walsh. He was totally committed. Always needing a new program, a new building, needing to help a student, and he never gave up until he reached his goal.

As I watched him through the years, I learned it's important to try harder, never give up, be kind to people, all with a strong faith in God that never wavered.

Walsh is the love of his life. And he proved it over and over again. He often says that the best years of his life were his time as President. And it's true. You realize it when he speaks of Walsh.

He involved his sisters and brother with Walsh through the Prayer Garden, tours, donations, even to weddings (his children's). Best of all, he has a wife who supported him and who shared his passion and love for the University.

Walsh was, and always will be, "his family."

Annette Jusseume Makstela, Sister of President Richard Jusseume



William C. Shivers

Huntington Bank Regional President,
Canton & Mahoning Valley Regions

I am honored to have had the pleasure of working with President Richard Jusseume for 12 years. Throughout these years, I had the unique opportunity to get to know the man behind the success of Walsh University during his 18-year Presidency.

Rich is a genuine man and truly the salt of the earth demonstrating great kindness, reliability and honesty. He embodies a unique set of skills and knowledge derived from his corporate and university experience. Rich's background enabled him to incorporate his diverse expertise to build upon Walsh's success as a well-managed and highly respected University. Under Rich's leadership, Walsh has experienced extraordinary progression from campus growth and expansion to course development resulting in student enrollment increasing by 80 percent during his tenure.

Rich is driven by strong faith in his personal and professional life. It is apparent that his own mission mirrors that of Walsh University's and that is to *develop leaders in service to others*. Personally, and unknowingly until recently, Rich has served as my mentor as I value his thoughtful approach to everything he encounters. He is a fair man who is not afraid to offer constructive criticism for the betterment of a situation or an individual and he has the knack for bringing out the best in others.

This is NOT Rich's farewell tour, as his legacy will live on forever at Walsh University and throughout the community in which he has made an admirable positive impression.

May God bless Rich and Theresa during the next journey of their lives.

Respectfully,

William C. Shivers, *Huntington Bank Regional President,
Canton & Mahoning Valley Regions*

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Cathy (Robb) Shew '79

Alumni Board President

Many of Walsh's 14,000 Alumni personally know President Jusseume given his history with the University since nearly its founding. The sheer growth in number of alumni, their geographic reach, diversity of degrees and, most importantly, the incredible ways Walsh alumni are serving and impacting the world is certainly testimony to President Jusseume's transformational and purposeful leadership.

President Jusseume has modeled service, integrity, character, curiosity, deep and lived faith, and meaningful interaction with all he encounters. On a personal note, Rich, I want you to know that I am a better person for having known you. Your wisdom, wit, and intellectual and strategic bandwidth set the bar high. Your positivity, generosity of spirit and ability to weave a story like no other make anything seem possible. One of your significant legacies is the impressive team steeped in servant leadership and mission that you have assembled, nurtured and unleashed. Simply said, you bring out the best in others!

On behalf of myself and the entire Walsh Alumni community, thank you, President Jusseume, for all that you accomplished as you shepherded us in the ways of the Brothers of Christian Instruction: "To make Christ better known and better loved, through Education and Instruction." You retire launching Walsh University into a future of hopeful promise. I sincerely wish you and Terie wondrous possibilities on your ongoing journey of compassion and purpose. Mother Teresa humbly said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." We'll look forward to your continued ripples, President and Mrs. Jusseume!

Cathy (Robb) Shew '79, *Alumni Board President*

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– The Jusseume children,
Nicole, Paul, Maria, Marc and David

The Jusseume Children:

Nicole, Paul, Maria, Marc and David

Walsh has been a part of our family for as long as we can remember. It has always held a special place in the hearts of our parents – Rich and Terie Jusseume. Our parents met at Walsh, earned degrees there and grew spiritually until they became the generous people they are today. We grew up going to the sporting events, speakers, musicals, concerts and Masses on campus. He took us to Walsh’s first ever football game.

For our Dad, Walsh never seemed like just a job, but another home. The people there have always been like family. He has always been so proud of Walsh and speaks highly of the blessing the university is to our family, the Brothers of Christian Instruction and the community. The Brothers’ values of faith, education and service greatly influenced not only my Dad’s formation, but also our family’s. Before Dad became President, he took us on a family vacation to Maine so we could meet the Brothers and see how he lived.

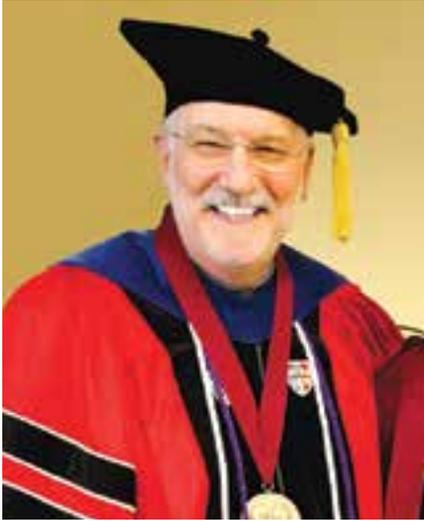
As Walsh became a bigger part of our lives, so did his involvement. Dad loves nothing more than to go out and support the students in their endeavors. He and our mother have taken a personal interest in the lives of students and the Walsh community. They are there to celebrate and promote the good times, and they are also there to delve in and help anyone out during difficult times.

The Chapel is a special collaboration of both of our parents. They had a vision for it and made it happen. It is also the place where they celebrated their 40th anniversary, set up all night adoration and praised God for the blessings in their lives. They have a special devotion to Mary and led their five children in daily rosaries. The prayer garden, built to honor their parents, symbolizes their love and faith in the belief that God is watching over Walsh.

Our Mom is responsible for initiating and organizing pilgrimages with the students each year to locations such as Rome, Medjugorje, and Lourdes. Rich and Terie work as a team in prayer, in learning and in traveling as they lead the students on their faith journeys.

It has been amazing to watch as Walsh has grown and flourished under the vision and dedication of Dad. He and Mom care on a deep level about what happens to each person there. They are examples of believing in the goodness of God and helping to serve and spread His love to others. They continue to pray and work tirelessly in their faith as they live out the mission of Walsh on a daily basis.

The Jusseume Children, *Nicole, Paul, Maria, Marc and David*



Laurence Bove, Ph.D.

Retired Provost and Professor Emeritus

Richard Jusseaume has spent the majority of his adult life as a member of the Walsh Community. The Brothers of Christian Instruction were his formative influences, his heroes, his mentors. He excelled and stood out as a student, a novice, and a Brother. A person who made a difference, the Walsh community nurtured and challenged him to lead others. When he left Walsh to teach, marry and raise a family, he remained an important member of the Walsh Community. When Brother Francis asked him to lead Student Affairs, he benefitted from the mentorship, care, and challenges Brother Francis provided. When he again left Walsh to work in the Frank family business, his advocacy for Walsh as a Board of Trustees member was pivotal during the challenging years in the wake of Brother Francis' retirement.

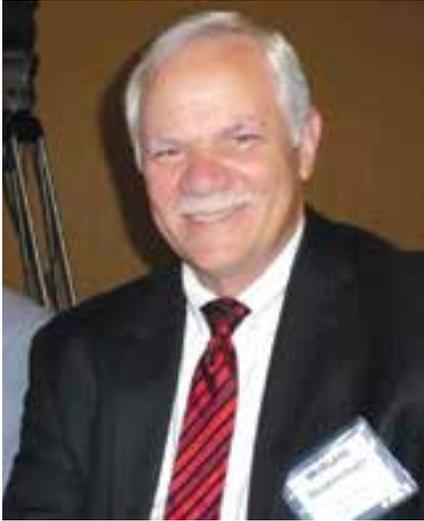
Asked to become Interim President in 2001, he brought back to the University a focus upon mission, which he reminded us does not change, a challenge to create a vision that would sustain Walsh, an ability to recapture the passion for our Mission and Vision. Richard's presidency led the community in establishing Walsh as a young, but vital, University. He supported and encouraged Walsh's Global Learning and its fostering of student and faculty service learning. Richard has been a leader in continuing and expanding the Brother's legacy, a believer in the Brother's motto *Sed Deus Dat Incrementum*.

As Richard transfers the mantle of leadership to the next president, we thank him for keeping the legacy of the Brothers alive and relevant. May the good that he has done live on. May his retirement be filled with grace and all good things.

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William R. Strohenger

Chairman, North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

A Tribute To Richard Jusseaume, President of Walsh University

I have known Rich Jusseaume for over 25 years both personally and professionally.

It all began with our sons' attending the same parochial school and has lasted these many years with his tenure at the helm of Walsh University.

It has been a pleasure to know him over these years and to admire his many accomplishments. I believe he truly had an impact on my development as well as my management career. I know I am not alone in believing he had an impact on many others that were fortunate to know and work with him.

I can remember a number of years ago when I attended a leadership training class he was presenting, when he was President and CEO of Graphic Enterprises. His thoughts still resonate with me today. He taught the real meaning of servant leadership. More importantly, he lived it!

I witnessed a man that lives by his convictions and beliefs and has never wavered from them. Our paths have crossed numerous times, and I can attest, he never wavered nor changed his leadership style.

With my involvement with the North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce since the late 1990s, I witnessed the growth of Walsh under his leadership. It wasn't just the number of buildings added, but the quality of the staff to teach, and in the reputation of the school with student achievements.

I've been fortunate to interact on both an educational and business standpoint. The city has prospered with the growth of Walsh. The gracious use of Walsh facilities for many civic events has helped to make the University a community asset. I thank him and his staff for this gift.

His legacy will not be forgotten. Thanks, Rich, for your leadership and impact. Always remember, it never ends with retirement. You are a leader for life!

William R. Strohenger, *Chairman, North Canton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors*

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Don Caster '72

Former Walsh University Board of Directors Member

Many, many people walk through life and at the end of their career people say good job, goodbye, and a week later they are not only out of sight to everyone but out of mind. It would not be adequate to say Richard is a mentor, a guide or a positive influence on anyone. Those are terms that are limited to those of us that have made accomplishments but go quickly out of mind.

Richard's legacy goes beyond the buildings, beyond facilitating the needs of students to be educated, beyond seeking the best educators who had the values of community, but his body of work has truly changed the lives of so many and so many more to come because his purpose and vision to continue the mission of the Brothers to educate and yet was always fiscally responsible.

Richard entered Walsh College as a student and will leave as the reason that Walsh University is stable on a positive trajectory with a bright future, something so many universities covet.

Walsh University is today what it is because of his ability to properly interpret the legacy of the founding Brothers. This is said not to diminish any specific accomplishment but to help us understand what he has really done which is deserving of more than the pat on the back and the applause we always give him. In this life we can only honor one's work, one's creation, one's legacy with an understanding of who he is.

Richard Jusseaume is a man who will be remembered long after we are gone, and only through the legacy of the University he worked so hard to bring to life will we begin to understand and appreciate his body of work.

Don Caster '72, Former Walsh University Board of Directors Member

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Michael K. O'Brien '66

Longtime Friend of Walsh University

Richard Jusseaume's retirement is a momentous occasion. I have known President Jusseaume since 1963. We were both students together in the early 1960s and have been friends for over 50 years.

When President Jusseaume was selected to be president at Walsh University in 2001, there was no doubt in my mind that Walsh was in great hands. With his faith background and business background, he was an excellent choice to take Walsh to the next level. Anyone who has been part of Walsh in the last 18 years can see the phenomenal growth that Walsh has achieved. President Jusseaume did not do this by himself, but through his leadership and community relationships he was able to achieve outstanding levels of success for Walsh University.

Michael K. O'Brien '66, Longtime Friend of Walsh University

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Alfonso C. Revollo '76

Longtime Friend of Walsh University

In 1972, I arrived in Newcomerstown, Ohio, as a high-school exchange student from Bolivia. I met Richard a few years later when I enrolled at Walsh and he was Dean of Students. Richard helped me to find a job when I most needed it.

In 1997, having returned to Bolivia, I moved again, this time to Washington D.C., to work at the World Bank. I could now return Richard's kindness and support projects that lay close to his heart. His vision was always to give Walsh students an understanding of how Washington works, how U.S. institutions and organizations help oil the economies of many developing countries.

In early 2003 Richard asked me to help bring students from Latin America, particularly Bolivia, to the United States to study, and Walsh would provide scholarships. Turning for help to the Office of Admissions and my brother, Mario Revollo, I have watched scores of Bolivian students attend Walsh—a group which is fast becoming the university's largest cohort of international students.

In 2003 I began my service on the Walsh University Board of Directors. During this time, under Richard's leadership, Walsh has grown into a first-class institution. Richard was the heart and dynamo of it all, dedicated to providing 'the best of the best' to our students while supporting and encouraging our staff. He worked hard to grow our endowment, balance the budget, and place Walsh on a firm financial foundation.

When I look at our campus, at its lecture halls and seminar rooms, its manicured lawns and gleaming playing fields, I am reminded of the memorial to Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St. Paul's Cathedral: "If you seek a monument, look about you."

Thank you, Richard. For years to come, students will look around and see the result of your labor.

Alfonso C. Revollo '76, Longtime Friend of Walsh University

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President Jusseume exemplified and defined leadership. All of us are better off for knowing him. Today we celebrate his accomplishments and career.

If I had to sum up the body of work President Jusseume unselfishly gave into three words they would be Faith, Values, and Love. Faith in committing himself to the Brothers of Christian Instruction and the Lord. Values which never wavered and challenged all of us to reach excellence. Love for all of those who vested stewardship, service, and studies at Walsh University.

May God Bless President Jusseume and his family for ages to come!

2003 Walsh University Graduate

Dear Richard,

It was truly an honor to serve on the Board of Directors of Walsh University under your exemplary leadership.

May you be richly blessed in your retirement.

Former Walsh University Board of Directors Member

Through the partnership of the Walsh University with the University of the Sacred Heart in Uganda East Africa, sincerely I would like to appreciate Richard for the steadfast leadership that made some of us in Africa test the fruits of the same. I wish him well and equally long for the legacy to be emulated.

Be blessed.

The University of Sacred Heart, Gulu



Dear Richard,

You were so kind and helpful to me when I didn't know what I should do after graduating from Walsh in 1980. You could see what I could not and helped me choose graduate school at the University of Virginia, thereby opening the door to my true calling at Walsh University. Now, nearly 40 years later, I can appreciate all the more your thoughtfulness and sage counsel.

Thanks for everything.

Beth Vazzano '80

Walsh Associate Professor of Business

What a legacy you have created not just for yourself and your family but all of Walsh University!

God Bless you now as you step into another great phase of your life which you have so wonderfully earned – RETIREMENT!

Thank you, Richard; Thank you, President Jusseume!

Little Carolyn

Carolyn Ann (Von Lehmden) Witherow '74



After going to Rome, Croatia and back with President Jusseaume and his wife, my favorite place to catch him was his office.

On every campus tour I gave, I was instructed to swing by and interrupt him to introduce him to a possible new Cavalier. This set the stage for the type of experience a Walsh student receives. I couldn't say enough kind words about this University or what it did for me, but I truly believe that President Jusseaume was monumental in the Walsh climate that my fellow alumni cherish.

At my Honors thesis presentation, on complicated organic chemistry, he stood up at the end and told me that if dentistry didn't work out for me, that I could try my hand at stand-up comedy.

Have a glorious retirement with Terie and those grandkids; you more than deserve it!

Chelsea (Blank) Colburn '14

I first met Mr. Jusseaume when I went to work at Graphic Enterprises in the late 1980s fresh from Ohio State. I observed his professionalism, ability to listen and understand, and motivate employees regardless of position.

Fast forward 20+ years later, my career took me away from Graphic Enterprises, and Mr. Jusseaume was doing great things at Walsh by this time. This was not a surprise to me having watched his career from afar. I arrived at Walsh in 2009 as an Adjunct Professor in the Deville School of Business where I had the privilege of teaching students for nine years under the leadership of Dr. Mount. Once again I could observe his management talents on display in the academic realm this time around.

Congratulations, Mr. Jusseaume – well-earned in all aspects of your career!

David Miller

Adjunct Professor, DeVille School of Business

When I started my junior year at Walsh, it was 2001. Every time I saw President Jusseaume, he had a smile on and was hard at work for the University. It was a pleasure to know he was there getting things done.

I continued at the U past my 2003 UG graduation and into my MAED. He still was there, a strong fixture and a strong man at the helm of things. When I graduated in 2009, I knew Walsh was going to do bigger, better things with his guidance. While I am sad he is stepping away from his position, he has done a terrific job as president during my time and beyond at the U, and he well deserves peace and rest.

May God bless you, President Jusseaume!

Denise (Rohleder) Lilly '03, '09

I was fortunate to have known President Jusseume as a fellow-student at Walsh, company CEO and University President. In the classroom, we could always count on Rich to ruin the curve for grading purposes; as I recall he was a 4.0 student. We all have been blessed to have him lead and guide our beloved Walsh College/University to heights we had never dreamed. Thank you for your leadership; may God continue to bless you and your family.

Dennis Giacomino '71

It was a pleasure working with Rich while on the board in the late '90s, then working with him as Director of Information Systems in the early 2000s. His greatest gift to the University that I/we shared was his strong desire to significantly improve Walsh's Catholic Identity.

My best wishes to Rich and his family in retirement.

Sincerely,

Don & Marge Boron

Former Director of Information Services

Walsh was the last college we visited after visiting 11 other colleges. President Jusseume brought me to tears as I listened to his speeches, first at our official visit and second when our daughter, Michelle, was invited to apply for the Honors program. He was the only college President who talked exclusively about the student, student experience, student support Walsh offered and how the parents would survive. His speech was the reason I was okay sending my daughter to college four hours from home.

I wish I would have taped the message he shared; I would love to keep replaying it.

Gina Terbot

Walsh University Parent of Sophomore Michelle Terbot, Niagara Falls, NY

I can remember smiling the whole time at the 2014 Freshman Orientation during the speech President Jusseume gave to all of us, our families and friends. It was the first time I had heard him speak. He said something enthusiastically like, "You can make yourself into whatever you want to be here at Walsh. Here you can start a new identity, no one knows who you are yet, but you can let them know! You could make people believe you are a genius chemist if you wanted to – if that was who you wanted to be!"

There was a wave of laughter from everyone in the room, and the biggest belly-type chuckle came from my dad. That smile on my dad was a very genuine response. In my own interpretation, what President Jusseume said put my dad at ease that I was truly leaving the nest and it gave him excitement for my future and legacy that I would leave at Walsh.

Over the years, my experiences at Walsh would continue to wondrously shape my life, and usually I would see President Jusseume at many of the school events that I was involved in like PSI CHI inaugurations, choir concerts, and Blouin Global Scholar Forums. I would pass by him on campus, and every encounter was like this with him – I would see him walking on campus, and when walking past me he would smile and say a real friendly "Hello." He would then put his head back down, still smiling, and look very humble and peaceful, just like a Brother of Christian Instruction.

The time I was at Walsh when he was President was really special in those ways for me. I wish him a beautiful, fruitful, and blessed retirement. *Sed Deus dat Incrementum!*

Isabelle Reicosky '17

I want to take this opportunity, not just to congratulate President Jusseaume, but to thank him for his undying dedication and devotion to Walsh. I first met Richard in 1979, when he was appointed Dean of Students at Walsh. At that time, I was President of Student Government. It was abundantly clear that Richard was devoted to Walsh. He was an excellent Dean and, moreover, an excellent role model. With his appointment to the position of president in 2001, I knew Walsh was on the precipice of great things. Now, as a graduate and the parent of two children who also graduated, I am ever grateful to Richard. He has worked to ensure Walsh's growth and development into the outstanding institution it is today.

I have many fond memories of Richard. There may have been some contentious times when we worked together in 1979, but Richard was always fair and judicious. I cannot recall a time across the span of 40 years that I could not approach Richard with a question or an issue. Whatever I might have needed, he responded and helped me however he could.

I will never forget all that Rich has done for me and my family. I also cannot ignore his continued service as an example of honor and faith. I remain forever in his debt.

John Cunningham '81

Parent of Sean '11 and Sarah '11 Cunningham



Rich was an outstanding President and a successful business man, but could have been a WORLD-CLASS interior designer (inside joke between friends!). I wish him all the best.

John Latchic '69

Classmate/Friend

It has such been an interesting moment to be with President Jusseaume.

Man of integrity, skillful work, inspirational admirable among others. According to Albert Einstein "try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value." Wishing the entire Walsh University the best.

Yours,

Kamugisha Polycarp

I was in my senior year at Walsh when Richard took over President Hamilton's position. I was wondering how you were going to pick up the pieces. You have been doing an amazing job with how Walsh University has grown! I am proud to be an alum not once but twice from here! Good luck on your retirement! Thank you for everything!

Maggie (Muennich) Bockoven '02, '05

He was always ready to listen and help. All who visited his office or had a chance to interact with him can agree with me.

I remember when I visited his office over something and he was warmly welcoming and handed me a magazine that had a picture of him and his wife meeting with the Pope.

Yes, he is a man of Faith that Walsh University and all of us are blessed to have.

Congratulations on your achievements, Richard!

Reverend Dismas Byarugaba '17

President Jusseume,

Our interactions have been minimal, however, you most certainly made an impact on my time here thus far at Walsh. From the first time I met you during my interview, I noticed your passion, vision, and overall care for the University and those that are involved with this community. I enjoy your speeches, and feel as though you were meant to be a president at a university. You embody the qualities that all who take this position should strive to achieve. Thank you for all that you have done. Enjoy your retirement!

Trenton Keisling

Coordinator of University Housing Placing/University Apartments Hall Director



President Jusseume leaves Walsh university poised to take the next step in our diversity and inclusion walk.

Two of his notable accomplishments are the creation of the President's Diversity Council and the Commitment to Diversity Statement.

These initiatives, and notably the From this Day Forward mentoring outreach, are playing key roles in changing the very fabric of the institution.

President Jusseume's servant leadership style and steady hand have played a significant role in the University's ability to navigate tumultuous times in our country and on campus.

In an ever-changing world RJ has never wavered in his faith or commitment to the mission of the founding Brothers of Christian Instruction. He exemplifies "two things can be true," that it is possible to be a Catholic institution of distinction and respect the uniqueness of all individuals as children of God.

I thank you for your time, vision and commitment to excellence in meeting of the needs of all our students.

As your second act approaches, I wish you health, time with your family, and traveling grace on this journey in life.

Michael Douglas †

Chief Diversity Officer, Office of the President

† In Loving Memory

Congratulations to the President for the great achievements so far! Walsh will miss your leadership.

Lucy Adoch '16

You have honored and blessed Walsh. Your love and energies enriched us and brought us forward to this day. May Walsh be once again blessed by God to find such a dedicated leader as you. I pray you and your family enjoy the fruits of your labor and peacefulness in retirement.

Ronald W. Sheldon '71

Congratulations. God bless you and good luck. Thank you for your Good Work.

Gloria Talarico '86

Congratulations, Richard. You've done a great job at the helm of Walsh. Thank you for your service to this great institution.

Tom Thaney '70

Thank you, Richard, for all that you have done for Walsh and all of its students. Well done.

Kimberly M. Firth, Ph.D.,

National Institutes of Health & National Institute on Aging

I shall be very sorry to see you leave as President of Walsh University. You have done an excellent job as President. I wish you well on your retirement.

Carmie DeVito

Walsh University Women's Committee

Congratulations and a job well done, Rich. It was under your guidance that Walsh became a University and one of great stature and significance to the Canton community. Thanks for your service. All the best in your retirement!

Robert Barone

Walsh University Board of Directors, Director Emeritus

Tough shoes to fill! Not only a great administrator but a better man!

Tom Hudec

Walsh University Planned Giving Advisory Committee

Back in 2016 when I brought my son, Kevin McMahon, for his freshman orientation you spoke to our group. It is a moment that I will not forget, because as a parent sending their child off to college it was your words and heartfelt enthusiasm that gave me a sense of peace and comfort that this was the right place for my son for the next four years. You made a positive impact on my son, and I am sure on all who had the great fortune of crossing paths with you. Thank you for all you have done for Walsh and enjoy your new adventure. All the best to you and your family!

Maureen McMahon

Parent of Walsh University Senior Kevin McMahon

“**Servant Leadership is not about material victories, or titles, or successes. Servant leadership is about trying to discern the will of God in our lives and in our activities, and having faith that you will not be judged by how successful you are, but rather how hard you tried to do God’s work and live the faith.**”

– *President Richard Jusseaume*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DONOR SUPPORT

There are numerous opportunities to show your support of President Richard Jusseaume’s tenure at Walsh University. The following initiatives are planned ways to give:

	<p>President Richard Jusseaume Endowed Scholarship – Honoring his commitment to helping all students achieve their dreams of a Walsh University education regardless of socioeconomic background, the President Richard Jusseaume Endowed Scholarship will help students who are in most financial need enroll at Walsh and persist to graduation.</p>
	<p>Endowed Chair in Theology – In honor of Richard Jusseaume, donors will have the opportunity to pledge support for Walsh University’s Catholic heritage by contributing towards an Endowed Chair in Theology.</p>
	<p>St. Thomas Aquinas Statue – President Jusseaume has long-wanted to see a statue of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of students and universities, installed on campus. Donations to this project will place the statue on Walsh’s beautiful grounds and dedicate it in honor of Richard and Theresa Jusseaume.</p>

Reflections on the 2019 President's Pilgrimage:

A Model of Faith

By Cari Shell, Class of 2019

I was blessed to conclude my Walsh tenure as a student by participating in President and Mrs. Jusseume's eighth and final President's Pilgrimage to France in May. During our 13-day Pilgrimage, we traveled to Rome, Italy, Medjugorje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Lourdes and Paris in France. As it has done for so many student-pilgrims before me, this experience brought renewed focus to my faith and connection with God.

When the President's Pilgrimage was announced at the beginning of the school year, I was extremely excited. I had always wanted to go to Medjugorje and Lourdes, and after spending a semester abroad the spring of my sophomore year at Walsh's campus in Castel Gandolfo, I was thrilled to return to Rome. I was also very excited to have the opportunity to take this journey of faith with President and Mrs. Jusseume.

As an April 2019 graduate, I have witnessed the President and his wife often at Sunday and daily Mass modeling what living the Catholic faith looks like. They have supported Campus Ministry greatly in prayer, providing snacks and helping to fund events like the March for Life and the annual Agape Retreat. I have been greatly blessed in knowing their willingness to support the students in any way that they could.

On the pilgrimage they continued to model the faith for us. Mrs. Jusseume led the rosary and prayer with Fr. Michael whenever we were on the bus. She offered rosaries to those who had forgotten to bring them, and shared her prayer book with those who did not know the prayers. In Lourdes, President Jusseume truly came to life, able to speak French, his first language, and share with us about his faith and Our Lady of Lourdes and her role in his life.

Perhaps the greatest witness of faith was in Medjugorje. Before leaving, each student on the trip received the book *My Heart Will Triumph* by Mirjana Soldo. We stayed with Mirjana, one of the visionaries from Medjugorje, in her guesthouse during our time there, something few pilgrims have the opportunity to do. In the book, Mirjana talks about a Croatian tradition of a marriage blessing over a crucifix. As a group, the students purchased a crucifix for the Jusseumes for this special blessing. Together, we all climbed up to the Blue Cross, and Fr. Michael blessed the Jusseumes. This especially was a testament to their incredible faith and modeled for

each of us what we should strive for. The love that they have for one another is beautiful, but it is nothing if God is not in the center.

I am incredibly thankful that I was able to be a part of this pilgrimage, deepen my own personal faith and get to know the Jusseumes better. At my freshman orientation President Jusseume said that if we ever fell down, someone would be there to help us back up. I found this to be true during my time at Walsh, but I realize it is because it has been modeled by the Jusseumes to the faculty, staff and students. Their selfless leadership will surely be missed at Walsh, but I am certain that their legacy will live on.

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