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As we reflect on the May 4th graduation, we are mindful that this was our 51st spring commencement. Our 54th year as a higher education institution was one of our best. We had 2,999 students – our largest number ever. Throughout the year, our community and its members achieved significant goals:

- We named the Gary and Linda Byers School of Nursing.
- We launched the James B. Renacci Government Scholars Program.
- We have the 2013 Outstanding Physical Therapist of the Year for the state of Ohio (Dr. Megan Donaldson), the Outstanding Student Nurse of the Year at Akron General (Jule Sarachman), and the GLIAC Goalkeeper of the Year (Justin Nolan).
- We broke ground on our Center for Science Innovation, gave Pope Francis a Walsh card, and have a student investment team working with $100,000 of donated dollars.

Of course, the above represents only a small sampling of our communal successes. Walsh really is a special place – blessed by God with great people and abundant achievements. Lately, I’ve been meeting with several students on a daily basis to help them finance their next year at Walsh. We have a lot of students who are struggling to fund their tuition costs right now. Would you help us by perhaps paying forward a scholarship that you received while you were in college? Keeping our students in school is our top priority and this would sure help our efforts.

May you and your families enjoy the summer (yes it’s coming!). Stop by the campus, visit with us, smell the flowers and pray for God’s blessings on us and you. “We will keep the lights on…..”

Richard Jusseaume

President’s Message
Walsh Students Assist with Master Planning of New University in Gulu, Uganda

Plans are underway to build a new university in Gulu, Uganda. Sacred Heart University will offer college-level programming to prepare counselors to serve the needs of the region as well as to prepare students for critical reflection and action for societal changes. DeVille School of Business undergraduate students are helping to make the vision a reality. Michael DeMatties, Marissa Gobel, Amanda Griffin, Alissa McNeil, Liz Nau, Ian Todd and Gen Ybarra are part of the student team helping to develop a master plan for the construction of the university that will also include the tracking and purchase of hundreds of essential items such as tables and drywall. Through the Sacred Heart University collaboration, each student will gain valuable real-world experience that will also count towards their Project Management Certification.

Walsh to Host First Annual Ohio Hunger Dialogue

In conjunction with Ohio Campus Compact, Walsh University’s Office of Global Learning and Office of Service Learning will host the first annual Ohio Hunger Dialogue, September 26-27, at the Walsh University campus. The goal of this dialogue is to seek solutions to domestic and global hunger through the teaching, research, and service activities of Ohio’s colleges and universities. Based on the models of dialogues already held in Kansas and North Carolina, Ohio will be the third state to host a state-wide meeting of higher educators devoted to seeking hunger solutions. Ambassador Tony Hall, former U.S. Congressman from Dayton, Ohio, Executive Director of the Alliance to End Hunger and the student team helping to develop a master plan for the construction of the university that hundred percent of DPT program graduates find employment as physical therapists within their success for the rest of their lives,” said Walsh University Associate Professor of Education Michelle Lenarz. Professor of Education Christine McKeon and Michelle Lenarz’s education students tutored second graders using early literacy iPad apps at Clearmount and Northwood Elementary Schools in an after school program.

Students created literacy-based learning stations and entertained children in attendance with storytelling. Parents received materials that would help them work at home with their child to improve reading proficiency. North Canton City Schools Title I Coordinator and Curriculum Specialist Angela Smith said, “It’s a wonderful collaboration to bring different partners to the table with the same goal, and Walsh has outstanding students who at their hearts are altruistic people. We are looking at other ways to work together in the future.”

Walsh Celebrates Catholic Schools with Second Annual Photo Contest

Walsh University hosted the Second Annual Catholic Schools Week Photo Contest where high school students from across the country were invited to submit photos that represent what a Catholic education means to them in conjunction with the 2014 Catholic Schools Week theme “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” Walsh received 110 entries from more than 45 Catholic high schools in seven states. The winning photographer, Mark, and his school, DuBois Central Catholic High School in DuBois, PA, were each presented with a $500 check. Mark’s photo will also be featured in the 2015 marketing campaign celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Two runners-up received a $250 prize each, with second place awarded to Gabrielle, also from DuBois Central Catholic High School, and third place to Danielle from Cincinnati, Ohio’s, Sr. Rita School for the Deaf.

Student-Led Financial Trading has Begun as Student Investment Team Manages $100,000 of Donated Funding

Five teams of excited undergraduate students began hands-on trading in the world financial markets using $100,000 of funds donated for that specific purpose this semester. The students in the Student Managed Investment Portfolio (SMIP) Program have spent a semester and a half preparing to make real trades under the supervision of Adjunct Professor of Business Michael May. Former board member Ed Klekotka ’71, and current board member Jeff Rossi donated the funds to seed the investment team. “We want these students to be confident in their analysis and investment abilities. We can make better ethical investors of our own students who can then take those skills to other people, or use them to be more financially secure. Ultimately, many people will get a better financial education because of what is happening in the DeVille School of Business,” said Klekotka. If you would like to donate to the Student Managed Investment Portfolio Program, please contact Dean Carole Mount at cmount@walsh.edu or 330.490.7048.

Dr. Megan Donaldson Named Outstanding Physical Therapist for the State of Ohio

The Division of Education, the North Canton City Schools and the North Canton Public Library have teamed up to promote early literacy to facilitate students reading at grade level by the end of third grade. “We know that is a huge milestone, and if they do not or it will impact their success for the rest of their lives,” said Walsh University Associate Professor of Education

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JULY 2013
1. Announcement of Walsh University’s full and active membership into NCAA Division II
2. Hoover Maasran Gala Dance in 50th anniversary
3. Walsh launches six new majors

AUGUST 2013
4. Largest enrollment ever at 2,999 students
5. Walsh University honored as a Catholic College of Distinction
6. The Chronicle of Higher Education named Walsh University a ‘Great College to Work For
7. Family Fe-Fi-Fi-Fo-Fom raises over $5,000 for PT scholarships
8. DeVille School of Business launches Student Investment Team
9. Ted Karras Jr. debuts as Walsh’s Head Football Coach

SEPTEMBER 2013
10. Gary and Linda Byers School of Nursing and the Skala Memorial Patio dedicated
11. G.H. Jelt Magazine names Walsh a Military Friendly school
12. The Global Learning Partnership hosts an international symposium on global humanistic discourse and education
13. James B. Renacci Government Scholars Program is launched

OCTOBER 2013
14. Walsh University and Northeast Ohio become the first to announce the Smart 21 Communities at the Institute for the Study of Intelligent Community Global Symposium
15. Athletic Hall of Fame and Alumni awards are presented
16. Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College names Walsh University one of the nation’s top Catholic universities
17. US News & World Report ranks Walsh as “One of the Best Schools in the Midwest”
18. Walsh University joins Stark County Entrepreneurship Alliance

NOVEMBER 2013
19. Men’s soccer qualifies for GLIAC playoffs, and goalkeeper Justin Nolan is named GLIAC goalkeeper of the year
20. Women’s basketball defeats NCAA Division I Kent State University in an exhibition game
21. Genoa Players theatre troupe returns plays to campus in newly renovated theater
22. Nick Pallotta, Walsh University’s first All-American Basketball player, is honored with the retirement of his number

DECEMBER 2013
23. Pope Francis accepts a handmade card from Walsh students in Rome and the viral photo is viewed globally
24. Byers School of Nursing student Molly Brown wins $100,000 scholarship from Dr. Pepper during Big Ten Championship game

JANUARY 2014
25. The new 14,700 square foot Center for Science Innovation announced
26. Basketball Head Coach Jeff Young (264-58) becomes the all-time winningest coach in Walsh history with Walsh’s win against Findlay
27. 105 volunteers serve at 14 sites for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

FEBRUARY 2014
28. Congressman Jim Renacci hosts Walsh students in Washington D.C. to discuss how to engage in government and become the next generation of public servants

MARCH 2014
29. DeVille School of Business’ online MBA program recognized nationally as a ‘Best Buy’ from GetEducated.com
30. Megan Donaldson, PT, DPT, PhD, FAAMPT, named as 2013 Outstanding Physical Therapist by the Ohio Physical Therapy Association
31. Stephanie Forrester earns Indoor Track & Field NCAA II All-American status in the pole vault
32. Men’s basketball shares co-championship in GLIAC South and is ranked as high as number 22

APRIL 2014
33. Eleventh annual All Polites is Local conference held for undergraduate students who attend from 20 universities
34. Byers School of Nursing student Jule Sarachman Named Outstanding Student Nurse of the Year by Akron General Medical Center
35. Business Club hosts its 48th Annual Business luncheon and Lela Janah of Samasource is the keynote speaker
36. Junior golfer Jenny Teague qualifies for NCAA II Super Regional in Noblesville, IN. Teague, one of only four East Coast regional golfers to qualify, was named Honorable Mention All-GLIAC selection.
37. Head Softball Coach Jaime Porter wins career game number 100 against Lake Erie College. The Cavs enter the GLIAC Tournament as a number six seed.
38. Women’s tennis finishes the season 20-6, and 10-4 in the GLIAC, a complete turnaround from the 2012-13 season of 4-21 and 3-11.
“We live in a world of miracles, just waiting for us to notice and participate in them...Keep your heart open, and you never know how God will invite you to serve, to use these gifts you’ve earned here at Walsh — your education.” — Dr. Maryann Cusimano Love

On Sunday, May 4, 2014, a joyful crowd of approximately 3,000 attendees gathered to celebrate the academic and personal accomplishments of Walsh University’s graduates at the 51st Spring Commencement Ceremony, in the Gaetano M. Cecchini Health and Wellness Center. During the formal ceremony, approximately 387 graduates received their respective bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees. They join the 265 graduates from Walsh’s Winter Commencement Ceremony for a total of 652 graduates for the 2013-14 academic year.

Kelley Manning, was awarded Walsh’s two highest student honors, The Tower of Excellence and Outstanding Student of the Year award. Manning served as the Commencement senior class speaker and has consistently excelled in academics, leadership and service during her educational career at Walsh. 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. The Outstanding Student Award is Walsh’s top academic honor that represents more than excellence in a single discipline. The recipient’s academic record must show insight, awareness and understanding from all the liberal arts. This year’s honoree Kelley Manning consistently demonstrated the leadership qualities and service characteristics of a Tower of Excellence recipient. She earned a 3.99 cumulative GPA while pursuing her B.S. in Education with Early Intervention Specialist Certificate and a Reading Endorsement for K-12.

Dr. Adam Underwood, Assistant Professor of Biology, was honored by the senior class as the 2014 Educator of the Year. Sponsored by the Walsh University Student Government, the Educator of the Year Award is presented annually to a professor who is considered to be an example of a true, all-around educator. During the nomination process, one student remarked that Underwood “shaped my experience at Walsh by being that one teacher I knew I could go to for anything as far as questions about classes or my future.”

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Award winning international relations educator, expert and New York Times best-selling author Maryann Cusimano Love, Ph.D., served as the ceremony’s keynote speaker and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume. Dr. Love is a tenured Associate Professor of International Relations in the Politics Department of The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She also serves on the Core Group for the Department of State’s working group on Religion and Foreign Policy, charged with making recommendations to the Secretary of State and the Federal Advisory Commission on how the U.S. Government can better engage with civil society and religious actors in foreign policy. Her recent books on international relations include “Beyond Sovereignty: Issues for a Global Agenda” (4th Edition, 2011) and “Morality Matters: Ethics and the War on Terrorism” (forthcoming at Cornell University Press). She serves as a Fellow at the Commission on International Religious Freedom, where she is working with the Foreign Service Institute in creating new training and education materials on religion and foreign policy. Love is the columnist for the national Catholic weekly publication, America Magazine, and a recipient of the 2009 Best Columnist Catholic Press Award. She is a frequent speaker on international affairs issues, including engagements with Religious Peacebuilding at the Vatican and the United Nations. She serves on the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ International Justice and Peace Committee, the Advisory Board of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network, and the board of Jesuit Refugee Services.

Maryann Cusimano

Love, Ph.D.
Timm Fautsko ‘67: A Life of Service

Fautsko came to Walsh from nearby Central Catholic High School in Canton, Ohio. While earning a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and English, Fautsko was a four-year varsity letterman and member of the 30 Point Club on Walsh’s basketball team, a member of student council and a senior resident advisor. He fondly remembers Brother Robert Francouer greeting students at the entrance to Farrell Hall and enforcing the required dress code for class of a sport coat and tie.

“We were a small campus back then, and in many ways we were helping to define a university,” said Fautsko. “Directly after I graduated, Walsh became a co-ed institution and loosened the requirement for shirts and ties. Looking back, I see now that we were all witnesses to the evolution of a small school taking its initial steps to grow beyond Canton and Stark County.” Walsh was also firmly establishing itself in the local community through the creation of its own traditions. In 1964, Fautsko, along with fellow student council members Bob Lengyel and Rich Farson, developed the first Mayors’ Cup, a basketball game between Walsh and cross-town rival Malone College in Canton. The two schools celebrated a major milestone this winter when the long-standing rivalry marked its 50th anniversary on February 27.

“There were a lot of ‘cup’ competitions between same-town colleges in the U.S., and we wanted to start that tradition for Walsh. Bob and Rich first met with Brandt House of Malone’s student council and then presented our idea to Canton Mayor Stanley Cmiich. I think it was an early touchstone for Walsh’s institutional development that has provided a sense of history and tradition for students and faculty.”

After graduating from Walsh University in 1967, Fautsko made the conscious choice to put his corporate plans on hold and dedicate what he initially thought would be only one year to the volunteer service corps. He applied and was accepted into the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program and was immediately sent to Colorado for a six-week training orientation. VISTA was created as an anti-poverty program by President Lyndon Johnson’s Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, with volunteers serving in poor communities throughout the U.S., focusing on enriching educational programs and vocational training.

“I made the decision to join VISTA based on the idea that you should do something to give back to your community before going out and pursuing your own fortune. And for me, that ‘community’ became the world. The first year certainly changed my perspective on society, as well as my life’s direction. That one year turned into a life of dedication to community service.”

That is also how, without ever lifting a sign or marching in protest, Fautsko became a part of the social movement of the late 1960s and 1970s. “It was a fascinating and inspiring time to enact social change from within a system. It was a time when the media was filled with images of people protesting ‘outside’ or against the current system. But that wasn’t me and that wasn’t what I learned at Walsh. I learned to work within the system to create sustainable social change and did so for many years.”

From 1967 to 1992, Fautsko served as a VISTA Volunteer and Trainer, worked for the National Information Center on Volunteerism and, for many years, for the Colorado Judicial Department. He also earned a master’s degree in 1972 from the University of Colorado at Boulder. His work with VISTA included time in Washington, DC, with the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) where he established regional volunteer centers, organizing local and national volunteer efforts.

In 1993, Fautsko’s career took a new direction, but not his dedication to public service. For the past 20 years, Timm Fautsko has been a principal staff member at the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). He conducted post incident reviews and training in 2005 for the Atlanta court system following the murders of a judge, court reporter, and court security officer and, over the years, he became a nationally recognized expert in state court security. He has conducted numerous courthouse security assessments and personal safety workshops for many national and statewide organizations. He is a long-time staff liaison to the Conference of Chief Justices of the United States. Internationally, Fautsko has also been a management consultant to court systems in Canada, Croatia, Italy, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Nepal, Puerto Rico, and Trinidad and Tobago. He is a certified mediator, has co-authored several books on problem solving and decision-making, and written numerous professional articles and reports on court management.

In December 2010, the NCSC awarded Fautsko the Dale A. Speci Memorial President’s Award for Excellence in Service, and in 1987 Walsh University honored him with the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award. Throughout his prominent career in public service, Timm Fautsko never forgot his Walsh University roots or the example of the Brothers of Christian Instruction that shaped his calling to help those less fortunate. “Today, I’m proud to serve Walsh as a member of the Board of Directors where I can help to carry on the mission that has inspired so much in my life. Walsh has always been a special place for me, a moral anchor that has helped to keep me grounded no matter what direction my life has taken. A place where strong values are reflected in every facet of the University.”

Timm Fautsko and his wife, Dr. Marianne O’Carroll, live in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, snow skiing, and traveling.

“I had the privilege to be taught by the original seven founding Brothers of Walsh University, some of the most brilliant and insightful instructors I’ve ever met,” said Fautsko. “In fact, their influence helped to shape and inspire my interest to pursue public service.”

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With partnerships at more than 30 museums throughout Stark County and surrounding areas, Walsh University Museum Studies majors like Allison Rowe have ample opportunity to enhance their education with hands-on museum experience in the form of practicums and internships. This experience is complemented by the caliber of Museum Studies faculty. “The professors in Museum Studies are amazing. They care about us as people and take the time to know us,” Museum Studies major Allison Rowe revealed.

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An honors student who will begin her senior year this fall, Rowe completed an internship with ArtsInStark a few months ago, yet has stayed on as a volunteer to assist with First Friday and other events in the Canton Arts District. For Rowe, this training will pave the way for a career in arts administration upon her graduation in 2015.

“Museum Studies major Allison Rowe pulled his history majors to see why they had an interest in history. An overwhelming number of students responded that they were inspired at an early age by a visit to a museum where they had their most important exposure to history. "I literally woke up at 4:00 a.m. and had an epiphany: I thought we should start a museum studies program," Palmer explained. From there, Palmer contacted Alexandra Nicholls Coon, Executive Director of the Massillon Museum, who was then teaching art history at Walsh and was very excited at the idea. "It’s been great seeing the program in the beginning and watch it evolve over the years," added Archives Director of the National First Ladies’ Library Michelle Gullion who was part of the initial planning group. “Everyone is still so passionate about the program, and now we get the pleasure of seeing the enthusiasm and excitement in the students as they progress.”

The Canton Museum of Art was another early supporter of the major. “We were delighted to enter into a partnership with Walsh on this program,” said Executive Director M. J. Albacete ‘71. "I love that Walsh put together this major because it is so entwined with community and service. It shows Walsh really cares about our community.”

Today, the program is one of only four such undergraduate programs in the United States and continues to excel under the guidance of Dr. Katey Brown. Before joining Walsh, Brown was Director of Hay House, a historic house museum in Macon, Georgia. Her prior experience also includes serving as Art Historian and Program Coordinator for the University of Georgia’s Study-Abroad Program in Italy, Head of Education at the American Federation of Arts in New York, and Curator of Education at both Joslyn Art Museum and the Georgia Museum of Art.

“This dual experience as an arts educator and museum professional allow her to bring a host of real-life scenarios to the Museum Studies and Art History courses at Walsh,” Palmer said.

Built on a foundation of museum theory, the program allows students to explore three different tracks, depending on their interests. They can study museums in the context of history, art or the natural sciences. All students are encouraged to double major but are required to choose a minor that complements their major. Generally, students combine a Museum Studies degree with a history or business degree, but some have also added theology or biology. The degree combinations can be tailored to specific careers in which the student ultimately wishes to work.

“We have room for all kinds of different people in this degree,” Brown said. “If a student has an interest in preserving religious items or texts, a Museum Studies major combined with theology can be a great fit. Or if a student is interested in conserving, preservation and restoration, he or she could complete a Museum Studies degree and chemistry minor.”

Because students gain experiences that represent different aspects of the museum world – education, registration, collections management, and business – Walsh senior Carmella Cadusale believes this makes Walsh students more marketable. “I know after graduation that this comprehensive degree will give me an edge in getting a job or getting into the grad program I want,” she said.

Cadusale is finishing an internship with the Pro Football Hall of Fame. She also gained grant writing experience which she is using...
“I love working with the students,” says Hoover Historical Center Operations Coordinator Ann Haines. “It’s thrilling to see their excitement as they can apply what they have learned for the first time in a real museum setting.”

Students also benefit from Walsh University’s Global Learning opportunities, such as earning academic credits while studying at the Hoover campus in Castel Gandolfo, Rome. It is the classroom for both museum studies and art history. “We have designed this to be a high-quality experience with a low student-to-instructor ratio because then we can give the students a deep, rich, and reflective experience,” Brown explained.

“It was a transformational experience for me,” Zachary Distel ’10 said of his time abroad. “The entire city is a museum unto itself. Visiting the historic museums and seeing the art there provided me more knowledge than any classroom lecture ever could.”

As undergraduates, students can also earn credits by attending programs at the prestigious Campbell Center for Historic Preservation in Illinois. Through an exclusive agreement, any Walsh student can take classes at the Campbell Center in such areas as historic preservation, organic and inorganic materials, museum sustainability, collections management, or project management for non-profit organizations.

For example, Walsh Museum Studies major Caterina Taylor took a gravestone and monument preservation class at the Campbell Center. “I was amazed that as a sophomore I was in a class with people who had been working at museums for years. I learned so much but was really proud to know I had the training and knowledge to work side-by-side with older and more experienced peers,” said Taylor, who is currently an intern at the Canton Museum of Art.

Sophomore Ann Bowers took an organic and inorganic materials class at the Campbell Center following her freshman year. “It was a great experience, and I am glad Dr. Brown encouraged me,” she said. “I networked with experienced museum professionals from all over the United States. They gave me career advice and encouraged me to contact them if I am ever in their area.” Students are also required to complete a 6-credit internship. Megan Pellegrino, Curator and Museum Studies Academic Coordinator, develops close relationships with the students as they complete their practicum at the Hoover Historical Center. She then personally oversees every internship, working with each student to connect them with a museum or historical organization that best suits their interests.

A 2010 Museum Studies graduate, Christina Savu is now the registrar at the Massillon Museum. She knows the value of these internships and works closely with Walsh interns. “As a Walsh graduate, I know the quality of the program, and I am always happy to have a Walsh student here to help and support. I got that kind of support as a student, and now I pay it forward,” Savu said.

Christine Pienoski, who is completing her senior capstone project at the Massillon Museum, is currently working in a special climate controlled vault that holds the historical clothing collection. “I like working with the military collection the best. My great grandfather and grandfather served in WWII and Korea,” she explained. “When I hold those uniforms, I remember I am holding history — that a real person wore those when they served our country.” She has become so familiar with the patches and pins on the uniforms that she knows at a glance which group they served. “It took a lot of research to know this material, but that was part of my training here. It’s been great learning from the museum staff.” The Canton Museum of Art is another strong partner for Walsh internships. The museum’s education and technical manager, Lauren Kuntzman, prepares Walsh graduates to have a solid understanding of how museums function. “I make sure interns at the Canton Museum of Art serve in a lot of the museum roles,” she said. “Students help install, label, and de-install exhibits, just what they would do if they worked here. We have had great experience with all our students from Walsh.”

However, internships are not limited to Stark County. Student Jaime Faust completed her internship at the Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area in her hometown of Pittsburgh, and Rachel Vought will be interning this summer in Georgia at the Madison-Morgan Cultural Center.

“I believe our Museum Studies faculty, led by Dr. Brown, provides a wonderfully balanced curriculum to our students that not only instills a passion for their vocation but also a set of practical skills that ensure success in the job market. Museums need competent and enthusiastic professionals, and at Walsh we have built a program to nurture and cultivate that competence and enthusiasm at the highest level,” said Director of Fine and Performing Arts Dr. Britt Cooper.

From student recruitment to class scheduling, and advising, the Museum Studies faculty members take a holistic approach to helping students succeed and they provide continuous support and guidance. “We want students to not only understand all the parts to this but how they will fit into the field,” Brown explained.

For more information on the Museum Studies program, please contact Assistant Professor of Museum Studies and Art History Dr. Katelyn Brown at kbrown@walsh.edu or 330.490.7509.

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Lessons from the Field

Mario Giganti ’94

When Mario Giganti ’94 chose to play soccer for Walsh University in 1990, he had no idea the long-term impact that one decision would have on his personal and professional life years after graduation. As a stand-out player at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio, Giganti was frequently visited and recruited by college coaches, including several from well-known NCAA Division I schools. “My parents didn’t tell me this until after I made my decision, but they thought that Walsh’s coach, Tim Mead, was by far the one that had impressed them the most,” said Giganti. “Soccer was the primary reason I came to Walsh, but it was the sense of community that made me stay and keeps me involved today.”

During his time at Walsh, Giganti excelled both academically and athletically. As a member of the men’s soccer team under Coach Mead, he was named third team NAIA All-American, second team Umbro All-American and played in the Umbro Senior Bowl. He was also selected as Walsh’s Male Athlete of the Year and earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete and All-Ohio Academic honors with a 3.62 cumulative grade point average. His favorite memories though are from serving as the team captain of Walsh’s only NAIA National Qualifying team in 1993.

“We had originally thought the national tournament was out of our reach; however, the team listed it as one of our goals. As the season went on, we won most of our games and even defeated teams that we had not been able to beat in the past. We stayed focused on our goals, worked hard as a team and we made it to the tournament,” said Giganti. “I believe it was Coach Tim Mead who taught us the process of goal setting. Write down your goals. Visualize them. Work hard to achieve them. I realize now that he was more interested in developing our individual character, not just a winning team.”

Mario Giganti graduated from Walsh in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree in accounting. He became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and worked for national accounting and brokerage firms such as Ernst & Young and Merrill Lynch before joining Cornerstone Capital Advisors in 2002. In 2007, he partnered with fellow co-owner, Principal and Senior Advisor of Cornerstone.

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Walsh alum Mark Fearing ’90 and became a co-owner, Principal and Senior Advisor of Cornerstone. Together, through their close ties to Walsh’s DeVille School of Business, the two alums have listed several Walsh graduates and consider the University to be one of their primary sources for attracting young talent to their organization.

Giganti has remained closely connected to Walsh by supporting the Gary Fauxy Scholarship, participating in the Alumni Professor Program for Walsh University in 1990, and the NAIA All-American, second team Umbro Senior Bowl.

“You can succeed in anything with the right mindset. First, decide what you want and set measurable milestones along the way.”

Mario Giganti ’94 for a Day program and serving as an active member of the Walsh Alumni Board, the Planned Giving Committee and the Walsh Advisory Board. In 2003, he received the Walsh University Distinguished Service Award. In 2004, he was named Outstanding Alumnus, and in 2006 he was also honored and inducted into the Walsh University Wall of Fame.

Several years ago, Giganti, along with his former teammate and assistant coach, Ronald Mendel ’91, also helped to spearhead the establishment of an alumni scholarship in support of the Walsh men’s soccer program. To help administer the scholarship, they formed a committee of alumni soccer players from different Walsh eras. It was through the group’s interaction that they noticed they had more than soccer in common, they also shared the strong personal influence of their former coach, Tim Mead.

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Mario Giganti ’94

“By this time, Tim had already stepped down from coaching soccer. While talking about our different experiences at Walsh, a common theme continued to emerge. Tim Mead had been more than just our coach. For each of us he had become a trusted friend and mentor during and after our time on the team. He taught us how to approach challenges, set goals and live with a sense of humility. We came to the conclusion that we should name the scholarship ‘The Tim Mead Endowed Soccer Alumni Scholarship.’”

Giganti and Mead have stayed in touch over the years as their relationship has evolved from coach and player to close friends. In fact, it was through Tim Mead that Giganti met his wife, a fellow Walsh graduate, Kim Lockhart ’98. Through an introduction by Mead, the couple first met in 1995 and were married in 2006. Together, they have two sons Michael, age 18, and Vincent, age 7. He might not have fully realized it until after he left Walsh, but today Giganti is grateful for the Walsh network of support that has continued to weave its way through his personal and professional life. It is that sense of gratitude, combined with the life lessons he learned from the soccer field that continue to inspire him today.

“You can succeed in anything with the right mindset. First, decide what you want and set measurable milestones along the way. But in the push to achieve those goals, take the time to look back and feel gratitude for your accomplishments to date. Don’t forget to celebrate how far you’ve come. And don’t forget to share your appreciation with the ones who helped to get you there.”
On Saturday, March 8, Walsh University welcomed more than 260 guests for one of its most anticipated alumni events of the year, the 14th Annual Las Vegas Night and Auction, Viva Walsh Vegas. Event attendees were treated to a casual evening of fun and excitement while they helped to raise money for Walsh student scholarships. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner as they bid on over 130 auction items, tried their luck on the popular 50/50 raffle, and purchased tickets to enter the Super Trip Raffle for three exciting vacation packages that included a trip to the “Windy City” Chicago, IL, a week-long vacation in beautiful Madeira Beach, FL, or a two-night stay in a private cottage at the charming Inn at Honey Run in Millersburg, OH.

Through charitable gambling, horse races, raffles and the silent auction, participants helped raise more than $16,000 for Walsh University student scholarships.

“Over the past years, I’ve had the privilege of attending Viva Walsh Vegas as a guest, an event volunteer on the Alumni Board and now as the director of alumni relations,” said Lucia Cirese, ’91,’11. “I’ve been able to see first-hand the enormous impact events such as Viva Walsh Vegas can have on the future of our students and our University. Not only is it a fun night that provides an opportunity for our alumni to reconnect with their Walsh community, but it also benefits a great cause – student scholarships. Thank you to all those who supported this event through their generous donations, sponsorships, volunteerism and attendance.”

Super Trip Raffle Winners

The Inn at Honey Run, Millersburg, Ohio
A two-night getaway for two in a private contemporary cottage in Ohio’s beautiful Amish country. This package included a 60-minute ride in an authentic Amish buggy, 60-minute massage and meals at the on-site restaurant.
Winner: Michael and Jennifer Lewers

Madeira Beach, Florida
A one-week stay in a recently updated two-bedroom, two-bath condo with gulf views, heated outdoor pool and direct beach access.
Winner: Rosanna Fierro

Chicago, Illinois
This flexible trip for two to the fabulous “Windy City” included a $400 airline voucher, $300 Visa gift card for meals, and a $300 Visa gift card for shopping and attractions.
Winner: Dr. Richard and Adelaide Reichert
Office of Alumni Relations Brings Back the Ox Roast Along with New Programs

This fall, students and alumni can once again celebrate the traditional Walsh University Ox Roast. The roast will be held during Homecoming/Reunion Weekend on Friday, October 17, 2014, in Hoover Park. The first Ox Roast was held in 1969. Class Vice President William McGee ’70 and Gary Pearce ’70, chairman of the event, promoted the first roast by displaying a calf on campus to increase ticket sales. John Minski ’70, class president and head cook, prepared 400 pounds of local beef for the event. “It was a big success. Everyone loved it, so it became an annual event,” said McGee.

The Walsh Ox Roast was originally a part of welcome week, along with the mud tug, during the 1970s and became a Homecoming event in 1989. “By the time I had attended, it was held right after freshman orientation, and it was the first thing I attended where I did not have to wear my freshman beanie. It was then I became a full-fledged Walsh student,” said Mike Bruin ’80. “The 2014 Homecoming Ox Roast is the return of this great tradition. You just have to experience it, and we hope many of our alumni will come out to help us celebrate this traditional event,” said Director of Alumni Relations Lucia Cirese.

Other activities scheduled for Homecoming/Reunion Weekend include the Athletic Wall of Fame Recognition Dinner on Friday, October 17; Saturday, October 18, events include class reunions on campus and football against Malone, with tailgating at Fawcett Stadium. The class of 1964 will celebrate its 50th reunion, and classes of ’74, ’84, ’94, and ’04 will also celebrate milestone reunions. All reunion parties are welcome to enjoy food, beverages and camaraderie in the Fawcett Press Box during the game at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, October 19, the Alumni Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, followed by the Alumni Branch where Outstanding Alumni will be recognized for continuing to carry on the Walsh University mission of service to others.

Travel to Maine to visit the Brothers of Christian Instruction

A trip to Maine to visit the Brothers of Christian Instruction is scheduled for September 13-16, 2014. The trip is limited to 25 people, and activities will include spending time with the Brothers of Christian Instruction as well as walking tours, bakery, cemetery, orchard and sugarhouse tours, wagon rides and a tour of the historic Shaker museum. Brother Don will guide visitors through his extensive Maran collection. Alumni will attend Mass with the Brothers as well as a picnic and tour of the Portland Light House. For more information contact: lcirese@walsh.edu or 330.244.4752.

Want to start an Alumni Chapter in your area? It’s easy!

Our alumni live all across the United States and in many countries. The formation of regional chapters has enabled many of our 12,000 alumni to reconnect with Walsh and each other. We have eight active alumni chapters in the following areas: Akron/Canton, Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Florida, and in the District of Columbia. We can help you connect with fellow alumni in your area, just give us a call and we can help you. Please contact Director of Alumni Relations, Lucia Cirese, at lcirese@walsh.edu or 330.244.4752.

In a League of its Own

Counseling and Human Development Program Distinguishes Itself in Counselor Preparation

With an on-campus full service counseling center, experimental learning opportunities as far away as Uganda, a strong peer mentoring program, and a brand new specialization in student affairs in higher education counseling, the Master of Arts in Counseling and Human development program is truly in a league of its own, distinguishing itself from peer programs with its unique program offerings designed to thoroughly prepare tomorrow’s counselors.

“You realize once you are working in the field how well-received and sought out Walsh grads are. We have such high standards and are so well trained - we come out doing good work far ahead of others,” said Counseling and Human Development graduate Jennifer Seda ’12.

In reflecting on her international experience in Uganda, Seda spoke of how deeply the country still feels the effects of the decades long civil war and how there is a great need for trained counselors to help with mental health issues. Walsh University graduate students travel to Uganda and work with priests, nuns, educators, medical personnel, and other persons that the local Archdiocese wants to receive counseling training.

Prior to departure, Walsh graduate students are educated about the history of the country and what issues are of greatest concern to the population. After traveling for nearly 24 hours to get to Uganda, professors and students then have a 6-hour drive to the town of Gulu. There they work intensively for about a week with those who have been selected to receive counseling training. Some students even make the trip more than once. Graduate Melissa Coyle ’12 was there twice. “The people are amazing. They have the biggest hearts and are so eager to learn and make the lives of their counselees better, it’s inspiring.” “Seda was also transformed by her two visits,” I was full of awe participating in it. It made me a better counselor and it changed my life. I have a burning desire to go back.”

Back on the Walsh campus, students make practical use of their education by counseling clients from the campus or community at large at the Father Matthew Herrema Counseling Center. Clients are pre-screened to ensure that the level of care they need can be appropriately provided by a graduate student. “Our students perform 100 hours of practicum in the Center. Forty of those hours need to be counseling clients who need assistance,” said Director William Maxon-Kann. “The Center provides mental health counseling and referrals to the community as well as being a training facility for our students.” The work that the students do not only benefits their clients but also helps the students to work with real world problems where you must think on your feet. “The work I did with my clients at the counseling center gave me such good experience, and I know it helped me to be selected for my internship,” said student Justina Gorman.

Students also help each other through a student-led peer mentoring program.

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Collaborative relationships between students beginning the CHD program and those who are ahead of them in the program are mutually beneficial. Justina Gorman was a mentee and found the program so helpful that she now mentors others. “I like the fact that we can talk to all the different cohorts, learn about them and watch them grow.”

The peer mentoring program came out of a need identified by our students who felt it would be beneficial for both mentor and mentee, said Assistant Professor of Counseling & Human Development/School Counselor Carrie VanMeter, Ph.D., who is the faculty advisor to the peer mentoring program. The program hosts two social events per semester and mentors and mentees set their own meeting schedules and decide what topics to explore. Melissa Coyle helped start the program after doing research on the benefits of peer mentoring.

“We meet to form bonds and feel that camaraderie and extra support. Its good knowing you all have that common experience that binds you,” Coyle said.

The Master of Arts in Counseling program has two licensed specializations: clinical mental health and school counseling. Clinical mental health specialization graduates help people who may be struggling with coping skills and overall functioning. Graduates of the school counseling specialization help at-risk and special needs students, assist in career development planning, and help families utilize community resources. In addition to these tracks a third specialization, student affairs in higher education, launches in fall of 2014, which integrates counseling theory and practice, student development theories, higher education administration, and student services programming with a specialized focus on multicultural affairs and diversity education.

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Births

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2009  
Sarah (Richards) Trescott and her husband Ryan Trescott ’12 welcomed their daughter Braylee Ruth on November 11, 2013. Braylee weighed 8 lbs. 8.5 oz. and was 21 inches long. Sarah works in the Alumni Office at Walsh University. 

2010  
Marco Metzger and wife Madeline (Lewis) Metzger ’10 welcomed Margaret Corrine on September 29, 2013. Margaret weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. The family resides in Westerville, Ohio. 

Marriages

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In Memoriam

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Daniel English, age 57, of Dover passed away on January 27, 2014, in the Hospice Care Center following a two year battle with lung cancer. Dan was a certified public accountant and owned and operated the Swallen, Lawhun & Co. Accounting Agency in Canton. He also owned and operated Giuseppe’s Restaurant in Dover and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was a 1974 graduate of Dover High School and earned his degree in accounting from Walsh University. Dan enjoyed making homemade wine. 

1987  
Dorothy (Springfield) Davis, age 81, passed away on January 15, 2014, at her home surrounded by her family. Dorothy was a pediatric nurse practitioner and retired as director of nursing with the Stark County Board of Health. She was an active member of Newman Baptist Church and taught Sunday school. Dorothy also volunteered as a nurse at summer church and band camps and was an active member and officer in many civic and church organizations. 

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Angela Hayes, Director of Community Reinvestment for Summa Health System, was recently awarded the 2014 Athena Young Professional Leadership Award by the Athena International Organization. As part of the award, she will be published in the May/June edition of Inside Business magazine.

2004
Nathan Valentine is now the project manager at Lubrizol Corporation. He resides in Willoughby, Ohio.

2007
Laura (Balhis) McGill is now a physician at Doctors Express in Sarasota, Florida.

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Chris DiMichele has been promoted to advanced clinical nurse at the University of Notre Dame Parachute at Grabowski & Co. She resides in Silver Sox. She resides in Chicago, Illinois.

2007
Nancy Ludwig is now a registered nurse and the bereavement coordinator at Hopebridge Hospice in Solon, Ohio.

2008
Danielle (Adkins) Benner is now the customer relations management representative at The Timken Company. She resides in Canton, Ohio.

2008
Nancy Luedwik is now a registered nurse at Timken. She resides in Canton, Ohio.

2009
Chris DiMichele has been promoted to advanced clinical nurse at The Timken Company in Canal Fulton. She is the 2014 recipient of the Golden Apple Award.

2011
Hillary (Cook) Newell teaches at St. Phillips and James Catholic School in Canal Fulton. She is the 2014 recipient of the Golden Apple Award.

2011
Tara Shallenberger is now a Master at Arms for the United States Navy. She resides in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

2011
Jenna (Tonkewicz) Vallone now works at the Cleveland Clinic as a registered nurse. Jenna and her husband Brandon reside in North Olmsted, Ohio.

2012
Amanda Pedley has been promoted to manager of driver recruiting with United Road Services. She works in the corporate office based in Romulus, Michigan, managing the entire recruiting team that hires drivers nationwide. Formerly, Amanda worked for Craig Transportation (Perrysburg, OH) as its recruiting and retention manager.

2012
Allyson Baroni works for the Lake County Probate Court in the accounts department. She works on guardianship, trust and estate accounts. Allyson has been at her current employer since October 15, 2012.

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Mary McManaway 1936-2014
Please remember in your thoughts and prayers Mary McManaway, who served as the artistic director for the Genesius Players at Walsh University for numerous years, Mary passed into the loving arms of the Lord on Tuesday, March 16th, 2014, at the age of 78, after an extended illness.

Mary was a passionate supporter of the arts for most of her life and founded the North Canton Playhouse in 1976, where she served as Artistic Director. She directed numerous productions and encouraged a love of the arts in a countless number of people. She was also an ardent advocate of animal rights, founding the Coalition for Animal Concerns.
Mary was inducted into the Stark County Wall of Fame in 2002. Although she will be missed dearly by her friends and loved ones, she better than anyone else understood that ‘the show must go on.’

Maria Zuzek was born Aug. 4, 1915, and was the son of Antoine and Rose Anna (Ruel) Bernier of Fall River, Mass. Educated in the parishes of Notre Dame Parish, he began his career as a religious Brother in Feb. 1928. In August 2013, he celebrated 82-years as a religious Brother. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Brothers’ Retirement Fund c/o Br. Jerome Lessard, P.O. Box 159, Alfred, ME 04002.

2010
Samantha White is now working for Pathway Caring for Children as a School-Based Therapist for Carrollton Exempted Village and Brown Local Schools. Samantha resides in Canton, Ohio.

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Devin Feriance is now an account executive at Grabowski & Co. She resides in Silver Lake, Ohio.

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Nathanial Conway is now a registered nurse at Summa Health System.
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