President’s Message

Nearly 3,800 persons gathered on our grassy academic quadrangle on May 3rd to celebrate graduation—and to give witness to our 55th year of successful operations. As the procession wound around the perimeter, thousands of tulips framed the event in maroon and gold. What a celebration! What a blessing! What a miracle!

The days before were filled with ceremonies and rituals of all sorts—nurses pinning, physical therapists’ exhibition and reception, Dedication of the Biery Stadium, an ox roast in Hoover Park, a solemn Baccalaureate Mass, and a reception for graduates, families, and friends. It was a time to rejoice, to congratulate, and to say a bittersweet goodbye.

*Business as usual* you might think! Never. Each group has its own distinctive aura. Each cohort sees it differently. Each class leaves its mark. The events may be similar, but the people personalize it. Each graduation comes with its own joys and sorrows, and each creates lasting memories. Do you remember your graduation ceremonies? Surely you have thoughts and feelings that are yours alone? And guess what? On May 15th the saga continued. More than 500 new students, pursuing one of the eight new majors or one of the established 60, arrived on campus for registration as the next student to attend?

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Spring Commencement 2015
1. Blouin Global Scholars Launch First Campus Kitchen in Ohio

This April, Walsh University officially joined the national network of The Campus Kitchen Project to redistribute and repackage leftover food from the dining halls to local community partners. Walsh will be providing a minimum of 25 pounds of food per week to its local community partner, Refuge of Hope in Canton. Walsh's Campus Kitchen is the 44th in the nation and the second in the state of Ohio. The project is funded in part through a $5,000 launch grant from AARP Foundation, which the Walsh students won as part of a video competition in October.

On April 15, the Br. Francis Blouin Global Scholars student team, under the leadership of Walsh juniors Ashley Lucas, Rachel Civitolo, Teresa Klimk, Melissa Kemper, and Jamie Kaminski, held a launch party to officially commemorate the start of the project. The celebratory event included remarks by National Campus Kitchen representative Matthew Schraer and Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume. That inaugural night the group collected more than 60 pounds of food for Refuge of Hope.

2. Walsh Women’s Committee Hosts “Best Derby Party in Town”

On Saturday, May 2, the Walsh University Women’s Committee hosted its annual Kentucky Derby party at Brookside Country Club. Marking one of the largest turn-outs in event history, more than 130 guests donned their best Derby attire and enjoyed a three-stage dinner and southern style mint julep bar, while Troy and Kyle Grove, along with Steve Paidas provided lively tunes and trackside commentary during the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby.

Honorary chairs for the evening were Ted and Marilyn Stals, and Judy Foast and Jacqueline Pohnsk serve as event co-chairs. The event also included a ladies hat contest, big raffle, bourbon raffle, 50/50 raffle and silent auction. Proceeds benefit student scholarships.

3. Catholic Schools Week Photo Contest Winners Announced

In honor of Catholic Schools Week 2015, “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service,” Walsh held its third annual photo contest in which high school students were asked to submit images that best capture what Catholic education means to them. Nearly 380 students from 16 states entered the competition. Sarah Schacter from St. James Academy in Overland Park, Kansas, came in first place, winning a $500 cash prize as well as a $500 programming grant for her school. In second and third place were Elizabeth Janowski of Brookfield, Wisconsin, and Syed Rahman of Scarsdale, New York. Each runner-up received a $250 prize. For a link to view all this year’s contest submissions, visit walsh.edu/csw.

4. Walsh Dance Marathon Raises $13,000 for Akron Children’s Hospital

On March 20-21, Walsh students joined together to dance for 17 hours straight in support of a local and the second annual WU Dance Marathon fundraiser. Held in the Birk Center for the Arts, more than 80 students participated in this year’s event and successfully raised more than $13,000 for Akron Children’s Hospital. Students danced for 17 hours to represent the 17 million children treated through the Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals each year. The event was organized by senior co-presidents nursing major Emma Laubacher and biology/pre-physics therapy major Hannah Chalfant.

“The students on the Dance Marathon Board have done an amazing job establishing this program,” said Coordinator of University Housing and Dance Marathon advisor Ben Daleiden. “My role has been to help these students create sustainability to ensure that their legacy, the Walsh Dance Marathon, will continue as a Walsh student tradition long after they graduate.”

5. Campus Ministry Receives Our Sunday Visitor Institute Grant

The Office of Campus Ministry was recently awarded a $19,100 grant from Our Sunday Visitor Institute to support and create opportunities for high school students to learn about important leadership skills based on faith.

“I think the Church is starving for the presence of young people who are engaged and not afraid to stand up and lead,” said Director of Campus Ministry Miguel Chavez. “Our hope is that through this grant we will create a series of Saturday seminars and reach out to a variety of high schools to create a student program that will not only provide exposure for Walsh University but will also explicitly focus on leadership development in faith and empower students to be active participants and role models in the Church today.”

Specifically, the funds will be used to expand Campus Ministry outreach to Catholic high schools within the region through retreats, a Saturday seminar series and Catholic admissions outreach. This project also offers students the opportunity to explore a career in the field of Campus Ministry.

6. Kevin Finefrock Named Associate Dean for SPS and Director of External Programs

Walsh University has named Kevin Finefrock as Associate Dean for the School for Professional Studies and Director of External Programs effective July 1, 2015.

In this newly created position, Finefrock will assume the duties of retiring Assistant Dean for Non-Traditional Programs Gary Tschacht. He will be responsible for the development and coordination of the School for Professional Studies (SPS) program offered through Walsh’s four SPS campuses in North Canton, Akron, Medina and Canfield. In addition, he will oversee all summer programming for the University and will be instrumental in enhancing Walsh’s corporate partnerships and relationships within the community.

Finefrock brings to this position 15 years of educational experience, and most recently he served as assistant superintendent of the Green Local School District where he managed a $44 million budget, oversaw curriculum development for the school district, assisted in creating a district strategic plan, established business partnerships, and led policy development.

Faculty and Staff Honored for Years of Service

Congratulations to the following Walsh faculty and staff members who are celebrating milestone service anniversaries this year. Together, they represent 635 years of service and excellence to Walsh University.

5 YEARS

Janet Bailey Cynthia Baker Melia Banden Ralph Beatwater David Boebbeck Gordon Dahler Andrea Dow Alan Diganamos Nicola Donahue Steven Edelson Karen Gehrling John Gornak Marc Hane Steven Harris Mark Heffernan

10 YEARS

Jennifer Cleesinger Teresa Graf Kimberly Metz Rita Miller

15 YEARS

Shelley Brown Stephanie Cadby Lee Morrisberger

20 YEARS

Thomas Freedland John Kandl

25 YEARS

Michael Dunphy James Jerzakofsky

30 YEARS

Lewis Peters Ravinder Singh

35 YEARS

William Myers Sandra Savich

RETIRED

Pat Casey
JULY
1. Walsh honored nationally as a 2014-15 College of Distinction
2. Byers School of Nursing programs earn national accreditation by The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
3. Walsh partners with Fw First program to support first-generation college students
4. Walsh receives National Science Foundation grant for $600,000 benefiting chemistry student scholarships

AUGUST
5. Walsh establishes new School of Arts and Sciences and names Dr. Uni Labate as Dean
6. Dr. Pamela Ristline announced as new Chair of Health Sciences Division
7. Walsh collaborates with the Canton Museum of Art to present Dante’s Inferno: The Illustrations of Jusepe Nattini
8. President Richard Jusseaume, Dr. Laurence Byers and Dale Howard accept ALS Ice Bucket Challenge in honor of Walsh’s third President, Br. Francis Blouin

SEPTEMBER
9. Walsh honors First Annual Ohio Hunger Dialogue and signs national FCSHI agreement to prioritize hunger solutions
10. Tony P. Hall, U.S. Ambassador and Alliance to End Hunger Executive Director Emeritus, honored with prestigious Founders Award
11. Walsh designated a 2015 Military Friendly School by GI Jobs Magazine
12. Br. Francis Blouin Lobby dedicated through the generosity of the Bill & Sharon Luntz Family
13. Lifelong Learning Academy presents first Provost Council Award

OCTOBER
14. Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College recognizes Walsh as one of the nation’s top Catholic universities
15. Senior Nick Paxos wins the 2014 GLIAC Individual Men’s Golf Championship
16. The Chronicle of Higher Education features Walsh as a Catholic college that has found success while maintaining its Catholic identity and mission
17. Dr. Bery Neuman honored with Distinguished Service Medal
18. Homecoming 2014 honors the 50th reunion of the first graduating class. The Class of 1964 is honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Award are James McPartlin ’67, Larry Clark ’72 and Virginia Neutzling ’83
19. Wall of Fame Inductees for 2014 include Dustin Tate, Mike Galasso ’09, Christine Haver Lynn ’66, James Hicks ’05, Ruth Kendall Premo ’05, Richard Mapp ’87 and Jeff Rabbit
20. Graduate Counseling Program named one of the most affordable in the Midwest by the rating site Best Counseling Degrees

NOVEMBER
21. Google Visionary Jaime Casap keynotes Third Annual ICF Global Symposium
22. President Jusseaume discusses Ex corde Ecclesiae at Franciscan University Symposium
23. Walsh’s Women’s Committee hosts sold-out Fashion Show and Luncheon, raising more than $17,000 for student scholarships
24. Nine Cavaliers named to All-GLIAC football team

DECEMBER
25. Education programs earn national accreditation renewal by Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
26. Teresa Griffin named Vice President for Marketing and Communications of new Integrated Marketing and Communications Office
27. President Jusseaume attends inaugural meeting to Solve Hunger at the United Nations in New York
28. Mgr. Robert J. Siffert honored with Distinguished Service Medal at December Commencement

FEBRUARY
35. National Catholic newspaper Our Sunday Visitor spotlights Walsh Chaplains
36. Men’s cross country team named All-Academic Team with 17 best GPAs in the nation
37. DeVille School of Business Receives Approval on AACSB Eligibility Application
38. Walsh hosts lecture by President of the National Right to Life Committee Carol Tobias

MARCH
39. Walsh hosts dedication ceremony for the Saint John Paul II Center for Science Innovation
40. Men’s and women’s basketball teams reach the GLIAC Tournament Semifinals. The men’s team is the only GLIAC team to make back-to-back GLIAC Final Four appearances.
41. 40th Annual Philosopher/Theologian Symposium welcomes renowned Catholic Philosopher Michael Novak and Theologian Michael Waldstein
42. WU Dance Marathon participants raise more than $13,000 for Akron Children’s Hospital
43. University Programming Board hosts sold-out concert by country music star Sam Hunt

APRIL
44. Blouin Global Scholars officially launch the Campus Kitchen Project at Walsh to help solve local hunger issues
45. Walsh celebrates the successful conclusion of the first phase of the We Believe Campaign

JANUARY
30. Online MBA program earns national recognition by U.S. News & World Report and Affordable Colleges Online
31. Walsh opens and names new science center in honor of Saint John Paul II
32. Record number of 250 volunteers serve 20 sites for Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
33. Walsh celebrates 10th anniversary of men’s basketball 2005 NAIA National Championship win
34. Counseling programs earn national accreditation renewal by Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

29. Walsh Named to the 2014 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll
Ensuring the Catholic Legacy through the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Giving Society

Chris and Dick Russ offer a strong testament to the fact that you do not need to be an alumna to feel a deep connection to a university. As Cleveland natives, the couple may not have a direct tie to Walsh as alumni or parents of current students, but what they do share with the University is a strong commitment and belief in the Catholic faith. That is why they chose to become charter members of Walsh University’s Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) Giving Society in June 2014.

Now celebrating its first anniversary, this special organization was created to reinforce Walsh University’s Catholic identity, foster a community of faith and inspire the next generation of Catholic students. Membership in the OLPH Society supports numerous initiatives such as pilgrimages and retreats, scholarships, the St. Andrew House of Discernment, Chapel services and the Office of Campus Ministry including the Campus Peacemakers.

“We value authentic Catholic education, and that is what Walsh is all about,” said Dick. “Without hesitation, we responded to the invitation to join the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Society.”

Married for 33 years, Chris and Dick are the proud parents of three adult children, Andrij S.J., Stefan, and Peter. The couple met 41 years ago when they were both students at Kent State University and working for a local TV station.

“We are both from an Eastern European heritage and instantly connected,” said Chris. “Dick comes from the Roman Catholic site while I’m from the Eastern Catholic site. We raised our boys to know both the Eastern and Western Catholic faith. As Saint John Paul II encouraged, in our family we breathe with both lungs.”

The couple are longtime members of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, Ohio, and are very active in their faith both personally and professionally. In 2013, Dick left his 40-year career as a local reporter and news anchor that included 14 years at the NBC affiliate, WKYC Channel 3, and 20 years at WJW Channel 8. In the 1970s, he worked at a number of TV and radio stations, including WAKR Channel 23 in Akron. He is currently the vice president of resource development at North Coast Community Homes, a non-profit corporation providing housing for people with disabilities. He also serves as executive producer of Eastern Christian Media, which produces and distributes religious television, internet and radio programming, including FWBTN weekly series Living Right with Dr. Ray and the Telly Award-winning Reflections of Glory.

Chris also worked for the Cleveland media market at WKYC Channel 3, but her career encompassed the behind-the-scenes operations of advertising and promotions. Currently, she is very active in their parish of St. Josaphat Church organizing pilgrimages, devotions, and speakers. Most recently she was involved in organization of the 15th Annual Divine Mercy Sunday Observance at the Cathedral.

For Chris, her connection to the OLPH Society began the first time she saw the icon on the Society’s brochure. She felt as if something had come full circle in her life.

“When Dick first told me about this opportunity, I immediately noticed the painting of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the Society brochure,” said Chris. “That particular image is very popular in the Ukrainian culture and is displayed in our churches. Her image is one I grew up with and as a little girl I thought she was unique to our heritage. In a beautiful way, Our Lady has created a deeply personal connection to the Society for me.”

For both Chris and Dick, the opportunity to foster and encourage the next generation of young Catholics to remain active in their faith extends beyond their own immediate family.

“When I look at the state of the Catholic Church today, I’m reminded that it needs a lot of prayer. Only 20-25 percent of people baptized go to church, and some of those probably go kicking and screaming,” said Dick. “That’s not a healthy situation for the church or the world. The world needs the Catholic faith.”

Though they are both active within their faith communities, the couple is selective on whom they choose to support with their time, energy and passion.

“Most institutions of higher education that profess a Catholic tradition have wandered far, far from it. And some are working in actual opposition,” said Dick. “Walsh is not one of those. It is a beacon of light in an otherwise shrinking universe of authentically Catholic institutions of higher learning. And we feel that places like Walsh need to be fostered and supported.”

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generation of young Catholics will continue to uphold the faith of their parents.

“It’s refreshing to visit a college like Walsh and witness a campus environment where there are outward signs of faith like the Chapel, crucifixes, holy images and photos of the Pope,” said Chris. “It gives you a sense of hope to know that here there are young people who are going to be prepared to pass on our faith and ensure that the Catholic Church has a role in this world for generations to come.”

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“I’ve found that overall, students feel comfortable coming to us. I see this as a great opportunity to provide outreach to my fellow students in a way that brings to life the Catholic community aspect of our campus.”

Thomas Betsa, education major with a theology minor

Named in honor of the patroness of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, Walsh’s founders, the goal of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Society is to inspire the next generation of Catholic students to continue the legacy of Walsh. For more information on how you can get involved in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Giving Society, please contact Derrick Wyman at 330.490.7580.

One of those areas of support of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Giving Society, is the Walsh Peacemaker program. For students like senior Thomas Betsa, the Campus Ministry program is a way to live out his Catholic faith on campus and serve as a mentor for other young faithful. Peacemakers are undergraduate students who serve as Christian role models in the residence halls.

From “Baseball Field” to Biery Stadium: WALSH DEDICATES NEW FIELD OF DREAMS

The names of Biery and Mead have long been linked to Walsh University’s baseball program. On Saturday, May 2, their names became a permanent part of the program’s facilities during the Dedication and Blessing of the new Biery Stadium and Tim Mead Field.
The dedication was held before the Cavaliers’ game against Saginaw Valley State University, with the ceremonial first pitch thrown by Dennis and Ben Biery ’00. The event marked the completion of the renovations and enhancements to Walsh’s baseball diamond, located on the north side of campus.

Due to a generous gift from the Biery family, enhancements to the diamond and Cavs clubhouse have included refurbished dugouts, a new scoreboard, batting cage, locker room, public restroom and the addition of 150 stadium seats.

For the Biery family, their relationship with Walsh’s baseball program began when Ben Biery first made the decision to attend Walsh in 1996. The son of Dennis and Lynne Biery, Ben transferred to Walsh from the University of Louisville, KY, to play baseball for Coach Tim Mead from 1997-2000. The all-star catcher lettered four times for the Cavs and earned first-team All-American Midstate Conference, North Division Player of the Year and NAIA All-American honors his senior year. He was also the first Walsh baseball player to receive All-American accolades. He was inducted into the Walsh Wall of Fame in 2008.

Walsh has been a large part of our lives,” said Ben. “Baseball helped me strive to excel not only on the field but also in the classroom. Being a part of the team and working together towards a common goal helped to prepare me for my future. We give back so that others can enjoy that same benefit in their own lives.” It was through Walsh University that Ben met his wife Michelle (Kolessar) Biery ’98.

Although Michelle and Ben attended Walsh together for one year, they never met on campus. They were introduced through a mutual friend during Ben’s senior year and were married in 2001. Today, they are the proud parents of daughters Peyton and Reagan and make their home in Louisville, Ohio.

For Ben’s father, Dennis, his support and involvement with Walsh also began on the baseball field.

“When Ben transferred, I guess you could say Dennis came with him to Walsh,” said Tim Mead. “I still remember the day that Dennis came to me and told me he had a bus we could use for our away games. I was concerned about paying for gas and a bus driver, but Dennis immediately told me we wouldn’t have to pay for a thing. He then went out and earned his chauffeur license. For about five years we went everywhere on the ‘Biery Bus’ with Dennis Biery as our driver.”

The ‘Biery Bus’ was outfitted with a small table, couch and even a refrigerator that was always stocked with Biery Cheese and crackers. Since 1929 and for four generations, the Bierys have owned and operated Biery Cheese Company, with Ben now serving as the company’s CEO.

When the team wasn’t able to drive to a game because of the distance, again the Biery family was able to step in and lend a hand.

“Dennis’s wife Lynne owned a travel agency called Let’s Talk Travel. When we needed to fly somewhere, it was Lynne who would find us the best rates and help coordinate all of the details,” said Mead. “At some point in that time frame, Dennis had the idea to build Walsh a new batting cage. Every Saturday we would work on it with various team players helping out. He paid for the concrete and even brought in a crane to install turf from the old Massillon football stadium. Looking back, it’s hard to imagine this facility or our program without the Biery family. I couldn’t even begin to express my gratitude.”

The Biery family’s support of Walsh extends beyond the baseball diamond. Dennis has served on the Walsh University Board of Directors since 2007, while Michelle has been a member of the Walsh Alumni Board for the past six years, where she serves as Scholarship Committee Chair. The Bierys not only dedicate their time to Walsh, they have also sponsored several endowed scholarships for Walsh University students.

When it came to name the new baseball field, the Bierys felt it was the perfect opportunity to honor the man who has dedicated more than 30 years of his life to the Walsh baseball program, their friend and Ben’s former coach, Tim Mead.

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Walsh’s Newest Building Enhances Science Innovation in the Classroom

With a word like “innovation” in the name, a 3D virtual dissection table is exactly what you would expect to find in Walsh’s newest building, the Saint John Paul II Center for Science Innovation.

Walsh University is one of only 116 institutions worldwide to own an Anatomage Table. In fact, Walsh owns two. With the opening of the new building in January, the University joined an elite group of medical schools and institutions such as Stanford University School of Medicine and have been featured nationally and internationally through TED Talks on BBC, PBS and in numerous journals for their innovative approach to anatomy presentation.

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Anatomage Tables are currently being used by many of the world’s leading medical schools and institutions such as Stanford University School of Medicine and have been featured nationally and internationally through TED Talks on BBC, PBS and in numerous journals for their innovative approach to anatomy presentation.

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The addition of the tables is just one example of the state-of-the-art technology in the Center available for students in Walsh’s expanded science and healthcare programs. The Saint John Paul II Center for Science Innovation contains a classroom custom-made for students in Walsh’s Exercise Science program. The classroom is outfitted

“The new building allows us to make room for our constantly increasing undergraduate research programs, integrated laboratory projects and advanced curricular programming which enriches the educational experience of all Walsh science students.”

Division Chair of Mathematics and Sciences
Michael Dunphy, Ph.D.

“Innovation in the Classroom
Walsh’s Newest Building Enhances Science...
with a stationary bicycle, treadmill and Walsh’s own metabolic cart which is a multifunctional electronic tool that offers a complete analysis of a patient’s heart, lung, blood circulation, and metabolism.

Walsh University is developing a master’s degree program in Occupational Therapy which will benefit from the Center’s classrooms furnished with equipment such as specially designed desks that can be easily converted into therapy tables. These unique tables will allow students to remain in one space and work on their techniques. Graduates of this program will work with clients to help them manage activities of daily living and overcome psychological impediments to achieve a satisfying life.

“We are blessed to have dedicated classroom/laboratory space designed specifically for the needs of our programs in exercise science and occupational therapy,” said Division Chair of Health Sciences Dr. Pamela Ritzline. “The new center itself definitely enhances learning for all of our science and healthcare students.”

Additional enhancements in the new building also include ample storage and work spaces, dedicated research refrigerators to avoid cross-contamination, projectors and mounted TVs, research tables with built-in electrical outlets, and, most importantly, lab safety equipment and wash stations.

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While our professors continue to get research grants, such as Dr. Novak’s $350,000 research grant for Relaxin or the new STAR Chemistry grant from NSF, it is our donors who provide the funds needed to generate the infrastructure to house such advanced research.”

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The new science center opened for classes on January 12, 2015, and was named in honor of Pope John Paul II who was canonized as Saint John Paul the Great on April 27, 2014. Annexed to the Timken Natural Sciences Center and located directly across from the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, the two buildings also symbolically bring together faith and reason on Walsh’s campus. On March 13, the Walsh University community celebrated the Blessing and Dedication of the new building with a special Mass of Thanksgiving in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel followed by the Blessing and Reception in the Saint John Paul II Center for Science Innovation.

“People ask why we chose to name this facility after Pope John Paul II,” said President Richard Jusseaume during the dedication ceremony. “John Paul II supported and respected that theology and science can coexist, that faith and reason purify each other and in the process, impact in the most positive way our existence, mind, body and spirit. Thus the name of this facility after John Paul II was the perfect marriage of our Catholic heritage and our excellence in the sciences. We feel so blessed to have the name of such a great man, an outstanding example of our faith in action and servant leadership, on our campus.”

Through the generosity of several Walsh donors, individual labs and classrooms have been dedicated and formally named within the Saint John Paul II Center for Science Innovation. These include the Father Julius Arthur Nieuwland, C.S.C., Advanced Chemistry Lab honored by former chemistry major Lawrence Staudt ‘67 and the Saint Albert the Great Physics Lab in remembrance of Dr. Karl and Elizabeth Keller.

During his homily reflecting on the influence and life of Pope John Paul II, Reverend Patrick Manning, Ph.D., summarized the addition to Walsh’s campus by saying, “Today, as a Catholic University community, we bring forth the good news of the St. John Paul II Center for Science Innovation. But it is much more than a building. It is a statement about our Catholic faith, which is, in every way, the Good News.”
“Wherever you go from here, if you trust in God and do your part, He will surely continue to grant the increase in your life.”  

– Dominica Rhein ’15, Tower of Excellence Recipient and Senior Class Speaker

The Walsh University community came together on Sunday, May 3, to celebrate the academic and personal accomplishments of the 437 spring graduates as they received their respective associate, bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees. They join the 290 graduates from Walsh’s winter Commencement Ceremony for a total of 727 graduates for the 2014-15 academic year, one of the largest number of graduates in the school’s history.

**Founders’ Award and Distinguished Service Medal Recipients**

Close to 4,000 people attended the outdoor Commencement Ceremony held in Walsh’s quadrangle. Pastor Walter S. Moss, presented the keynote address and was also honored by President Richard Jusseaume with the Walsh University Founders’ Award. In addition, long-time educator Carol Sandbrink, Ph.D., was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for her commitment and service to Walsh’s MAED Program in Uganda.

The Founders’ Award 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 and Father Gabriel Deshayes in establishing the Brothers of Christian Instruction, Walsh’s founders. Pastor Walter S. Moss from Canton, Ohio, has served as a minister in the United States and around the world for the past 39 years. He is currently the Project Director for the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) and has traveled to many nations doing short term mission work, including Kenya, Niger, Togo, and the Caribbean. Pastor Moss recently retired as the pastor of Canton Foursquare Church, a position he held for 17 years while serving the Stark County area as a pastor for more than 25 years.

**The Distinguished Service Medal is given to those who have rendered distinguished professional or voluntary service to others within the national, regional or local community.** Among her many accomplishments during her more than 35-year career with Walsh University, Dr. Carol Sandbrink was instrumental in launching the Master of Arts in Education (MAED) program in Uganda, an unprecedented step for an Ohio college that exemplified an international cooperation seldom seen at that time in higher education. Since 2007, her dedicated service and involvement has included a remarkable 24 trips to Uganda, where she personally visited more than 156 students on-site at their internship schools. The on-site calls often require traveling on one-lane roads that pose challenges for the vehicles, drivers, and passengers while visiting schools without electricity and water, without chalk boards, and without desks.

**Tower of Excellence and Outstanding Students Honored**

The Tower of Excellence Award is presented each year to a senior class speaker who has performed above and beyond in their various academic and personal endeavors.

Dominica Rhein ’15, was presented to Austin “AJ” Hanna. During his educational career at Walsh, Hanna has consistently maintained a high cumulative GPA while earning his Bachelor of Arts degree with a dual major in Mathematics and Education. His hard work has placed him on the Walsh Dean’s List every semester. Originally from Wadsworth, Ohio, Hanna served in leadership roles with positions in the Admissions Office and as a Resident Assistant. Hanna volunteered his time serving as an Orientation Leader, CAPS Crew Member, Student Government Senator, Campus Ministry Club member, Discover Freshman Retreat Core Team Leader, and Judicial Board member. He is a member of the Math and Science Honors Society, Sigma Zeta, and the Education Honors Society, Kappa Delta Pi.

AGAPE retreats. Rhein was a member of the Youngstown Diocesan Committee for the Theology of the Body Symposium during the 2011-2012 year. She participated in the DC March for Life, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and Project Homeless Connect in Canton. She held memberships in the Sisters in Christ and was a monthly volunteer for the Bethany House Nursing Home. Academic excellence earned her induction into Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society, where she served as its President in 2014. Dominica Rhein joined the staff of Walsh University full-time in January 2015 as Campus Minister for Residence Life Outreach. Rhein’s work, including Kenya, Niger, Togo, and the Caribbean. Pastor Moss recently retired as the pastor of Canton Foursquare Church, a position he held for 17 years while serving the Stark County area as a pastor for more than 25 years.

**‘Terrance Portis Mentor of the Year’**

“I can honestly say that every student I meet makes my job feel less like work every day,” said Daleiden. “It is humbling to be listed with the other individuals who have received the award in the past, especially the man the award was named after. It is great to be honored through Terrance’s legacy.”

**In addition, Coordinator of University Housing Placements Ben Daleiden ’09, ’13 was honored by the 2015 graduating class as the Terrance Portis Mentor of the Year.**

Senior Class Honors Patricia Donaldson, MSN, RN, was honored as the 2015 Outstanding Educator of the Year by Senior Class Leader, CAVS Crew Member, Student Government Senator, Campus Ministry Club member, Discover Freshman Retreat Core Team Leader, and Judicial Board member. He is a member of the Math and Science Honors Society, Sigma Zeta, and the Education Honors Society, Kappa Delta Pi.
Lisa Gould ’87: A Promise Kept Leads to 20-Year Career with EWTN

It was a promise fulfilled to her mother that led Lisa Gould ’87 to Irondale, Alabama, and a 20-year career with EWTN Global Catholic Network. For Gould, her role at EWTN has offered an opportunity to live her Catholic faith through a profession she considers to be more of a religious vocation than a career.

Growing up in Seven Hills, Ohio, Lisa Gould came to Walsh in 1983. Many times she would pass the Sancta Clara Monastery in Canton where Mother Angelica, the foundress of EWTN, had been a cloistered nun. But she never stopped to visit. In fact, she wasn’t made aware of EWTN or Mother Angelica until years after her Walsh graduation in 1987.

Her road to EWTN shares similarities with Mother Angelica’s life story including a strong Catholic faith, a call to religious service and stops along the way in Cleveland and Canton, Ohio. And like Mother Angelica, her journey to Alabama began with a promise.

In 1990, Lisa’s mother became very ill. One of the few things to give her comfort during her illness was the programming on EWTN and Mother Angelica. At that time, Gould was living in Cleveland and busy with her career as a full-time theology teacher, girls basketball coach, liturgical music and campus minister at her alma mater Holy Name High School in Parma Heights. Sharing a close relationship with her family, Lisa worried for her mom’s recovery.

“I wanted to give my mom something to strive for, so I promised her that when she got better I would take her to meet Mother Angelica,” said Gould. “I just didn’t realize she was in Alabama. So during my Easter break in 1993, we drove for two days just to watch Mother Angelica’s live show. It felt like we were pilgrims on a religious pilgrimage. That visit marked the first time I felt a call to EWTN.”

The Goulds would repeat the trip the next year, and in the summer of 1994 Lisa returned as a volunteer. For two weeks, she helped to build a new retreat center and got to know Deacon Bill Steltemeier, the president of EWTN. During another visit in 1995, she found herself spending a lot of time in the EWTN Chapel praying. On her last day, she approached Deacon Bill and told him she needed to speak with him.

“The first time that I met Mother Angelica in 1993, something inside of me told me that I was going to be at EWTN someday,” said Gould. “Two years later, I had to admit that, yes, God is calling me here. I told Deacon Bill what I was feeling, and he immediately agreed. He told me he had the same feeling that I belonged there.”

Gould was scheduled to be on a flight that day at 2 p.m. and only had a short time to fill out an application and meet Mother Angelica at Deacon Bill’s insistence. A Promise Kept

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"I was so nervous. Mother came into the parlor, and I asked the Holy Spirit to give me the words of inspiration to answer her questions," said Gould. "And then the phone rang, and she answered it. And then someone came in and brought her a cup of tea. I was so nervous waiting, anticipating this formal interview. Finally, to my relief, she turned to me and simply said 'when can you come?'"

Lisa moved to Alabama that July and started officially at EWTN on July 17, 1995. She began as a member of the viewer response department answering theological questions that viewers sent in the mail. As a former theology teacher for six years, Gould enjoyed the work. After only a month, she was appointed manager of viewer response and then promoted to her current position as vice president of viewer services, responsible for correspondence review and acknowledgment, mail processing, shipping and receiving and handling all viewer and listener inquiries in English and Spanish.

"We're the behind-the-scenes team. You won't see our names in the program credits, but we are the first line of audience information for all of EWTN," said Gould.

The EWTN Global Catholic Network is now in its 34th year and broadcasts to more than 230 million television households in more than 140 countries and territories. Programming is available in English, Spanish, German and French, and offered through TV, radio, short wave radio, and the internet.

During her time at EWTN, Gould has witnessed the network's phenomenal growth and has developed close personal relationships with the colleagues she considers family. She even accompanied Mother Angelica on two trips, including her pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2003.

"I would describe Mother Angelica as very down to earth, honest and sincere. And when she would speak to you, in person or through her broadcasts, she spoke right to your heart," said Gould. "All she did was for the glory of God."

Like many who choose a religious life, Gould's vocation has not been without sacrifice. In recent years, she has suffered the sudden loss of her brother in Ohio and struggled with the difficult choices involved in the caring and passing of her beloved parents, who were married for 63 years.

"I gave up my whole family to come here and there have been tough choices. But I believe whole heartedly in the mission of Mother Angelica and EWTN. I never doubted my faith, even when it wasn't easy," said Gould. "I consider myself blessed to have a career that is also my calling. I'm just a simple servant called to help bring souls to Jesus. My vocation is to serve through the EWTN ministry."

Gould continues to live her life inspired and driven by her favorite quote from Mother Angelica: "We are all called to be great Saints. Don't miss the opportunity."

As a student at Walsh, Lisa Gould '87 was active on campus as a residence assistant, softball and tennis athlete, and manager for the women's basketball and volleyball teams. An accomplished singer, she performed the national anthem for various sporting events on campus. Recently, Gould returned to Walsh to visit her niece Amy Gould, a 2014 nursing graduate.

Survey Response Leads to New Initiatives in Walsh Alumni Office

We Asked.

During the fall 2014 semester, the Office of Alumni Relations conducted a comprehensive survey to all alumni in order to gain a better understanding of the views and opinions related to Walsh University alumni activities and engagement initiatives. The survey collected valuable feedback to more closely align future programming and events with alumni needs and interests.

You Answered.

97.43% of alumni respondents have hired a Walsh student as an intern or assisted a Walsh student with securing a job or internship!

Top 5 Events Walsh Alumni Like to Attend

- Networking Events 26.25%
- Career/Professional Development Opportunities 32.45%
- Events Connecting Alums & Students 35.10%
- Athletic Events 44.54%
- Class Reunions 49.55%
We Listened!

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New Web Based Events and Programs
Top 3 Barriers to Participation in Alumni Activities

1. Time (lack of) ........................................... 63.17%
2. Geographical Distance .............................. 37.4%
3. Family/Job Commitments ......................... 33.4%

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Brother Guy Roddy

Boulder Guy Roddy, FIC, passed into the loving arms of the Lord following a short illness on January 10, 2015.

A long-time member of the Walsh community, Br. Guy’s history with the University extends to its earliest days when he arrived in North Canton, Ohio, in 1960 as a member of Walsh’s first historic class. As a resident Brother living on campus, Br. Guy was known for his compassionate and caring manner and for being a devoted friend to all who knew him.

Brother Guy was born to Wallace and Anna (Wald) Roddy on September 8, 1939, in Burlington, VT. He was educated at Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburg, NY, and spent the early days of his formation in Alfred, Maine, before attending Walsh College in 1960. His profession of perpetual vows took place in 1964.

At Walsh University, Br. Guy served as an assistant professor of theology and as the local superior of the Brothers’ community. He was also a founding member of the National Association of Religious Brothers. At the time of his passing, Br. Guy was the editor of the Brothers’ Newsletter, The Clarion, was the vice chair for mission implementation on the Board of Directors of Walsh University and also served on the board at St. Joseph Health Care Center. Additionally, he was assistant to the superior of the Notre Dame Province.

As a Brother of Christian Instruction, he proved himself to be devoted to the welfare of his fellow Brothers. He enjoyed representing the Brothers’ community and often invited members of the University staff to share a meal, community prayer and quality time with the Brothers. Br. Guy was highly appreciated for his concern for everyone. He is survived by his three siblings, John and Mary of Orlando, FL, and Ellen Peloubet of Trenton, NJ.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Br. Guy Roddy, FIC, Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made payable to Walsh University with the scholarship name in the memo and mailed to Walsh University at 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton, Ohio, 44720.

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Nancy is currently an assistant professor at Stark State College in the Medical Assisting Program, teaching Pharmacology and Medication Administration, Medical Office Procedures and other medical assisting related classes. Nancy and her husband reside in Massillon, Ohio.

2001
Ramona Mercina is now the Vice President of International Human Resources at Ametek.

2007
Robert Houston is now the President/Owner of Bethel Trans, LTD.

2012
Taylor May has moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, and is currently working at Carolinas Health Care System.

2013
Theresa Olverino is employed as a Sophomore English Teacher, Head Varsity Girls Track Coach, and Middle School Volleyball Coach within the Tri-Valley Local School District in Dresden, Ohio.
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