Walsh's First Fulbright Scholar
Cites Sister as Inspiration
It was nearly 11 years ago that Walsh University declared itself a “beacon of Catholic higher education in northeast Ohio.” We meant it when we said it, and we also said we hoped to be a resource for Catholic groups in the diocese of Youngstown. This has come to fruition in dozens of ways.

A few weeks ago, we hosted the Diocesan Men’s Conference, bringing to the campus nearly 350 Catholic men. The day before, we hosted nearly 300 Catholic school teachers. A few days later we hosted Christopher West and Theology of the Body in two sessions with combined attendance of over 600.

On a regular basis, we host the local Magnificat group, Catholics United for the Faith, and Opus Angelorum. Of course, we also have about 14 Masses per week on campus, limited adoration on six days, evening prayer groups, and much more.

A very exciting development is that at the request of Bishop George Murry, diocesan vocation director Father Chris Luoni has worked with us to create the St. Andrew’s House of Vocation Discernment. It is located on the second floor of La Mennais Hall and will house up to seven men who are discerning whether or not to join the seminary. A priest will also live there full-time and serve as director. The men will be Walsh students. We look forward to this addition and believe this could be an important milestone in our serving of the diocese.

As we continue to make Walsh available to church groups, we thank God that we are blessed with such wonderful facilities. We have always considered Walsh to be a community center for prayer, discussion, socialization, and mutual support—in short, a transformative place where all are welcome and where all God’s people can seek growth and challenge.

Our buildings only truly come alive when people frequent them and use them for fruitful activity. A university reaches its ultimate purpose when it serves its constituencies with quiet hospitality.

Richard Jusseaume
President
Walsh University Announces First Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community

Walsh University, in conjunction with the New York-based Intelligent Community Forum (ICF), announced at its annual Business Club Luncheon the establishment of the Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community. The Institute, the first-of-its-kind on a university campus internationally and the first institute to be located in the United States, is only the second such organization in the world.

The Institute, working with ICF, will bring world leaders to North Canton to discuss how their communities were transformed by using broadband technology to connect their individual communities with the world-at-large. The access to technology, much like the railroad in the industrial revolution, is quickly leading communities like Dublin, OH, and Stratford, Ontario, to make the transition to a broadband economy where data and information flow freely.

“I like many cities and counties across our country, the economic landscape of Northeast Ohio and certainly Stark County have changed pretty dramatically over the last few years, and the shift from a primarily manufacturing base to a more diverse roster of industries is taking place,” noted Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume. “A knowledgeable workforce is what it’s going to take for this area to attract business and to keep a brain drain from taking place. It really is about turning into the fact that we are in a different world, a different economy. Knowledge workers have to come out of education, but the combination of educated workers, corporate involvement and government is critical to our success as a community. By tying that with Walsh’s global learning programs, we think we can really do something quite special here.”

Walsh University Habitat Club Honored with Golden Hammer Award

Walsh University’s Habitat Club was honored by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Stark and Carroll Counties with the Golden Hammer Award. The announcement was part of the Welcomes Home Celebration, during which five Stark County families were welcomed into their new homes.

The Golden Hammer Award acknowledged that, through its involvement, Walsh University has built homes, built community and in the process changed lives. Walsh students and alumni have been involved with Habitat since the late 1990s. The University’s students, staff, faculty and alumni built their first house in the fall of 2002. This year’s house marks the completion of Walsh’s 10th Habitat house.

Walsh University Receives National Recognition for Community Service

For the second consecutive year, Walsh University was admitted to the 2012 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for engaging its students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community. The Corporation for National and Community Service oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing, Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school’s commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service. For a full list of recipients and descriptions of their service, visit www.NationalService.gov/HonorRoll.

Benjamin Louis Walsh University’s First Fulbright Award Winner

Benjamin Louis, Walsh University senior double-majoring in History and Education, was recently selected for a U.S. Student Fulbright award for 2012-2013. Louis is the first Walsh student to receive this honor and will spend his time in South Korea.

Louis applied for the English Teach Assistantship (ETA) grant and will be teaching the English language in a South Korean high or middle school from July 2012 to 2013.

Youngstown Diocese Dedicates House of Vocation Discernment at Walsh

The Youngstown Diocese recently dedicated the St. Andrew’s House of Vocation Discernment in La Mennais Hall on the campus of Walsh University. St. Andrew’s is a residence for men who are discerning their life’s vocational calling, with a strong inclination towards priesthood. Residents will fully participate in all facets of university life while living in a community environment that will nourish individual spirituality. To help each man in his formation process, a full-time diocesan priest will reside in the house to serve as the director and mentor for the program.

Each member of the house will have his own two-room suite, which includes a living area and bedroom space. There is a common area in St. Andrew’s, as well, and a chapel shared by all house residents.

Walsh Women’s Committee Hosts Annual Kentucky Derby Event

The Walsh Women’s Committee once again celebrated the Run for the Roses at their annual Kentucky Derby event. Guests enjoyed dinner and socializing at Brookside Country Club, along with a live broadcast of the race, all to raise funds for student scholarships. Gerald “Jerry” Walsh served as the Honorary Chair for this year’s fundraising event. Mr. Walsh is currently serving as the first layman chair of the Walsh University Board of Directors, a position that has traditionally been filled by a member of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

Brothers Ernest Paquet and James “BJ” Lacasse Honored for 70 Years of Dedication

Brothers Ernest Paquet and James Lacasse were honored recently for 70 years of service and dedication to the Brothers of Christian Instruction. Both men were key figures throughout Walsh University’s history. Br. James, whose many roles on campus included dean of Christian Instruction, is currently serving as the first layman chair of the Walsh University Board of Directors, a position that has traditionally been filled by a member of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

Walsh Celebrates Faculty and Staff for Years of Service

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff members of Walsh University who are celebrating milestone anniversaries and retirements this year.

5 YEARS
Melissa Bauer
Shane Brown
Michael Cinone
Nancy Demetro
Carolyn Embee
Daniel Fladung
Randy Fox
Millie Gaffney
Rachel Hoeler
Judy Keeke
Cammy Martinez-Cruz
Warren Miller
Danilo Mori
Jacqueline Munford
Mary Niederthaler
Nisreen Nusair
Anne Ober
Christopher Petrosino
Cheryl Riggert-Krug
Jennifer Roman
Sharan Sipilala
Laurel Wardlaw
Leslie Whetstone

10 YEARS
Jorge Barroto
Joni Hendricks
Shirley Lewis
Deborah Marucci
Todd McCauley
Frank McKnight
Kathy Robertson
Ronald Scott

15 YEARS
Jerry Barr
Ann Caplea
Jill Bair
Jeff Young

20 YEARS
Connie Lechner
Jacqueline Mancini
Carole Mount
Joseph Vincenz

30 YEARS
Timothy Mead
Daniel Sauk

35 YEARS
Daniel McCallon

Retirees of Full-Time Service
Dave Baxter
Nancy Blackford

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JULY 2011
1. Walsh approved for second-year candidacy in pursuit of NCAA Division II membership
2. Walsh is one of 111 colleges and universities named “Great Colleges to Work For” by the Chronicle of Higher Education

AUGUST 2011
3. Walsh receives Colleges of Distinction status
4. Father Anselm Zapka, O.S.B., welcomed as University Chaplain
5. Dr. Jacqueline Nowak and Walsh University receive first major federally funded research grant
6. Walsh celebrates 15.4% increase in freshman student enrollment

SEPTEMBER 2011
7. Walsh University National Alumni Board announces pilot chapters
8. School for Professional Studies announces record enrollment, a 31% increase over the past five years
9. Senior David Newcomb receives prestigious National AFSCME Jerry Clark Memorial Scholarship

OCTOBER 2011
10. Walsh welcomes Ted Stecko to the University’s Board of Directors
11. Division of Nursing becomes Walsh’s second comprehensive school with the formation of the new Walsh School of Nursing; Dr. Linda Line named the school’s new dean
12. 2011 Outstanding Alumni Achievement Awards to Sandra Frinetti ’84 and Dr. Joseph Bauer ’94
13. Professor Ed Bendekgey receives Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award
14. John Larich ’59 named the recipient of Walsh’s Alumni Distinguished Service Award
15. Walsh University mourns the passing of Brother Joseph Power, FIC

NOVEMBER 2011
16. Walsh accepted for membership in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), beginning July 2012
17. Men’s basketball Coach Jeff Young earns 200th win

DECEMBER 2011
18. Walsh announces Dr. Francis Blouin Global Scholars Program
19. William Luntz and Richard Barnard honored with Distinguished Service Medals during December graduation ceremony
20. Walsh chosen to participate in U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Joint Genome Institute (JGI) Undergraduate Research in Microbial Genome Annotation

JANUARY 2012
21. Dedication and opening of the new Buk Center for the Arts
22. Walsh launches new women’s lacrosse program, names Joya Mitchell as coach
23. Walsh professors Diane Belligio and Lee Hornibarger awarded individual artist’s grants by ArtsinStark

MARCH 2012
27. Walsh hosts globally recognized author Christopher West
28. DeVille School of Business team earns first place in the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Society of Cleveland 2012 Regional Investment Research Challenge
29. Groundbreaking of the new “Commons” Residence Hall

APRIL 2012
30. Senior Benjamin Louis selected as Walsh’s first Fulbright Scholar
31. Walsh named to the 2012 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
32. Walsh University’s Third President Brother Francis Blouin keynotes 2012 Commencement and is honored with the Founders’ Award

MAY 2012
33. Walsh hosts international conference in honor of the 50th anniversary of Vatican II
34. Walsh Chorale embarks on a five-day Ohio tour, including performances in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati
35. The Walsh women’s 1998 basketball team and the men’s 2005 basketball team honored as 2012 Inductees into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame.

JUNE 2012
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FEBRUARY 2012
24. Walsh welcomes Dan Mathison, mayor of Stratford, Ontario, Canada, as keynote speaker at 46th Annual Business Club Scholarship Luncheon
25. Walsh announces establishment of the Institute for the Study of the Intelligent Community
26. Top 50 Walsh Men’s Basketball Players of All-Time honored during special 50th anniversary ceremony
“My prayers are with you as you close one door, trusting that many other doors will be opened to you bringing blessings upon you and upon those whom you will serve with love.”

– Brother Francis Blouin, FIC, 2012 Commencement Address

Walsh University’s third president, Brother Francis Blouin, FIC., was the keynote speaker for the 49th Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, April 29. The beautiful weather served as the perfect backdrop for the ceremony held in the Gaetano M. Cecchini Center as faculty, family and guests honored the over 650 graduates, making this one of Walsh’s largest graduating classes to date.

During the ceremony, Brother Francis Blouin was also honored with the prestigious Walsh University Founders’ Award. Originally called the La Mennais Medal, this award was established in 1985 and is awarded to those who have achieved national stature by illustrating in their lives the same ideals that inspired the Venerable John de La Mennais, saintly founder of the Brothers of Christian Instruction. These ideals are faith in God, fidelity to the Catholic Church, active concern for Christian education, dedication to authentic social justice and courageous promotion of human welfare especially among those less fortunate and disenfranchised. Named the Founders’ Award in 2004, the medal recognizes the joint efforts of Father John de La Mennais and Father Gabriel Deshayes in founding the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

Br. Francis Blouin served as Walsh University’s third president from 1978 until his retirement in 1992. Among his many accomplishments during his tenure at Walsh, Br. Francis was responsible for bringing Nobel Peace Prize winners to the North Canton campus, most notably Mother Teresa in 1982. After 14 years as Walsh’s president, Br. Francis retired in 1992 and has spent the majority of his time serving as the Director of the Kisubi Brothers University Centre, in Kisubi, Africa, and participating in countless initiatives to bring higher education to the people of Uganda. On February 6, 2012, the Brother Francis Blouin Academic Centre Building at the Kisubi Brothers University campus was formally dedicated in honor of his retirement as the Centre’s director. The ceremony also marked the formal announcement of the new Blouin Global Scholars Program named in Brother Francis Blouin’s honor. Those selected to participate as Blouin Scholars will be supported with opportunities such as global learning in Africa and Europe, special lectures and co-curricular activities, and priority registration and advising procedures.

Distinguished Service Medals Awarded

Special honors were also bestowed on this year’s Distinguished Service Medal Recipients: 1974 alumn Robert J. Shearer, Co-Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Shearer’s Foods, and Alfred A. Olivieri, Chief Executive Officer of Fred Olivieri Construction Company. The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to those who have rendered distinguished professional or voluntary service to others within the national, regional or local community.

Tower of Excellence and Outstanding Students Honored

The Tower of Excellence Award is Walsh University’s most prestigious and long-standing honor that a Walsh student can attain for work and service beyond the classroom. This year’s recipient and senior class speaker Carolyn Kerstis consistently showed the leadership and service characteristics of a Tower of Excellence recipient during her educational career at Walsh University.

Prior to the ceremony, 2012 graduates James Scanlon and Alison Dain were honored with the Outstanding Student Award, Walsh’s most prestigious academic honor. Honoree James Scanlon earned a 3.98 cumulative GPA while working toward his Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting and a minor in Forensic Studies. During her educational career at Walsh, honoree Alison Dain earned a cumulative GPA of 3.99 while pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology/Pre-Physical Therapy.

Mentor of the Year Award Named in Memory of 2011 Recipient Terrance Portis

Last year’s Mentor of the Year honoree Terrance Portis ’08 passed away unexpectedly on January 25, 2012, at the young age of 27. Terrance served as the manager of the Academic Resource Center and as one of the advisors for the Black Student Union. This year, the Walsh University Student Government and senior class have honored his memory and legacy on campus by formally naming the award as the Terrance Portis Mentor of the Year Award.

The senior class named Associate Director of Residence Life Rachel Hosler as the Terrance Portis Mentor of the Year. This recipient is nominated by the senior class for their outstanding guidance, education outside the classroom and significant contributions to their college experience. Rachel Hosler works closely with Walsh students on a daily basis.

Dr. Michael Dunphy Named Outstanding Educator 2012

In addition, Chair of the Division of Mathematics and Sciences Dr. Michael Dunphy was named “Outstanding Educator of the Year” at Walsh University. The honor is given annually by Walsh students who vote to select the recipient. During the nomination process, one student commented “Dr. Dunphy is so supportive even to those who are not his students. He taught me that, no matter what, I am important and to believe in myself.”
Walsh University faculty members are more than just excellent educators in the classroom. They are recognized scholars, dedicated researchers, and compassionate leaders committed to community service both locally and globally. Over the past year, professional contributions of Walsh's professors have included groundbreaking research projects, keynote presentations, community symposiums and original works of scholarship. Through several new initiatives locally and internationally, they have remained visibly committed leaders in service helping to prepare students to become engaged citizens in their communities. On campus, faculty members have actively contributed to the development of course instruction that is both challenging and relevant to their respective fields.

But, more importantly, Walsh faculty members bring their collective professional experiences and talents together to develop tomorrow's leaders.

EDUCATOR, RESEARCHER AND WALSH UNIVERSITY AMBASSADOR

Dr. Chad Cook
Chair of the Division of Physical Therapy

Dr. Chad Cook is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences who understands that any recognition he receives is a direct reflection on the university he calls home - Walsh University. Over the last three years, he has been the keynote presenter at major physical therapy conferences in seven different countries. And wherever he goes, the name of "Walsh University" is formally linked to Dr. Chad Cook.

"I feel very strongly that I am here to let Dr. Chad Cook.

"I don't believe that being labeled a small university is a handicap."

EDUCATION IN ACTION

Faculty contributions on campus, across the nation and around the globe

This summer, Dr. Cook will bring the name of Walsh University to New Zealand as the recipient of the 2012 Williams Evans Research Fellowship with the country's top research university, The University of Otago, New Zealand. The Williams Evans Fellowship was established in 1946 and is awarded annually to only one researcher in the world. The fellowship is awarded to individuals of academic distinction who have a strong record in research, teaching and professional practice. Dr. Cook is the first Williams Evans Research Fellow with a physical therapy rehabilitation background. For three weeks this summer, Dr. Cook will represent his profession and Walsh University as he interacts with the top international researchers in the world. "I don't believe that being labeled a small university is a handicap," said Dr. Cook. "There are so many positives about being in an environment like Walsh where quick decisions, accessibility of the top administrators and the collegiality of the faculty are all catalysts for our successes."

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BURSTING THE BUBBLE: LINKING WALSH AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH LEARNING

For Assistant Theology Professor Dr. Chris Seeman, part of living the Walsh University mission entails finding ways to engage students within the community and inviting the community to campus. While preparing commentary on the Gospel According to Mark this past fall, Seeman seized an opportunity to educate the local community on the Liturgy of the Word.

What began as a program for parishioners of St. Paul’s Parish evolved into a public lecture series. Seeman’s goal was to give the public a flavor of what academic study of scripture is like – looking at historical context and how the scripture is constructed as a piece of literature. Next fall, Seeman is planning another scripture series, this time presenting John’s Gospel in a user-friendly format. He sees these types of events as ways to "burst the bubble" by linking the experience of learning to the real community.

This spring, Seeman organized "Interfaith Conversations," a series of programs where participants examined the Jewish, Christian and Islamic traditions. Seeman hopes this method of interacting with people of different faiths and comparing the way people live their lives will bring more meaning to the teaching “Know thy neighbors.”

"It's really beautiful to be at a place where everyone is working together," Seeman said. “It's a genuine experience of Church (community)."

UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN WORLD OF MICROBES

They are found in virtually every environment and have evolved for some 3.8 billion years. Microbes thrive in extremes of heat, cold and even radiation. Their ability to adapt indicates microbes long ago “solved” many problems for which scientists are still actively seeking solutions. For scientists like Walsh’s Dr. Thomas Freeland, director of bioinformatics, research of Microbial Genome Annotation will have far-reaching environmental, energy, health, and industrial applications.

Recently, Freeland was selected to participate in the prestigious U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) 2012 Joint Genome Institute (JGI) Undergraduate Research Program in Microbial Genome Annotation. Walsh is one of two universities in the world that participated in the JGI Undergraduate Research Program this summer. Freeland, who is also a part of the Bioinformatics Program, will work on a microbial genome for bacteria that could be used as a bioenergy source. Freeland plans to use the genome to study a type of bacteria that is able to transform organic waste into a usable chemical compound.

For Freeland, the opportunity to work on the genome of a microbe that could one day be used for fuel is a dream come true. "It’s really beautiful to be at a place where everyone is working together," Freeland said. "It's a genuine experience of Church (community)."

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In order to truly be Catholic, one must engage in dialogue and embody the teachings of the Church, Seeman says. He seeks to do this in his classroom by engaging students in collaborative learning exercises in which each student becomes a teacher and a learner. Students participate in small group discussions followed by written reflections of what they learned. At the end of the course, the reflections are combined into one document, which reads much like a textbook written by the students.

“Walsh students have the opportunity to focus on two genome categories. The first will be to study human pathogens that could result in new discoveries on how proteins become targets for drugs. In addition, students will work on the energy question and research microbial organisms for fuel sources. "The results produced by this important collaboration could potentially lead to new medical treatments for infections or an alternative to the controversial process of creating ethanol fuel from food crops," said Freeland. “But what was truly gratifying was the realization that our bioinformatics coursework, since the program's inception, has been well defined and right on target with what is happening on the national level in university classrooms.”
CONTINUING THE TRADITION OF DISCOURSE

In 1975, Dr. John G. Trapani, Jr., who at the time was Walsh University’s only philosophy professor, engaged in a series of conversations with a member of the psychology department on “Free Will vs. Determinism.” Their private discussion laid the foundation for what would become, in spring 1976, the annual Philosophy/Theology Symposium, Walsh University’s longest-running, ongoing series of academically themed programs. Presented each spring by Walsh’s Philosophy and Theology departments, the Philosophy/Theology Symposium, the Disputed Question Series, is a contemporary adaptation of a time-honored medieval, Catholic academic tradition. These symposia focus on a variety of topics and include an address by a renowned scholar or creative artist, accompanied by either a panel discussion or a commentary on the artist’s work. The series also includes an artistic program that dramatizes the significance of the theoretical issue or displays the creative talent of the featured artist. Though not always widely recognized by the general public, the list of visiting speakers contains an impressive lineup of Catholic scholars highly respected in the philosophical and theological communities. Such examples include Daniel Callahan, Ralph McInerny, Rosemary Haughton and Dr. Mary T. Clark. In March, the 37th Annual Symposium focused on “Beauty: Subjective Experience, Objective Reality” and featured Dr. Thomas S. Hibbs, Dean of the Honors College at Baylor University. So what does the future hold for the Philosophy/Theology Symposium?

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While the symposium topics alternate annually between a philosophy or theology focus, every five years the event includes featured speakers from both fields. Some years the topic is chosen first, and then a speaker is selected based on the topic. Other years, the speaker is chosen first, and then is asked to select a topic. Though not always widely recognized by the general public, the list of visiting speakers contains an impressive lineup of Catholic scholars highly respected in the philosophical and theological communities. Such examples include Daniel Callahan, Ralph McInerny, Rosemary Haughton and Dr. Mary T. Clark. In March, the 37th Annual Symposium focused on “Beauty: Subjective Experience, Objective Reality” and featured Dr. Thomas S. Hibbs, Dean of the Honors College at Baylor University. So what does the future hold for the Philosophy/Theology Symposium?

“I see this series as ongoing, but the time may be on the horizon for new leadership,” Trapani said. Although the leadership may change, Trapani’s vision will remain to pose important questions, encourage dynamic discourse, celebrate the arts, and honor the rich tradition and Catholic heritage of the symposium at Walsh University.

REACHING OUT TO VETERANS

Walsh University Assistant Professor of English Dr. Tj Hawkins has long been interested in the study of war and its impact on veterans after they return home. Prior to coming to Walsh, he taught war literature at the University of Illinois at Springfield and Saint Louis University, where he spent eight years as a teacher and earned his Ph.D. In February, Hawkins published a book entitled “Reading Vietnam Amid the Terror.”

On a personal level, Hawkins’ interest on the subject stems from his relationship with his father, Lou Hawkins, who served as a paratrooper in Vietnam and in 2008 passed away from a cancer linked to Agent Orange exposure. Although his father was reluctant to share his experiences in Vietnam, Hawkins said that through literature and film they were able to establish a dialogue about war.

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NEW ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD CENTER BENEFITS COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS

Dr. Jennifer Clevinger, associate chair of the division of math and sciences and associate professor of biology, has no problem getting her hands dirty. In fact, she believes the outdoors is where science comes alive.

Two grants — one from Marathon Petroleum Corporation for $50,000 and another from the Herbert W. Hoover Foundation for $35,000 — were used to renovate and convert a kitchen at Walsh’s Hoover Park into a four-season Environmental Field Center with a pavilion for an outdoor classroom. The Hoover Park’s federally protected wetlands are an ideal setting for the Walsh laboratory. “It is very rare for a university to have access to this kind of field study in such close proximity to campus,” Clevinger said. “With this unique classroom only a short walk away, we hope to attract more undergraduate students interested in organismal biology and the environmental field studies.”

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The center is home to the first service learning course in the division of science. One ongoing class project includes the removal of invasive plants such as garlic mustard that are not indigenous to Ohio and overcrowding native wildflowers. This year students will begin compiling a checklist of the plants and a report on the water quality of the wetlands and stream. These will help signify any problems in our local natural habitats.

This fall, Clevinger will take a sabatical to devote her full time to the field center, working with undergraduate students on an honors project to investigate and monitor plants, animals and the water quality at Hoover Park. She also will collaborate with local teachers to offer more outreach programs and will work with local Boy Scouts to install a native Ohio plant garden around the outside of the center.

“When the input of our faculty, North Canton neighbors and grant partners, we have had the unique opportunity to create something special that is also in line with the University’s mission of service,” said Clevinger.
TEACHING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

For Dr. Jo Anna Kelly, associate professor of sociology, it’s not enough to simply teach students the theories, research methods and statistics of sociology; they need to learn how to put those principles into practice.

That’s why Kelly feels Walsh’s program is so strong. “All this theory, research and preparation that we do comes to fulfillment when students go out in the field to practice what they’re learning,” Kelly said, explaining that “We give students the skills necessary to be productive professionals who make a difference in the world.”

GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS FLOURISH

What a difference a year makes.

In spring 2011, Walsh University’s inaugural graduate nursing program offered its first Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) course and had just been approved for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP). Now, under the direction of Dr. Karen Gehrling, the program has 27 students: 14 pursuing an MSN and 13 students in the doctorate program. This summer, Gehrling will take four students to Holland to participate in Summer School Utrecht, a program sponsored by the University of Utrecht and the University of Applied Science, Utrecht, where they will spend two weeks learning about leadership from a global perspective. In the future, graduate nursing students will also have opportunities to travel to Tanzania where they will explore the state of healthcare and nursing education in Tanzania while working alongside Tanzanian nurses and nursing students.

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“I thought it was important to build this type of global learning into the foundation of our program,” said Gehrling, who also teaches two courses each semester in addition to overseeing the graduate nursing programs.

This summer, students in both programs will receive their clinical experience component in inpatient, outpatient and community settings. By the fall, the DNP program will be offered entirely online, with students coming to campus only twice a year. The program will celebrate its first graduates in spring 2013. “We’ve been moving fast,” Gehrling said.

Despite the rapid pace with which the program has grown, no attention to detail has been lost. Faculty and courses go through a rigorous “Quality Matters” process to meet the guidelines for online education. This assessment is used to give the University a baseline to make sure a course is successful even before it is launched.

As word continues to spread about Walsh’s program, interest is spreading across the country. The DNP has already attracted potential students from as far as California. In just a matter of a year, the program has grown rapidly, and it doesn’t show signs of slowing down any time soon.

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TRANSFORMING EDUCATION THROUGH COLLABORATION

Dr. Jacqueline Mumford, assistant professor of educational technology, believes that collaboration is necessary to advance 21st Century teaching and learning skills in the classroom.

In 2011, Mumford was instrumental in securing a $100,000 eTech Ohio Teacher Planning Grant for Walsh’s Division of Education. Walsh was one of only 11 colleges in the state to be awarded this competitive grant. In securing grant funding, Walsh partnered with three local districts – the Canton City School District, the North Canton City School District and West Branch Local School District in Mahoning County.

According to Mumford, one critical competency for future teachers will be the utilization of education technologies to ensure K-12 students of today have the technological competencies required to be career and college ready by graduation. The eTech initiative focuses on transforming teacher preparation by integrating 21st Century technology tools, establishing communities of practice, and developing close field-based collaboration with local teachers, higher education faculty members, administrators and K-12 students.

“One of the greatest outcomes of this grant has been the formation of local partnerships.”

The Deville School of Business establishes new curriculum model

To help Walsh with integration across the program, two faculty members serve as curriculum coordinators. Dr. Julie Sandretto is responsible for the implementation and assessment of the new curriculum for first and second year students, and Dr. Karen Gehrling oversees third and fourth year students. Both will work with faculty to help students navigate between the business courses.

Through membership in the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), an international organization widely known as the leader in business education with a focus on globalizing a business curriculum, Mount and other faculty have explored best practices and methods used for integration.

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Under the leadership of Dr. Carole Mount, dean, Walsh’s De Ville School of Business recently launched a new curriculum model integrated by experiential learning and three themes: systems and sustainability, responsibility (personal, professional, social and ethical), and global perspective.

“Our intent is to prepare all business majors to be effective business leaders in a global economy,” Mount explained.

The new curriculum, which became effective for incoming students in fall 2011, embeds experiential learning activities and experiences throughout the coursework. In addition, a cohort of 15 students who began the program in 2010 has had the opportunity to experience the curriculum before other students. The group has embarked on field trips to New York City and Dublin, Ohio, one of the Top 7 Intelligent Communities. The feedback from the cohort group has been extremely positive.

The school also is working on more initiatives for students to study business abroad. In the fall 2013, Professor Steve Edelson will lead a team of local businesses as well as first trips to New York City and Dublin, Ohio, one of the Top 7 Intelligent Communities. The feedback from the cohort group has been extremely positive.

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Social & Behavioral Sciences Chair Dr. Penny Bove was Walsh’s first visitor to Uganda. “Brother Francis invited me to visit the Kisubi campus to look into a possible student/faculty exchange program,” said Dr. Penny Bove. “What I saw was an excellent opportunity to create a unique experience for our Walsh students to become immersed into another culture that is very different from their own. Over the years the program has proven to be very successful for both our Ugandan hosts and our students.”

Gulu’s First Catholic University

The years of armed conflict left the city of Gulu without a formal educational system. In 2008, Gulu Archbishop John Baptist Odama’s dream of starting the area’s first Catholic higher education institution began to solidify into a plan. A visit by Walsh Provost Dr. Laurence Bove and Brother Francis Blosin helped to lay the foundation that would become the Sacred Heart University of Gulu Archdiocese.

“During that first meeting, the Archbishop discussed the fact that it will take generations to heal from the two decades of war in northern and eastern Uganda,” said Dr. Larry Bove. “The Archbishop’s vision is to establish a university that would not only educate but also enhance the recovery and rehabilitation of the Ugandan people by training individuals in mental health, spirituality, conflict resolution and development.”

After the first meeting, a formal taskforce of 10 members was created to develop a blueprint of the new Catholic University that included a mission, vision and motto. In January 2012 a team led by Dr. Bove and Dean of Graduate Studies Dr. Christopher Petrosino traveled to Gulu to consult on curriculum, administration, and facilities for the new university.

“At this point our consultation is centered on the development of curriculum, library re-
2007, and the pioneer class graduated in October 2009. There are currently over 150 students enrolled in the program which offers Ugandans an opportunity to bring best practices in educational administration to their home schools and districts without incurring the expense of traveling and studying in the U.S.

Dr. Carol Sandbrink, Coordinator of the Walsh Kisubi MAeD Program, has made 16 trips to Uganda as Walsh’s liaison. “After visiting our MAeD interns on site I am humbled and in awe of the great hunger for education that is seen. Many of our students travel great distances, sometimes taking 12-14 hours, and come from areas with no electricity or running water. To our students Walsh University has offered them a tremendous opportunity. The students appreciate the chance to receive an American degree and work very hard to earn it. Our MAED graduates will be Uganda’s future educational leaders.”

**Counselor Training in Gulu**

In 2008, Professor of Counseling & Human Development Dr. Linda Barclay and Dr. Penny Bove responded to a request by the Bishop of Gulu to help develop the skills of local counselors to better serve the Ugandan people recovering from the traumas of war. Since then, Walsh University graduate students and faculty members - including Dr. Linda Barclay, Dr. Ruthann Anderson and Dr. Anne Ober - have been involved in a “train the trainer” project with the Archdiocese of Gulu. These Walsh-led workshops focus on the development of basic and advanced counseling skills, as well as grief, trauma, family and addictions counseling.

“Our Walsh students are gaining a unique multi-cultural experience that could not be replicated in a classroom,” said Dr. Barclay. “The students play a huge role in the training process, working alongside our faculty members as co-facilitators of the workshops. They help to provide a much-needed service to the people of Uganda.”

**Ziika Micro Finance Project**

Most recently, utilizing the close partnerships at the Kisubi campus, Dr. Penny Bove and Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Jo Anna Kelly launched a service project in 2010 that focused on providing modest loans to local women hoping to start and run their own businesses. The Ziika Village, with a population of 22,000 people, is located within a short distance of the Kisubi campus. Working closely with Uganda Program

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“This initiative really speaks to the heart of the educational mission of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, and we look forward to a long relationship with the University of Sacred Heart.”
Coordinator Javilla Guma from the Kisubi Brothers University College, the Ziika Micro Finance Program will award its first loans this May to a group of eight women who have successfully developed business plans and completed formal loan applications to start or grow their own businesses. The long-term goal is for women involved to create sustainable, income-producing businesses to support their families and their daughters' primary and secondary educations.

Each six month loan, averaging between $50 to $210 (US) per person, will be dispersed dependent upon need, type of business, ability to repay the loan and projected business outcomes. Business plans have included vegetable stands, selling woven baskets, jewelry, charcoal and handmade bricks. On-campus donations and fund raisers like those held during Walsh's World Week activities in March have helped to fund the loans. Each loan will be secured through what is referred to as "social collateral."

"With limited possessions they have little to use in the form of collateral, so instead we are utilizing a system that is relevant to their culture," said Dr. Kelly. "The group will work as a team to repay their loans. With a waiting list of participants, they know that as a group, if they don't pay their loans back, they will place the next group in jeopardy to get loans. They are strongly committed to helping each other succeed."

This past January, the women participated in a six week course at Kisubi Brothers Centre to develop their business goals through a financial literacy curriculum that was specifically adapted to their situation in Kisubi. Walsh students traveling to Uganda this May will recognize the eight women with certificates and will personally get to know their children through the "Passport to Success" cultural exchange program.

"Rather than coming in as Americans trying to solve their problems, Walsh has been working in collaboration with the people of Uganda to enhance their own efforts," said Dr. Douglas Palmer, Executive Director of Global Learning. "As an extension of our mission to create leaders in service, we are handing off our knowledge to the Ugandans themselves. With that constantly in mind, we are working to empower and train the people of Uganda to bring about their own solutions and sustain them into the future."
The 12th annual event, held on March 17, welcomed about 400 guests, clad in various shades of green to mark St. Patrick’s Day, to an evening of great food and fun.

The luck o’ the Irish filled the Barrette Business and Community Center, as guests vied for over 120 silent and super silent auction items, including spa packages, an ox roast, tickets to sporting events in Cleveland and Pittsburgh, a NASCAR package, Elton John in Las Vegas concert tickets and a week-long stay at a condo in sunny Florida. Charitable gambling and horse races were another way that individuals could try their luck, all in the name of raising over $15,000 for alumni scholarships.

“This event just gets better every year,” said Dan Gravo, director of alumni relations. “We are thrilled to see so much support from our current students, alumni, friends and family. It’s a fun, relaxed event that raises monies for a great cause – scholarships.”
While the mission of Walsh University has always entailed fostering the spiritual growth of its students, it also extends to spreading the Word of God beyond the Walsh community. The University’s religious programming flourished this year, as Walsh continued to stoke the fires of its Catholic identity thanks to a number of events, some purely Catholic and others ecumenical. Hundreds converged on the campus looking to deepen their faith, wrestle with spiritual questions or confirm their beliefs. In the process, the Walsh community has moved to an even deeper understanding of what it means to be a Catholic University of distinction. More than 300 men came together to celebrate their spirituality at the first local Catholic Men’s Conference, presented by the Catholic Men’s Fellowship of Youngstown. In addition to Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, participants had the fortune of listening to keynote speakers Terry Barber and Charlie Aeschelman. Barber, the host of “Reasons for Faith,” the popular EWTN Radio Network program, spoke about his own personal journey with God. Aeschelman, a former Navy SEAL and a convert, contrasted how his Naval training provided the framework for living a good Christian life and helped him grow deeper in his faith.

“The prayer, the fasting and the almsgiving are not optional, and the attendance at Mass appears to be an oppressive obligation, but these are the training aids of the Church,” Aeschelman said. “They help make us stronger in the faith. The Catholic Church brings out the best by demanding the most in a person. And isn’t it wonderful about the Church’s many treasures. We have the sacraments…devotions like the rosary…

Christopher West, the globally recognized speaker best known for his Theology of the Body Institute based on Pope John Paul II’s teaching that the body and sex reveal the great mystery at the heart of the Gospel itself. West led two audiences into authentic Catholic teaching and a blueprint for reaching a sexually broken world. In his new book, At the Heart of the Gospel: Reclaiming The Body for the New Evangelization, West guides readers into the depth of Christ’s “sacred union” with the Church, demonstrating how authentic Catholic teaching on the body and sex saves individuals from both the libertine perspective of popular culture and the cold Puritanism that has sometimes infected Christianity.

“I am here to proclaim good news about the meaning of our bodies, good news about the meaning of our sexuality, good news about God’s glorious, stupendous plan for making us male and female and calling us to this intimate union,” West said during his presentations. “And God knows we need some good news, do we not? According to West, Pope John Paul II left the Church with the antidote to respond to the cultural crisis present in today’s world. “Crisis is nothing new in the Church and in society,” West noted. “If you look back in Church history, there’s been all kinds of crisis over those 2,000 years. But the Holy Spirit always gives the Church what she needs, when she needs it. For every great crisis that has arisen, the Holy Spirit has raised up a great theologial mind to respond to the crisis and take the Church into a deeper understanding of the meaning of our humanity and the meaning of God’s love for us. The crisis of our day is a crisis of a sexual nature. The Holy Spirit has raised up a great theological mind to respond to this crisis, and John Paul II’s Theology of the Body is the Church to a whole new level of understanding of the great mystery of our creation as male and female and the call of the two to become one flesh.”

An examination of faith was another popular programming theme, especially with the unique adult education opportunity titled “Conscience: The Voice of God.” The six-part series, presented by Walsh University’s Division of Theology and Jewish/Catholic Studies Institute and facilitated by Rabbi John Spitzer, featured Walsh faculty and members of the community addressing the structure, philosophy and application of Conscience.

“As a Catholic University, Walsh is committed to the dialogue between Faith and Reason,” Rabbi Spitzer noted. “In this conversation’ the point where these two aspects of human life meet true meaning emerges. Programs such as the series on ‘Conscience: The Voice of God’ challenge us by bringing differing traditions into the discussion. Bringing significant numbers of the local community onto our campus enriches their lives and makes Walsh University a resource and treasure for all over the world. And finally, all of these programs, diverse as they are, demonstrate a Catholic identity which is strong enough, clear enough and secure enough to engage the world not in a polemical manner, but in authentic dialog. In this discussion we engage the world and grow in appreciation of what it means to be a part of the People of God.”

The six-part programming theme, especially with the Dialogues included topics like fasting, prayer, holidays and scriptures. The series culminated in an interfaith faith forum at the Vatican II conference in May. The forum asked the question “are there limits to interfaith dialogues.” Mediator Rabbi David Sandmel, Ph.D., guided panelists Dr. Unnaye Ira Vaticongo, Fr. Robert Pelton, CSC, and Dr. Scott Holland as they explored the topic of interfaith dialogues.

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about a critical event in the history of the Church,” said Matthew Powell, assistant professor of theology at Walsh. “There have only been 21 Ecumenical Councils in the nearly 2,000 year history of the Church, and each has worked to shape the very guidance provided by these councils. We must continually seek to spread the Gospel message, as it has been received and passed along to us.”

And finally, Walsh University hosted more than 300 Catholic School teachers for a one-day conference. Educators and administrators from Catholic schools all over the Diocese converged on campus to look back and plan for the future.

While all this special programming was taking place, Walsh’s Campus Ministry was offering its own unique opportunities to students, faculty and staff, as well as the Stark County community. From its annual campus retreat schedule to new retreat offerings and programs, Campus Ministry has touched many.

One of the most unique, new programs was an e-retreat offered to students. Miguel Chavez, director of campus ministry, structured the online retreat much like a busy-person’s retreat in combination with an e-learning course. Utilizing the Electronic Course Network, participants logged on daily to view videos featuring Walsh students, faculty and staff that revolved around the retreat theme “For the Greater Glory of God.” Readings, blog discussions, video charting, links to Catholic websites and other posts were part of the experience. According to Chavez, students dedicated five to ten minutes a day and got out of it what they put into it.

“We even had one day that focused on a service component,” Chavez said. “The idea was to do one act of kindness on that day and then participate in a discussion that evening about the acts of kindness and how it shaped their day. It made participants realize that it’s the small things in life that make the biggest difference.”

Three other unique, new programs from Campus Ministry include The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, a fellowship group of men who commit to listen and share stories about themselves, answering two simple questions, “Who am I?” and “What do I believe?” At each session, one person answers the two questions above, telling his story to the others in the group. From Water into Wine: Responding to God’s Call, an initiative sponsored by the Career Center and Campus Ministry, facilitated conversations about practical career and graduate studies information for graduating Walsh students while they learned how to make their own wine or mead. Each week, a small group met, shared a selected wine or mead, and sampled their own homemade wine or mead, all while engaging in useful discussion.

And finally, Women in Christ, a weekly meeting of women on campus, addressed many different topics, including beauty, self-esteem, and relationships all grounded in prayer.

Walsh University Women’s Committee: Continuing a Legacy of Support

“I’ve been given so many amazing opportunities just from attending Walsh University,” said 2012 Walsh graduate Jamie Prezioso, who was named “Outstanding Student in Mathematics.” Prior to graduation, she conducted research in the area of environmental statistics at The Ohio State University, as well as similar research at Walsh alongside her advisor Dr. Weiping Li. Her next step is to attend graduate school to study mathematical biology. “However, none of these opportunities would have been possible without the generous support of the Walsh University Women’s Committee, who help Walsh provide me with these excellent learning opportunities,” she added.

Prezioso is the most recent recipient of the Walsh Women’s Committee Endowed Scholarship. “I could not have attended Walsh without a scholarship like this,” she said. “It really means a lot to have others believe in you and support your dreams.”

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The Walsh University Women’s Committee has been an integral part of the Walsh University family for more than 40 years. Through fundraisers and service projects, the members have remained committed to their mission of supporting Walsh in its academic, cultural and social objectives for the benefit of the University community and the community at large. The committee has raised more than $500,000 to aid in various university projects, including the purchase of equipment and furnishings, a commitment to the David Campus Center, and campus signs and beatification, most recently through the addition of the Welcoming Christ statue in the Walsh University Prayer Garden.

In addition to the direct impact the Women’s Committee has had on the Walsh campus, the members have also had an immeasurable impact on the world through the accomplishments of the students they support. For Prezioso, that may mean preserving the planet for future generations. “I hope to someday use my skills in mathematics to improve the world’s environmental quality and help to reduce global warming,” Prezioso said.

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New Residence Hall
Becomes Home for Global Living-Learning Community

Walsh’s newest residence hall is currently under construction and will be open for students at the start of the 2012-13 school year in August.

The three-story, 29,000-square-foot, 66-bed addition will be connected by the first floor to the existing Lemmon Hall. Each suite will include two double bedrooms, living room, private bathroom and kitchen facilities that come equipped with a refrigerator and oven. The building will be architecturally integrated into an existing slope at the site and will include a lower-level entrance, with classrooms, offices and a community room.

“Over the past 10 years, Walsh University enrollment has grown by 81 percent,” said Shelley Brown, Vice President of Finance. “With an increased demand for on-campus housing, this new hall is a natural progression of growth for our campus.”

The construction of the residence hall was also an opportunity to establish a new Living-Learning Community on campus – one dedicated to global learning. The new commons building will provide a literal “home” for the first students of the St. Francis Blowin Global Scholars Program.

Walsh’s new Blowin Scholars Program in Global Studies will offer 15 students a unique opportunity to become part of a community dedicated to using scholarship and service to address major global issues. As Blowin Scholars, students will live and take classes with a cohort of students who are similarly dedicated to becoming leaders in service to the global community. Students can choose from any major or minor with classes built into the Walsh core curriculum and centering on a common global theme. Walsh Living-Learning Communities, such as those created for students in the Honors, International and Nursing programs, help bring academics into the residence halls by allowing students to live and learn among others who share their academic, professional and personal interests. Students in these communities live together on the same residence hall floor to assist in developing supportive peer relationships.

National statistics show that students involved in Living-Learning Communities have a greater satisfaction with their college experience, are more academically engaged and involved on campus, achieve higher grades and, as a result, are more likely to return the next year.

“This new residence hall isn’t just a dormitory, it is as much a part of learning as any classroom,” said Dr. Douglas Palmer, Executive Director of Global Learning. “At Walsh, we understand that there’s a lot of learning that happens in the a residence, on the ball fields, and in student clubs. This new hall will expand on Walsh’s commitment to innovative teaching and learning.”

After 35 years in the same career field, one might fear there are no more “firsts” left to experience. But for Walsh University Band Director Mark Zartman, this is only the beginning. Zartman spent 35 years working as a band director in the public school system, most recently with Hudson City Schools where he worked for 23 years, prior to joining Walsh in 2010. At that time, he took on a career first – building a university marching band from the ground up.

“This is an unusual opportunity,” Zartman said. “Not too many people have the opportunity to start from zero.”

That zero has grown to 35 and will likely reach 50-60 by next year as Zartman continues to focus on recruitment. He has visited nearly 60 high schools to build relationships with band directors and students. “Wherever there’s a student who might want to play, I’ll talk to them,” he said.

Some of Zartman’s proudest moments along this journey have been the many firsts he and the band have experienced together – the first performance at a Walsh football game, followed by performances at basketball and volleyball games; the first pep rally; and, most recently, the first concert band performance, which was held April 1 in the Dorothy Ling Rehearsal Hall of the Birk Center for the Arts.

The addition of Walsh’s first building devoted to fine and performing arts has made fostering the band infinitely easier for Zartman. “Before we were stealing practices wherever we could get them,” Zartman explained. Now, the band is able to practice in a dedicated rehearsal hall and has ample storage space for instruments. While building a marching band from the ground up is a tremendous opportunity, it’s not without a few challenges.

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Dr. Michael Dunphy ’79: 
A Product of the Walsh Experience

“I’m still here at Walsh because, frankly, I choose to be,” said Dr. Dunphy. “I’m proud to be a part of a culture that genuinely cares about people and celebrates their individual talents.” The Walsh of his student days has transformed over the years, and Dr. Dunphy is proud to have been a part of that process. While the campus has changed, so has the division of mathematics and science.

“Our division has substantially altered since I was a student,” said Dr. Dunphy. “We’ve grown to 20 full-time faculty members with diverse backgrounds who are considered experts in their fields. The opening of the new Timken Natural Sciences building in 2005 moved us a huge step forward providing space for close student interactions, excellent teaching facilities, first-class research space and more leverage for obtaining grants.”

Building on that experience, one of Dr. Dunphy’s first jobs after graduating from Walsh in 1979 was as the Chief Toxicologist at Timken Mercy Medical Center’s first toxicology lab. In 1981, Dr. Dunphy joined Walsh as a part-time faculty member, a position he held until 1985 when he was hired as a full-time Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Along the way he completed his M.S. in Chemistry from Youngstown State University and went on to earn his Ph.D. in biochemistry from The University of Akron.

In addition to his career as an educato, Dr. Dunphy has also found success as a business owner, martial arts trainer and motivational speaker. Known for his love of the martial arts, he began training in high school and over the years has competed in national and international tournaments around the globe, including the 1985 World Games in London where he finished 7th in the world. In the late 1980’s, Dr. Dunphy opened his first martial arts training center.

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Kevin Sunnear and his wife, Stacey, welcomed their first child, daughter Gabriella Rac, on February 9, 2012. Gabriella entered the world at 7 lbs 11.5 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

2004
Anthony Quinn and his wife, Christie, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Dominic, on July 28, 2011. The family resides in Elyria, Ohio.

2005
Regina (Scott) Statler and her husband, Jason, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Gianna Lema, on May 27, 2011. The family resides in Dover, Ohio.

2006
Colleen (McKinney) Wiley and her husband, Andrew, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Braden. The family resides in Wayneburg, Ohio.

2005 & 2006
Jessica (Zodnik) Matthews and her husband, Christopher, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jane, on December 21, 2011. She was welcomed by big sister Mallory (2). Jessica is an RN at Akron City Hospital and Christopher is an Air Traffic Controller. The family resides in Canton, Ohio.

In Memoriam
1964
Joseph Bogdan, Sr., age 69, of Canton, passed away on March 14, 2012. He was a member of the first graduating class at Walsh University, was later elected into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame, and, in February, was named one of the 50 best basketball players in University history. He received a graduate degree from The University of Akron. Following graduation Joe enjoyed a 41 year career in education. Joe was a teacher/basketball coach at East Canton, St. Edward High School in Carrollton, Walsh University and Central Catholic. He was later a school administrator at Central Catholic, at St. Thomas Aquinas and for the Canton City Schools.

1965
William P Davis, age 70, passed away on December 20, 2011. William was a certified public accountant, owning Feller & Davis Accounting Agency, and working at Cornerstone Capital Advisors, Akron, and Donovan Klimark Accountants, Fairlawn. He was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church, Walsh Alumni Association; St. Joseph Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, where he was currently serving as president; American Legion Canton Post #44, where he currently was serving as treasurer; the WM. McKinley Presidential Library & Museum committee; and the Vassar Neighborhood Association. His past memberships include the committee to renovate Fawcett Stadium and the St. Peter's Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

1967
Thomas William Pouton, age 67, passed away December 19, 2011. Thomas was retired from Mercy Medical Center and was working part time for Dr. David Soehnlein, Veterinarian. He was a life resident of Canton.

1977
Kevin Maloney passed away on March 10, 2012. Kevin worked in data storage sales for 30 years before recently achieving a lifelong dream of owning his own business, Andy's Carwash on North High Street in Columbus. He was an avid golfer, bowler, card club member, storyteller and an eternal optimist. Kevin was also a member of St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church.

1988
Barbara Horton passed away on March 11, 2012. She was a registered nurse and enjoyed working with elementary school children as a nurse for the Massillon City School District. Barbara worked for many years at Mercy Medical Center in Canton as a nurse, educator, and physician recruiter. She enjoyed golf, gardening, and sports.

1989
Karen Streb, 54, passed away April 5, 2012. She was a compassionate and kind woman who spent her life helping others as a registered nurse. She was a very strong and independent woman earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Arts in Business from Walsh while raising a family. Through the years, she always took great joy in supporting and watching daughters Brianne and Kelsey use their various gifts and talents, such as singing and twirling baton. She enjoyed life: She loved to simply go shopping and out to eat with her family. She also liked traveling and family vacations, and enjoyed taking photos, especially of her beautiful girls.

Class Notes
1967
Timothy Fautisko and his wife, Marianne, met Vice President Joe Biden.

1967
Thomas Kubat retired from Port Clinton Manufacturing Company and is now serving on the Coast Guard Auxiliary. His daughter and son in law, Kate & Jeff Neuman, both graduated from Walsh in 1999.

1971
Ronald Manse will be retiring from Bruner-Cox LLP on November 1, 2012, after 15 years of service with the Firm. Ron joined Bruner-Cox LLP in 1997 and served as managing partner from January 2003 until December 2010. Prior to joining Bruner-Cox LLP, he was a tax partner at Ernst & Young. Ron will transition his focus to become an economic development catalyst throughout Stark County. He currently serves as chairman of the North Canton Medical Foundation board of directors, chairman for the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award committee and chairman for the Sisters of Charity Foundation distribution committee. He is a member of the board of directors for the Jackson YMCA and Perry Helping Perry. In addition, Ron is treasurer for Canton Tomorrow and DCLB Inc. He serves as director of the Perry Township Rotary Club and is a member of the Stark County Citizens Review committee.

1972
Christina Bahlow recently retired from the Hamilton County Board of Mental Retardation.

1972
Don Caster has been honored by St Thomas Aquinas as an Outstanding Alumnus.

1982
Mark Carrow is the Philadelphia managing partner of Citrin Cooperman, and his Philadelphia office received a 2012 Future 50 Award from SmartCEO magazine for the second consecutive year. Citrin Cooperman specializes in providing dynamic business advisory services to business owners and entrepreneurs. Mark Carrow discussed the financial considerations associated with succession planning for businesses at a program hosted by the Southern Lehigh and Upper Bucks Chambers of Commerce. Working for Citrin Cooperman, Mark provides tax services and business consulting advice to closely held entities, executives of publicly held corporations and development-stage enterprises. He focuses on implementing tax and financial planning strategies to optimize business transactions. He also works with start-up companies to provide appropriate entity structure advice, valuation expertise and financial consulting. He concentrates on the financial services, franchising, hedge fund and legal industries, with particular emphasis in franchising. Mark is also a member of the American and Pennsylvania Institutes of Certified Public Accountants. Additionally, he authors a monthly business advice column for SmartCEO magazine.

1984
Todd Rock is starting his 18th year as head coach of Roseman’s Basketball and is approaching his 300th win.

1985
Larry Kukura is head coach of the Alliance Aviators, who became Stark County’s eighth high school basketball team to go 20-0 in the regular season. This was the first season that the Aviators have had a perfect season. For this accomplishment Larry was one of four men named 2011-2012 Division II Coach of the Year by the Associated Press.

1991
Jennifer Good has retired from her RN position with Affinity Medical Center.

1991
Karen Groff has retired from her job with Abbott Labs as a Pharmacy Sales Representative.

1992
Dana Burgardt has been named as the Community Resource Coordinator at National College.

1992
Barbara Yingling has been appointed vice president and chief nursing officer at Mercy Medical Center. She has been employed with Mercy since 1999.

1996
Dave Jones is now the Head Baseball Coach at Perry Local Schools.

1996
Deborah Novak was inducted into Bowling Green State University’s Circle of Omicron
Dennis Schiraldi is now a Field Marketing Manager for Procter & Gamble. He joined the company in 2012. He resides in University Heights, Ohio.

Leah Knapp is now Media Relations Director for the American Bankruptcy Institute. She was honored as Adviser of the Year for her leadership and service. This past year, Deborah Todd was elected as President of the American Bankruptcy Institute.

Terese Bair has been named as the Marketing Director with Luminaires at eYe Lighting International of North America. She has worked there since 2006 and oversees the Commercial and Bankruptcy Practice Group. She focuses her practice on commercial law and business reorganizations, and she helps businesses grow through mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and other transactions. She is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Greater Cleveland International Lawyers Group, the Strongsville-Brecksville ABLP program, Mary Emery Circle, and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center. Suzana also serves as a volunteer tutor for English for Speakers of Other Languages. She is a member of the Federal, Ohio State, Cleveland Metropolitan (CMBB) and Ohio Women’s Bar Association. Suzana is also a member of the American Bankruptcy Institute and the International Women’s Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation. She is a member of the CMBA’s Certified Governance Committee. Suzana was named as a Rising Star through peer and achievement based review by Law & Politics Media, Inc., from 2009-2012.

Francesca Komaroski returned home on December 12, 2011, from a military deployment in Iraq.

Doug Meyer is now the VP Fleet for the Mid American Region with Frito Lay North America.

Teresa Bar has been named as the Marketing Director with Lumenaire at EYE Lighting International of North America.

Jacelyn Cook is now Shipping Manager at Blair Rubber Company. She resides in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Scott Hawes has been elected as President of the Plain Township Board of Trustees for 2012.

Andrew Limperos is on the Home Shopping Network representing Sealy, Inc. as an On-Air Expert Guest Personality. Andrew is a Business Manager for Sealy sales in Florida. He was also selected from 20 candidates as the winner of the “Distinguished Circle Of Excellence Award” based on sales performance.

Tricia Ostertag is now the Community Arts Manager for ArtsStark, an expanded position that will include overseeing the development of the Canton Arts District and producing monthly First Friday celebrations. Tricia will be developing new events in the Arts District, mentoring artists and managing public art projects. Bringing her years of experience with Players Guild Theatre as a volunteer and one-time Director of Marketing and Education, she has also formed Silver Star Youth Theatre with her husband, Stephen, and, for the last seven years, choreographed the musical productions of Central Catholic High School, from where she is a graduate. Tricia is currently finishing her Ph.D in Public Administration and Urban Studies at The University of Akron with a research focus on community development through the arts. She has two children, Danielle and Jesse. In her role as Community Arts Manager, Tricia will be increasing tourism to the Arts District and providing opportunities for downtown living. She will also be the liaison between ArtsStark and communities across the county who want to use the arts to revitalize their downtowns as part of the new 2020 Vision plan.

Kevin Surnear has recently been promoted to Performance Manager for the Farmers Expansion Market Operations. Since joining Farmers in 2010, Kevin has been promoted from Training Agency Manager to Commercial Wholesale Manager prior to his current position. He is based out of the Washington, D.C., Metro Area.

Revawn Wilson plays semi-pro football for the Buckeye Bearcats.

Gregory Clements has been promoted to the position of principal within Novogradac & Company LLP in the Dover, Ohio, office. Novogradac & Company LLP is a national CPA and consulting firm with its headquarters in San Francisco and 13 offices nationwide. Gregory joined the firm in 2004 as a staff consultant. He specializes in the new markets tax credits, renewable energy tax credits, historic tax credits, and low income housing tax credits. Gregory has also worked closely with real estate developers, community development entities, syndicators and investors on structuring of new markets tax credit transactions, in addition to providing traditional audit and tax services.

Bradley Pinn is the executive Vice President of aircraft technical support for Million Air at Houston’s Hobby Airport in Texas. He has worked there since 2006 and oversees any maintenance conducted at the nine corporate-owned locations and some of the other franchise operated sites conducting maintenance.

Tracy Stegman was ordained to the vocation of Christian Ministry in 2010. She has been serving as the Associate Pastor at Union Ave. Christian Church in Litchfield, Illinois, since July 2010. She has recently accepted the call to serve as Pastor at First Christian Church in Bethany, Illinois, as of March 2012.

Ashley Hua has opened a studio called Candles of the Light in the Hartville Marketplace, where customers can make their own custom candles or purchase ready-made ones. At her studio customers hand blend multiple scents and colors and then return for their candle jars in two hours. More than 90 fragrances and 30 colors are available in both organic palm wax and soy wax, both of which are clean burning and long lasting.

Jacqueline Ullman is now Project Lead at Diebold. She resides in Navarre, Ohio.

John Zakel has coached Special Olympics for the past three years, and last year he began a new program in the Cleveland area called Young Athletes Cleveland. This program is a play program for children ages 2-7 with special needs. This past year the program has over 25 athletes from 13 different cities in the Cleveland area. The program puts on activities such as family dances and a Christmas party and earned a “Volunteer of the Year Award from the State of Ohio” for Special Olympics. Their web address is http://www.youngathletescleveland.com for more information.

Cody Combs is now an intern at Channel 3 News at WKYC-TV. He resides in Alliance, Ohio.

Michael Stepp, Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Brandon Marucci was commissioned as an officer in the US Navy in March 2010, and on January 27, 2012, earned his wings as a Naval Flight Officer at the Pensacola Naval Air Station with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.
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