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Meet Pope Francis,
Establish New Scholarship
in His Name**

WALSH REMEMBERS BROTHER FRANCIS BLOUIN, FIC | RECORD DAY OF GIVING, NEW BUILDING HIGHLIGHT *WE BELIEVE* CAMPAIGN

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President's Message

Our 57th academic year was a wonderful time filled with great successes, wonderful student and faculty experiences and new and exciting developments. Why? Simple – We have great people on our campus! Our community culture fosters communication, support, and vision. When that happens, we all move forward.

As you read through this edition of the *Walsh Times*, you will see it all. Let me make it easy for you. I'll relate some things that happened in this semester alone. It's a microcosm of how the year went.

The International PUSH Conference (Presidents United to Stop Hunger) – 90 universities met on our campus to strategize our initiatives to stop hunger. Then, over 200 students, a UN ambassador and heads of domestic and international organizations arrived for the annual Hunger Summit. (Walsh hosting it is a rarity. Next year it's at the University of Illinois).

Our students sponsored a Dance Marathon and raised over \$20,000 for patients at Akron Children's Hospital. Of course, we hosted a Lenten Retreat. The 42nd Annual Philosophy/Theology Symposium took place successfully. The Women Who Rock week-long seminar featured outstanding speakers and honorees. Our Lifelong Learning series sponsored two events. The *Godspell* musical production sold out every performance.

Oh yes, we held classes, played athletic contests, hosted 430 people at our International Student Dinner, and listened to brilliant Honors Presentations by our students. Steel girders sprouted from the site of our Global Learning Center, and our *We Believe* Campaign crept closer to our goal. The Bishop McFadden Council of the Knights of Columbus "made our day" with a \$500,000 pledge, and we hosted a Topping Out Ceremony to celebrate the end of the first phase of construction for the Global Learning Center.

And to cap off this already incredible year, Terie and I had the opportunity to personally meet with Pope Francis and present him with a Walsh scholarship established in his honor, The Servant of the Servants of God Scholarship. This new scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student who otherwise could not afford a Walsh education.

You get it? It has been a great year – blessed by God with success even as we continue to sow the seeds of ever greater harvests.


Richard Jusseaume, President

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Walsh One of Three in Nation Honored for Retention Excellence

Walsh University's student retention efforts have been honored nationally with the prestigious Lee Noel-Randi Levitz Retention Excellence Award for 2017. Walsh received the highest honor, the Gold Award, and is one of only three in the United States to be honored by Ruffalo Noel Levitz, the recognized leader in higher education enrollment and fundraising management solutions.

The Retention Excellence Awards program was established to honor the retention achievements of postsecondary institutions throughout North America in areas such as minority retention, academic advising, career development, early detection programs and more. The award is indicative that Walsh's retention program is a national model to be emulated.

Walsh's Cavalier Connection retention program experienced impressive retention outcomes over the past five years. There was a notable five percent increase from 78.1 percent in 2014 to 83 percent in 2015, which is the highest retention increase in the University's history and above the national average of 75 percent for a comparable institution.

Walsh will be formally recognized at the National Conference on Student Recruitment, Marketing, and Retention in Denver, CO, this July.

Garage Founders Pass the Torch to New Leadership

When The Garage was first launched in 2015, the four student founders envisioned a unique space where students would be encouraged to pursue and work towards their entrepreneurial dreams. Part of that vision was the sustainability of The Garage to remain student-led, with the founders entrusting future generations of entrepreneurs to carry on the legacy.

Among the graduates in this year's class of 2017 were three of the four original founders of The Garage -- Iagos Lucca, Josh Ippolito, and Matt Strobel. The fourth founder Andrew Chwalik graduated in May 2016 and is currently pursuing his master's degree at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Since its inception, The Garage has been an incubator for innovation, hosting leaders in the community like Bob Shearer '74 through the Blueprint Speaker Series, partnering with local companies in market research initiatives and fostering the spirit of entrepreneurship on campus with support of student inspired start-ups.

To end a second successful year of programming and new community partnerships, the founders "passed the torch" onto a new Garage leadership team of Maggie Anderson, William Arfaras and Brandyn Neal. This spring, the new leadership team began their duties by spearheading Entrepreneurship Week activities and developing initial plans for next year's Blueprint Speaker Series.

Dr. Douglas Palmer Named Walsh University Provost

Walsh University has announced the appointment of Douglas Palmer, Ph.D., as Provost.

Dr. Palmer, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the University since 2015, will assume the position previously held by Laurence Bove, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, who retired as Walsh's Provost in May 2016.

Dr. Palmer joined Walsh in the fall of 2005 and has served in various roles during his more than 10-year career with the University. Prior to his current position, he served as Assistant Dean of Academic Innovation, Associate Professor of History, Associate Chair and Chair of the Division of Humanities, Special Assistant to the Provost for Global Learning, and Executive Director of Global Learning. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Palmer was instrumental in the development of the Brother Francis Blouin Global Scholars Program in 2012. The Blouin Global Scholars is a living-learning community dedicated to developing students as leaders in service with a global perspective. In 2007, Dr. Palmer also spearheaded the launch of Walsh's undergraduate degree program in Museum Studies, the only program of its kind offered in Ohio and throughout the Midwest.

The Knights of Columbus Establishes Endowed Scholarship, Secures Legacy

Walsh University and The Knights of Columbus, Bishop McFadden Council No. 3777 in North Canton, proudly announce their new partnership and the establishment of a \$500,000 endowed scholarship program. This unique gift will establish need-based scholarships to Walsh students and provide The Knights of Columbus with partial use of Walsh's facilities. The agreement was signed on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25.

"The establishment of a formal partnership underscores the important relationship between our two organizations, while providing support for our shared commitment to the Catholic faith," said Walsh President Richard Jusseaume. "For The Knights of Columbus, this partnership will strengthen their connection to the local community by creating a more visible presence in North Canton. And for Walsh, the establishment of this scholarship will help to provide much needed financial aid for our students as they pursue their academic goals and personal development as leaders in service to others. This truly is a win-win for us both."

Membership in the Bishop McFadden Council is approximately 180 members from the Catholic parishes of Christ the Servant Church, St. Paul's Catholic Church and Little Flower. The Bishop McFadden Council No. 3777 was established in North Canton in 1954, which coincides with the founding of Walsh University during the same time period.

Walsh Hosts International Food Waste and Hunger Summit

This March, more than 300 university leaders, students and hunger advocates gathered at Walsh to discuss issues of food waste and hunger during the first-ever "Summit Squared: One Movement. Exponential Impact." The conference was a combination of Campus Kitchens Project's Fourth Annual Food Waste & Hunger Summit and the 12th Annual Universities Fighting World Hunger (UFWH) Summit.

Walsh was chosen as the site for the March Hunger Conference to highlight how a small, private university can make an impact on the fight against hunger.

As a pre-conference event, college presidents from across the country met for the Presidents United to Solve Hunger (PUSH) Leaders Forum, March 23-24, also at Walsh. The two-day forum included a dinner on March 23 at the Pro Football Hall of Fame with a keynote address by NFL Player/child hunger advocate Kelvin Beachum. This is the first time university leaders have gathered to collectively address hunger issues.

"There are so many people and groups in Northeast Ohio who are starting to make a difference. Some of these are big organizations and some small grassroots efforts," said Walsh Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Douglas Palmer, Ph.D. "But they all matter in the fight against hunger. That's why we're so proud to be the first 'small' university to host this event. It really means that no matter the size of the organization, we all can have an impact."

Sold-Out *Godspell* Brings the Musical Back to Campus

The Walsh Genesis Players and University Chorale joined together to bring the sold-out musical *Godspell* to campus this spring. This year's production included the musical talents of the Walsh University Chorale under the direction of Dr. Britt Cooper, Division of Fine & Performing Arts Chair.

Godspell presents the Gospel According to St. Matthew in a series of skits and songs, with Jesus and his disciples presented as loving clowns, in this musical featuring songs by Stephen Schwartz, conceived and originally directed by John-Michael Tebelak. *Godspell* marks the first musical in five years for the Walsh Genesis Players.

Dr. Cooper served as Producer of the show along with *Godspell* Director Mark Heffernan and Assistant Professor of Music in Voice Dr. Jennifer D'Agostino as Director of Music. The cast was made-up of 21 Walsh students with the 70 members of the Walsh University Chorale providing "back-up vocals." Performances were held March 30-April 1 in the Birk Center for the Arts.

Faculty and Staff Honored for Years of Service

Congratulations to the following 53 Walsh faculty and staff members who are celebrating milestone service anniversaries this year. Together, they represent 605 years of service and excellence to Walsh University.

5 YEARS

Megan Allen	Andrew Kim
Andrew Baloun	Ute Lahaie
Eric Belden	Rachel Littleton
Tamara Betro	Christy Mitchell
Patricia Bruey	Robert Mizicko
Branko Bucar	Nancy Peters
Lukas Crump	Frances Rabbitt
Jason Fautas	Robert Schandel
Vanessa Freiman	Richard Seivert
Jennifer Golembiewski	Jennifer Vokoun
Devin Jordan	Bryan Whittaker
	Derrick Wyman

10 YEARS

Shane Brown	Rachel Hosler
Michael Cinson	Judy Kreye
Nancy Demetro	Camelly Cruz-Martes
Carolyn Embree	Danilo Mori
Janet Finneran	Jacqueline Mumford
Millie Gaffney	Nisreen Nusair
Alyson Holland	Leslie Whetstine

15 YEARS

Jorge Barrueto	Frank McKnight
Joni Hendricks	Kathy Robertson
Todd McCaulley	Ron Scott
	Holly Vangilder

20 YEARS

Jill Bair	Mark Rogers
John Dlugolecki	Darlene Walro

30 YEARS

Jacqueline Manser	Joseph Vincenzo
Carole Mount	

35 YEARS

Timothy Mead

40 YEARS

Daniel McCallion

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Rick Black, 14 years	Tom Ling, 51 years
Patricia Donaldson, 7 years	Christine McKeon, 28 years
	Rahmat Tavallali, 29 years

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Teaching Award: Michael Petrochuk

Scholarship Award: Katherine Brown

Service Award: Peter Tandler

Supporting Staff Member of the Year: John Buckner

JULY:

1. Walsh earned recognition as a 2016-17 Catholic College of Distinction and a 2016-17 National College of Distinction
2. Walsh partnered with The University of Akron to offer a joint 3+3 Bachelor's/Law Accelerated Degree Program
3. Dr. Ute Lahaie named Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment
4. Dr. Michael Dunphy appointed Dean for the School of Arts & Sciences
5. Dr. Jacqueline Novak appointed Chair of the Division of Mathematics & Sciences
6. School of Arts & Sciences restructured to include Division of Literature, Language & Communication and Division of Humanities
7. Rachel Hosler appointed Assistant Dean of Experiential Learning
8. Inaugural Summer Academy offered classes on innovation and creativity, coding, and STEMM to middle and high school students

AUGUST:

9. Men's Lacrosse joined the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC)
10. Walsh University partnered with the University of Dayton to Offer 3+2 Engineering Degree Program
11. Dr. Edna McCulloh named Dean of Academic Services



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SEPTEMBER:

12. President and Mrs. Jusseume attended canonization of Walsh Honorary Alumna Mother Teresa in Rome
13. Kate Bruce named Women's Basketball Head Coach

OCTOBER:

14. Walsh named to President's Honor Roll for Community Service
15. Dr. Karen Gehrling honored with Betty Neuman Award during the 2016 Nursing Research Day
16. Walsh launched new Master of Occupational Therapy program
17. Outstanding Alumni awards presented to J. Nate Cooks '88, Outstanding Achievement Award; Catherine Shew '79, Distinguished Service Award; Br. Jerome Lessard '66, Lifetime Achievement Award
18. Walsh University Student Government meeting room dedicated to James "Beanie" McPartlin '67

NOVEMBER:

19. Walsh honored nationally as a 2017 Military Friendly School by Victory Media
20. More than 500 gathered to welcome Sister Dominga, M.C., and celebrate the life and legacy of Saint Teresa of Calcutta
21. Head Men's Basketball Coach Jeff Young won his 300th game, against Cedarville University, in his 382nd game coached, an impressive feat that only a few basketball coaches achieve
22. Alumni executives from Twitter, American Greetings and Verizon discuss "The Digital Transformation" at the 50th Anniversary Business Club Scholarship Luncheon
23. IBEW Local 1985 donated Main Street building to Walsh for preservation of the Union and Hoover Company Legacy



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DECEMBER:

- 24. Men and women's Track and Field and Cross Country Coach Rob Mizicko was named Coach of the Year by the All-Ohio Coaches Association
- 25. Congressman James B. Renacci awarded a Walsh Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters, announced establishment of The James B. Renacci Forum & Center for Civic Engagement established in the new Global Learning Center
- 26. Sister Karen Lindenberger honored with Walsh's Distinguished Service Medal at Winter Commencement
- 27. Dan Pifer named Head Football Coach

JANUARY:

- 28. Athletic Wall of Fame inductees for 2017 included Ingrid (Brainard) Hughes '07, Corey Jones '08, Chad Lahna '05, Kami (Kessler) Treharn '00, George Theodoris '04, Brandon Weems '08, who were honored for their athletic achievements, and Timm Fautsko '67, who was honored for meritorious service
- 29. Men and women's Cross Country teams recognized as nation's top team GPA
- 30. Baseball Head Coach Tim Mead honored by the NAIA Baseball Coaches Association with the 2017 Robert E. Smith Lifetime Achievement Award



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FEBRUARY:

- 31. National expert Dr. Amelie Hollier led the Current Updates for Advanced Practice Nursing Workshop at Walsh
- 32. Dr. Douglas Palmer named Walsh University Provost
- 33. Dr. Linda Barclay appointed as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
- 34. Online MBA honored as a 2016 Top 10 Catholic Program, 2017 Best Online Program, and Top 50 Best Value Accelerated Online MBA Program
- 35. Ten-week training course offered in authentic Classical Japanese swordsmanship
- 36. Two Walsh applicants among 2017 Fulbright Scholarship semi-finalists

MARCH:

- 37. Walsh partnered with The Catholic University of America to offer a joint 3+3 Bachelor's/Law Accelerated Degree Program
- 38. More than 300 attended International Food Waste and Hunger Summit at Walsh
- 39. Fourth Annual Walsh University Dance Marathon raised record \$20,344 for Akron Children's Hospital
- 40. Partnership with The Knights of Columbus established \$500,000 endowed scholarship program
- 41. Women's Track and Field ranked 14th in USTFCCCA NCAA Division II national rankings and ninth in the indoor national championships.
- 42. The Genesis Players' sold-out production of *Godspell* marked the return of the musical to campus
- 43. Six Walsh Track & Field athletes earned All-American honors

APRIL:

- 44. Rebecca Coneglio appointed Associate Dean for Undergraduate Admissions
- 45. Four-time All-American in Track and Field, Sarah Berger named a 2016-17 GLIAC Commissioner's Award recipient
- 46. Walsh welcomed Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria for first visit to a private university
- 47. Second annual Day of Giving raised \$101,031 from nearly 200 donors, more than doubling its goal
- 48. Ceremony celebrated the placement of the final beam on the Global Learning Center, marked end of Phase I construction
- 49. Walsh recommended in the 2017 edition of *The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College* for the fifth consecutive year
- 50. Senior Erin Loomis awarded a 2017 U.S. Fulbright Scholarship to Thailand
- 51. Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, gave commencement keynote address and received Walsh Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters

MAY:

- 52. Walsh recognized with the prestigious Noel-Levitz Retention Excellence Award, one of only three universities in the U.S. to be honored
- 53. Walsh hosted the NCAA Division II Regional Golf Tournament at Glenmoor Country Club



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“I congratulate the graduates and express my gratitude to their families, professors and all who helped bring them to this momentous occasion. As the Apostolic Nuncio, the professional representative of the Holy Father to this country, I wish to convey to all of you his spiritual closeness and his best wishes on this special day.”

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters and Keynote Speaker

The threat of rain outside did not dampen the spirits inside the Cecchini Family Health & Wellness Complex, as the Walsh community gathered on Sunday, April 30, to celebrate the achievements of 424 spring graduates as they received their respective associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate degrees. They join the 301 graduates from Walsh’s Winter Commencement Ceremony for a total of 725 graduates for the 2016-17 academic year.

This year, Walsh was honored to welcome Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, as keynote speaker and special guest the Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown the Most Reverend George V. Murry. Commencement weekend activities also included a Baccalaureate Mass celebrated by Rt. Rev. Sabino Ocan Odoki, Bishop of Arua, Uganda.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters



Archbishop Christophe Pierre

One of the Vatican’s most distinguished and respected diplomats, the Papal Nuncio is the Pope’s representative in relations with the U.S. administration and with the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (U.S.C.C.B.). Archbishop Pierre was awarded the Walsh Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters as a tribute to his dedication and accomplishments, including

his support of the Brothers of Christian Instruction and their service in Haiti and Uganda.

Archbishop Pierre was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to the United States by Pope Francis on April 12, 2016. At the time of his assignment, Archbishop Pierre was nuncio to Mexico, a position he held with considerable distinction for nine years. He came to Washington, D.C., as an experienced diplomat, with first-hand knowledge of the dramatic plight of migrants from Central America and Mexico to the United States.

Br. Charles Desjarlais, FIC, Receives Founders’ Award



Br. Charles Desjarlais, FIC

President Jusseume also honored Brother Charles Desjarlais, FIC, with the Walsh University Founders’ Award. Established in 1985, the award is bestowed on 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. As a dedicated educator for more than 30 years in Canada, Japan and the Philippines, Brother Charles has lived his Catholic faith in service to others around the world.

Tower of Excellence and Outstanding Students Honored

“The Brothers’ legacy has been passed down to all of us. They created an environment where we got to learn about great love. I know we will take that legacy with us wherever we go as we continue to do the small things for others. Always remembering that doing small things with great love can make a big impact.”



Alexis Howard '16

The Tower of Excellence Award recipient and senior class speaker, Alexis Howard, graduated in December 2016 with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology/Pre-Occupational Therapy and a minor

in Theology. Throughout her educational career at Walsh, Howard routinely demonstrated a strong commitment to Walsh’s values through her leadership and service. She consistently earned Dean’s List Honors and graduated with a cumulative 3.62 GPA. A native of McDonald, OH, Howard enhanced her education through independent travel and several trips with Walsh’s Global Learning Program, as well as an internship with Pegasus Farm Equine Therapy Center.

During her Walsh tenure, Howard held various memberships including the Cavs Crew, the Residence Hall Association, and the Pre-Occupational Therapy Club. She participated

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in both the Discover and Agape Retreats, holding leadership positions with both, and also served as a Peacemaker, a Campus Ambassador, and a Core Team Member with Sisters of Christ. Embracing the Walsh value of service, Howard volunteered with the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Maine, Habitat for Humanity, MLK Jr. Days of Service, and throughout the local community. Among her many honors, Howard was also named Walsh's 2015 Homecoming Queen, a Walsh Woman of Distinction Nominee in 2015 and received the Cushwa Endowed Scholarship for Leadership in Service each year.

Currently, Howard is enrolled in Walsh's Counseling and Human Development program, with a specialization in Student Affairs in Higher Education.



Annie Zaremba '17

The Outstanding Student Award, Walsh's most prestigious academic honor, was presented to Annie Zaremba, who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Education,

Adolescent to Young Adult: Integrated Science, and a minor in Biology. A North Canton native, Zaremba earned a 4.0 cumulative GPA, made the Dean's List every semester, and was inducted into the Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi. She was also honored as the 2017 Outstanding Senior in Adolescent to Young Adult Education-Science.

While at Walsh, Zaremba participated as a member of the Cross-Country and Indoor Track & Field teams, earning All-GLIAC Academic Excellence in 2014, 2015 and 2016. She also took part in Walsh's Global Learning program and has served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer at the Hartville Migrant Ministry since 2012. Zaremba shared her love of science and biology with leadership roles in the Science Outreach Program in 2016

when she guided local homeschooled children through lab experiences, helped lead a creek investigation activity as a part of a camp for local elementary schools and taught students from Lake and Hartville Elementary about ecosystems. She also tutored high school students and volunteered her services at the Canton College Preparatory School.

Following graduation, Zaremba plans to begin her education career teaching science and coaching cross country or track at the high school level.

Senior Class Honors Andrea Price as Outstanding Educator of the Year



Andrea Price

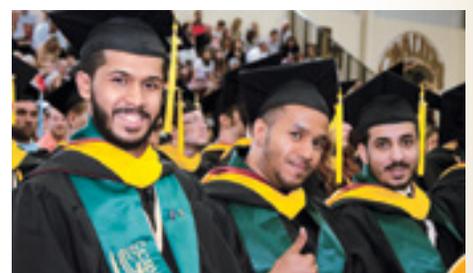
Clinical Associate Professor of Nursing Andrea Price was selected by the senior class as the 2017 Outstanding Educator of the Year. Sponsored by Walsh University Student Government (WUSG), the award is voted on by the Walsh students and given annually to a professor who is a prime example of a true all-around educator.

Andrew Weyand Named Mentor of the Year by Senior Class



Andrew Weyand

In addition, graduating seniors honored Career Center Director Andrew Weyand with the Terrance Portis Mentor of the Year award, named in memory of Terrance Portis '08, Walsh's former manager of the Academic Support Center who passed away in 2012. Each year, the senior class selects the Mentor of the Year for their outstanding guidance, education outside the classroom, and significant contributions to their college experience.



Called By Name: Isaiah 43:1-7



W A L S H U N I V E R S I T Y

Remembers

Brother Francis Blouin, FIC

1929 – 2017

He Made a Difference

In May of 1967, days before my Walsh graduation, I was told that a visiting Brother Francis Blouin wanted to speak with me. In a brief conversation, he told me he was principal of Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh, NY, and he had chosen me from our graduates as his new faculty member – and he needed me in a week. A year later, I was chair of the English department, and the next year Dean of Students, and the third year assistant principal at the residential prep school. The cycle of influence he had on my life had begun.

In 1972, he was instrumental in my assignment as Dean of Students at Walsh. I left in 1974, but when he became Walsh president he showed up at my home in 1979 and refused to leave that night until I agreed to serve five more years. In 1992, he showed up at my corporate office and talked me into joining the Walsh Board of Directors – and promptly retired.

In May of 2001, he called me late one night and again very early the next morning to tell me I had to apply for the presidency of Walsh. You get the idea. Over a period of about 45 years, he was a major influence on my career and my life. Beyond that, he was a mentor for me (and Dr. Larry Bove), and he helped shape our vision and our leadership philosophies.

He was a gentle man who occasionally got quite angry. He was a brilliant man who enjoyed simple pleasures. He was a kind man who would crush you at chess. He was a holy man who never mastered patience. He was presidential but picked up trash on campus. He was a simple man who lived by the belief that “— we must make a difference.” And he did make a difference – wherever he worked. His eight years at Kisubi Brothers University in Uganda may have been his greatest professional achievement, and his vast network of family, Brothers, students, and friends were testimony to his humanity. They called, wrote, visited, emailed, and sought him. He had a lot to give.

In each of our lives, there are people who make a difference. Throughout the life of any institution, there are those who pass through but leave behind a legacy that guides its future. Br. Francis was such a man. His 14.5 years as president were crucial to Walsh’s survival. His sense of mission was profound. His passion for excellence was contagious. His vision for Walsh was its *raison d’être*.

May our fond memories of Br. Francis inspire us to continue his work. May his life lead us to help and to serve one another. May his legacy challenge us to continue God’s work at Walsh and beyond.



Richard Jusseume, *President*

“The Lord says, you are mine; when you pass through the water, I will be with you,...when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,... because you are precious in my eyes and glorious, because I love you... fear not, for I am with you...everyone who is named is mine, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and named.” Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

Brother Francis Blouin, FIC
1929 – 2017



During an interview in 2016, Brother Francis Blouin, FIC, paused to reflect on his life, one that was filled with notable milestones: personally meeting not one, but two saints,

Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II; serving as President of Walsh University for 14 years; founding a university in Kisubi; and championing issues of social justice for the disenfranchised. But when asked what he considered to be his proudest accomplishment, his humble answer truly embodied his life’s work and the legacy that will endure beyond his earthly years. Br. Francis was most proud of being a teacher.

To all who had the privilege to know him, Br. Francis was a teacher. And his most powerful tool was leading by example. His life exemplified the Walsh mission of servant leadership and the knowledge he imparted went beyond what can be found in textbooks or classrooms. He taught from the heart, trusted his faith, and worked tirelessly to make the world a better place.

“I think what I’m most proud of is that I was a teacher all my life. I decided to teach in 1949, and I taught until 2011. I joined the community of the Brothers of Christian Instruction to be a teacher. It was not to be a religious. It was not to be an administrator. It was to be a teacher.”

Scholar. Humanitarian. Teacher. Friend.

The Walsh University community mourns one of its most influential advocates and a cherished friend with the loss of its third President, Brother Francis Regis Blouin, FIC, who passed into the loving arms of the Lord on January 21, 2017, from complications due to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

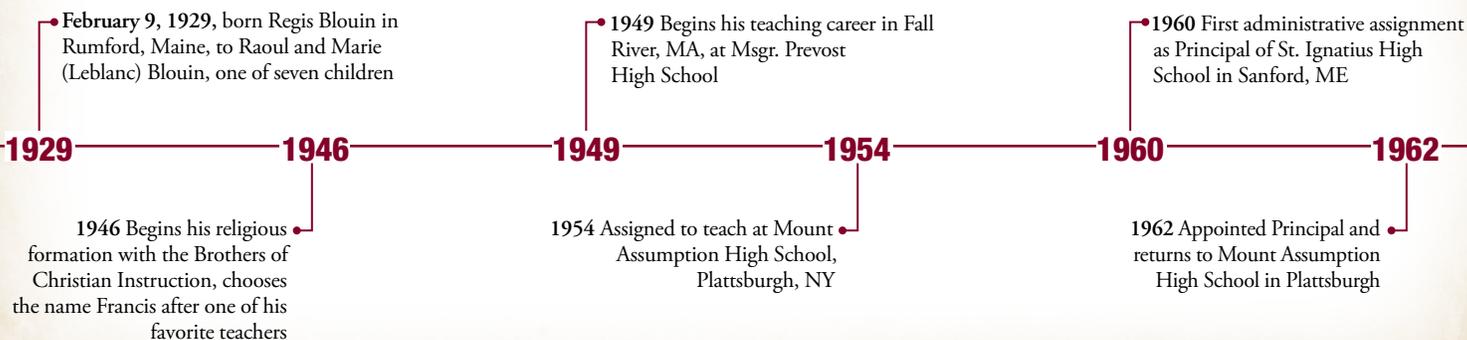
Since joining the Brothers of Christian Instruction in 1946, Br. Francis gave his life without hesitation to education and social justice. Among his many accomplishments during his tenure as Walsh’s President from 1978-1992, Br. Francis was responsible for bringing five Nobel Peace Prize winners to campus, including Willy Brandt in 1983, Adolfo Perez Esquivel in 1986, Coretta Scott King representing her husband Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1986, Elie Wiesel in 1987, and, most notably, Saint Teresa of Calcutta

in 1982. After 14 years, Br. Francis retired as Walsh President in 1992 and spent the majority of his time in Africa serving as the Director of the Kisubi Brothers University Centre, in Kisubi, and participating in countless initiatives to bring higher education to the people of Africa.

“I considered the highlight of my days at Walsh the visit of Mother Teresa as she represented the best our community could present. We had given her an Honorary



Brother Francis Blouin, FIC





Ph.D.; her dedication and commitment represented the ideal of our Walsh community," said Br. Francis in his autobiography *Called by Name: Isaiah 43:1-7*. "Would that many of our students were as committed as Mother Teresa to serve the Lord in others."

A Child of the Century

Br. Francis Blouin, born February 9, 1929, in Rumford, Maine, to father Raoul Blouin and mother Marie (Leblanc), joined the Brothers of Christian Instruction in 1946. He earned his bachelor's degree in History from La Mennais College, a master's degree in European History from the Catholic University of America, his Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University, and completed additional graduate studies at The University of Notre Dame, the University of Detroit and Highlands College in England.

"Though religious values are important to me and have often defined my life," said

Br. Francis, "I am also a child of the century, seeking rational explanations for unexpected outcomes, logical explanations to life's events, but I cannot view my life as a mere sequence of happenings without discovering a guiding hand that nudged me one way or another, sustaining me in tempestuous days as in serene times of achievement."

In total, he dedicated more than 60 years of his life to education from 1949 to 2011, serving in various roles as a teacher, guidance counselor and administrator. Br. Francis began his career in Fall River, MA, at Msgr. Prevost High School teaching secondary school classes in the fall of 1949. He later taught in Plattsburgh, NY, from 1954-1960 before he became a principal at St. Ignatius High School in Sanford, ME, (1960-1961) and Mount Assumption High School in Plattsburgh (1962-1970).

He joined Walsh as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a position he held from 1970-1976 and again from 1992-2000. In addition, he was also a member of the Board of Directors of Sangre de Cristo Renewal Center in Santa Fe, NM, from 1970-1973, serving as Chairman of the Board from 1972-1973.

Walsh University's Third President

Br. Francis was appointed Walsh University's third president in 1978, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. During his tenure, he created a foundation for Walsh's transition from a college to a university, while emphasizing initiatives that underscored the University's Catholic identity and mission. According to the late Brother Joseph Power, FIC, he was described by his colleagues as thoughtful, considerate, approachable, understanding, compassionate, unselfish, generous, gregarious and forgiving.

Timeline of key events:

- 1970** Named Superior of the American Province of the Brothers of Christian Instruction
- 1970** Named Walsh Chairman of the Board of Trustees, a position he held until 1976
- 1970-1973** Served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Conference of Religious Superiors
- 1970-1973** Joined the Board of Directors of Sangre de Cristo Renewal Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico, serving as Chairman of the Board from 1972-1973
- 1978** Br. Francis Blouin is appointed Walsh University's third president
- 1982** Mother Teresa visits Walsh's campus and speaks to more than 2,000 people in the Physical Education Building
- 1983** Walsh welcomed Former West German Chancellor and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Willy Brandt

Counted among the many accomplishments during his presidency:

- A strengthened financial stability including an emphasis on increasing Walsh's endowment fund
- A renewed focus on student recruitment that led to an unprecedented enrollment growth from under 800 students in 1978 to just over 1,400 in 1992
- The awarding of 19 honorary degrees including three to Nobel Prize winners
- The first graduate programs in 1981 with Master of Arts degrees in Counseling & Human Development, Education and Management
- Walsh's first nursing programs in the early 1980s
- Walsh University's 25th Anniversary Celebration in 1985
- Campus enhancements including the \$1.15 million campaign in 1986 for the expansion of the Br. Edmond Drouin Library
- Br. Francis' commitment to peace and justice led to the founding of Walsh's Institute for Justice and Peace in 1985
- The 1986 Campaign also included funding for the addition of the 49-foot iconic Walsh bell tower at the west entrance to Farrell Hall
- The construction and opening of the Hannon Child Development Center in 1991 for the growing Division of Education
- Greater emphasis on engagement and involvement in the Canton community

- Computer offerings and equipment were greatly expanded
- A significant increase in the enrolled number of adult learners, particularly in evening classes
- Program development and enrollment growth led to an increased number of faculty, more than half with a Ph.D.

In addition, Br. Francis was personally responsible for the appointment of two of Walsh's longest serving senior administrators when he brought back Richard Jusseaume as Dean of Students in 1978 and selected Dr. Laurence Bove as Chief Academic Officer/Provost in 1982.

"I interviewed everyone we hired at Walsh, and I always discussed our mission statement with them so that everyone would clearly understand what were our goals and priorities. I also tried to bring speakers to the campus who would bring recognition to the institution while reflecting the College's mission statement: Mother Teresa, Elie Wiesel, Adolpho Perez Esquivel, Thea Bowman, Willy Brandt, Coretta Scott King. We trusted these recognized international leaders would serve as role models for our students and our staff."

In 1991, he was honored as the first Canton recipient of the State of Israel Peace Medal for exemplary commitment to the well-being of the State of Israel and to strengthening interfaith understanding and cooperation. For his outstanding service in intellectual and human interest areas, and for his significant contributions to the greater community, Br. Francis was honored in 1992 with a Walsh Honorary Doctorate in Human Services.



"As I left Walsh for an extended tour, I knew that I was leaving the most exciting and challenging time of my life. In what other field could I have had the opportunity to host Mother Teresa on her flight to Minneapolis from Canton? Where else would I spend a full day with Elie Wiesel and other holocaust survivors? Where else could I be a house guest with Willy Brandt? Where else would I be a back-up speaker for George Will and still be able to relax? Where else could I host dynamic Thea Bowman three weeks before she died? In what other occupation could I raise more than half a million dollars a year and still be invited to all the important parties in town? In what other work could I be daily challenged by 50 Ph.D. professors and still maintain my self-confidence?"

He was appointed Superior of the American Province of the Brothers of Christian Instruction from 1970-1976 and again from 1994-2000. While Provincial Superior, Br. Francis Blouin served as the

Brother Francis Blouin, FIC *Continued*

1985  1985 Walsh University celebrates its 25th Anniversary

1986  1986 Walsh hosts Coretta Scott King representing her husband Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

1987  1987 Holocaust survivor and human rights champion Elie Wiesel becomes the fifth Nobel Peace Prize recipient to visit Walsh by personal invitation from Br. Francis

1988  1988 Br. Francis meets Pope John Paul II at the Vatican during a private audience with 58 delegates attending the General Chapter of the Brothers of Christian Instruction. Br. Francis was an elected delegate of the American Province.

1991  1991 Honored as the first Canton recipient of the State of Israel Peace Medal

1992  July 1992 Br. Francis officially retires as Walsh's Third President and is honored with a Walsh Honorary Doctorate in Human Services

secretary-treasurer of the New England Conference of Religious Superiors from 1970-1973. He was appointed President of the Coalition to End Homelessness from 2000-2002 and served as the President of Maine Council of Churches from 2001-2004.

“On July 14, 1992, I was pleased to leave the Walsh College campus for Russia and a long sabbatical as I knew that I needed a change, yet I left part of my heart with the Canton community, very grateful for the challenging days that meant so much to me, but also looking forward to travel throughout

Europe and a new worthwhile occupation the following year.”

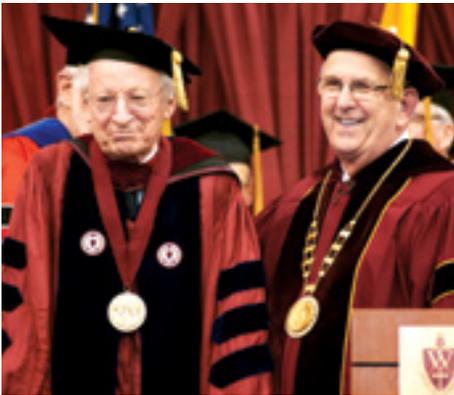
A New Chapter in Africa

In 2003, he became Director of the Kisubi Brothers Centre, a constituent college of Uganda Martyrs University, and was a Founding Member of Kisubi Brothers University College. On February 6, 2012, the Brother Francis Blouin Academic Centre Building was formally dedicated in his honor at the Kisubi Brothers University.

“When I accepted to serve as Principal of Kisubi Brothers University, I promised to serve two or three years to allow the

community time to prepare its own personnel. Eventually I served eight years, one year to help organize the university, and seven years as its Principal. Though they were difficult days in Uganda, I enjoyed my work, mainly because the students were so appreciative of any help given to them, often help that literally changed their lives.”

Among his many accolades, Br. Francis was honored with the Walsh Founders’ Award in 2012. Since his retirement, he remained active with Walsh, most recently serving as the Honorary Chair of the *We Believe* Campaign for Walsh University.



1992 – 2000 Br. Francis continues to serve Walsh during his second term as Chairman of the Board of Directors

2000 Appointed President of the Coalition to End Homelessness, a position he held until 2002



April 29, 2012 Br. Francis honored with the Walsh Founders’ Award and presents the Keynote Address at the May Commencement

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1994 – 2000 Br. Francis named for a second term as the Superior of the American Province of the Brothers of Christian Instruction

2001 Served as the President of Maine Council of Churches until 2004

2003 Br. Francis, at the age of 74, moves to Africa and is named Director of the Kisubi Brothers Centre, a constituent college of Uganda Martyrs University. He becomes a founding member of Kisubi Brothers University College.

February 6, 2012 the Brother Francis Blouin Academic Centre Building formally dedicated in his honor at the Kisubi Brothers University

The Legacy of Br. Francis Memorialized

"I served as an educator during 62 years, 10 as a teacher, 10 as a secondary school administrator, 12 as Provincial Superior, 23 as a University President, three as Vicar for Religious, two as President of the Coalition to End Homelessness and two years in full-time study," said Br. Francis. "I can honestly say that I enjoyed every task that I undertook, whether it was teaching in an elementary school in Fall River or being President of Walsh University, being Provincial Superior or working to end homelessness in Maine, being Maine's Vicar for Religious or founding the University of Kisubi, in Uganda. If I were given another chance at a career choice, I would return to the same career, confident of my blessings and confident that I would enjoy my many different educational responsibilities."

The legacy of Br. Francis also inspired the formation of two of Walsh's newest service learning groups dedicated to continuing his humanitarian work globally and locally, the Br. Francis Blouin Global Scholars in 2012 and the Blouin Leaders in Social Justice in 2013. His faith in God, fidelity to the Catholic Church, active concern for Christian education, dedication to authentic social justice, and courageous promotion of human welfare, especially among the less fortunate and disenfranchised are a testament to his legacy and an inspiration to future generations of servant leaders.

"The path of life is never without surprises, some bringing blessings, others bringing challenges. The secret is to accept each with some serenity, ever conscious that one needs not succeed, only to ever strive."

Brother Francis Blouin, FIC

Reflecting on the Extraordinary Blessing of Life

After a serious accident in 2011, Br. Francis was diagnosed with ALS, which is widely known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Not allowing the disease to hold him back, he returned to Walsh in 2012 to serve as Commencement Speaker and traveled to Kisubi for the dedication of the new academic center dedicated in his name on February 6. While there, he celebrated his 83rd birthday before returning to the United States.

"If ALS can claim notable victories over my body, it had definitely lost the challenge over my spirit. Though I never had enough faith to ask for a miracle cure, I dared to ask a greater miracle, that of patience, acceptance and good spirit. To date, when I think of ALS, my first thought is: 'Thank you Lord, for delaying the onset of the dance until I was already 82 and considering retirement, rather than at 30-40, its normal onset. And thank you, Lord, for the additional ministry at Walsh, Uganda and Alfred, with the homeless and the wonderful staff and students that filled those years.' How would I not be appreciative of this extraordinary blessing of life?"

In 2013, Br. Francis took the advice of a close friend to write his autobiography.

At the age of 84, he sat down and recounted his life in what he called a "little pamphlet" that is available through the Brother Edmond Drouin Library at Walsh University. His memoir *Called by Name: Isaiah 43:1-7* was named for the Scripture passage that he felt summarized the Lord's presence throughout his life.

"There were a number of occasions in my life when I experienced the call in a definite, almost tangible way. I have truly enjoyed a blessed existence, comforted in need and strengthened during challenges," said Br. Francis. "So please celebrate with me the gift of life, what has been and what will be, not allowing the shadows of life to dampen our spirits. One cannot paint a masterpiece without generously using the darker shades and contrasting hues."

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Br. Francis Blouin, 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, 2020 East Maple St., North Canton, Ohio, 44720.

**NOTE: Quotes by Br. Francis for this article were obtained from his autobiography Called By Name: Isaiah 43:1-7 and previous Walsh interviews.*



Finding Common Ground in Thailand

Walsh's Second Fulbright and a 2016 Alum Explore Teaching in Thailand

As an education major, Erin Loomis '17 always knew she wanted to be in a classroom. She just never imagined it could be anywhere in the world. As a Brother Francis Blouin Global Scholar at Walsh, she found a new passion and concern for the international community. That new perspective has led her to become Walsh's second Fulbright Scholar with an opportunity to teach in Thailand.

This May, Loomis was awarded a 2017-2018 Fulbright U.S. Student Grant to Thailand, a highly competitive fellowship that enables students to pursue academic endeavors overseas. Erin Loomis graduated from Walsh on Sunday, April 30, with her bachelor's degree in education and certification as an Early Childhood Intervention Specialist and Intervention Specialist Moderate to Intensive. A native of Canfield, OH, Loomis competed for 22 open positions as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Thailand. The ETA programs place Fulbright Scholars in classrooms abroad to provide assistance to local English teachers, while serving as cultural ambassadors for the United States.

"The mission of the Blouin Global Scholars completely matches with my outlook on the world and how people should be treated. It was a perfect fit," said Loomis. "I chose Thailand because it's a part of the world I've never been in, and I'm interested in learning more about that area. I've always wanted to teach. It's always been who I am. But until Walsh, I never knew it was possible to teach internationally. Because of my experience with the Blouin Scholars and Walsh's emphasis on Global Learning, I've discovered a love for our international community."





The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest U.S. exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide. The program currently awards approximately 1,900 grants annually in all fields of study, and operates in more than 140 countries worldwide.

As a Br. Francis Blouin Global Scholar researching the issue of global healthcare, Loomis has studied in Tanzania, Italy and most recently this May with the Walsh Division of Education in Uruguay.

"It is an enormous accomplishment for Erin to have been selected as a Fulbright U.S. Student awardee," said Director of Service Learning Abigail Poeske, Fulbright Program Advisor. "It demonstrates both the strength of Walsh's Blouin Global Scholars program and Erin's academic and extra-curricular successes. As a leader in service with an international perspective, Erin personifies Walsh's mission, and we are proud of her achievement."

If Loomis should choose to accept the scholarship, she could find herself in a similar Thailand community as her fellow Walsh education alumna Kayla Duryea '16. Just three weeks after graduating in December

with her degree in Education AYA and English, Duryea was half-way around the world, traveling dirt roads and teaching English to 800 middle-school children in the north east town of Prakhon Chai in Thailand. Duryea left on Christmas morning and spent 10 weeks in Thailand through an organization called Greenheart Travel.

Like Loomis, her experience in Rome, Italy, through Walsh's Global Learning Program, kindled a passion for traveling and exploring cultures different from her own.

"I really wanted to go back to Rome. But I realized that if I did, it would be an experience just for me. When I began to consider

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Erin Loomis '17



“While it was still a trip of self-transformation, it felt awesome to contribute and make a difference as a teacher.” *Kayla Duryea '16*

“Thailand was my home for 10 incredible weeks, and I hold every moment close to me because it changed me. As difficult as some of my experiences were, the complete joy and amazement I felt through the culture, physical locations and scenery, and most importantly the people, captivated me to my very core,” said Duryea. “Having survived and truly lived 10 weeks on my own in Thailand reassures me that I am ready for that next chapter in life. I will continue to seek adventure and live with

an open heart to God and to all the possibilities He gives me along the way.”

Walsh University's first Fulbright was Benjamin Louis '12, a double-major in History and Education, who was selected as a 2012-13 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in South Korea.

Thailand, it felt like I would be needed there and that I could make a difference,” said Duryea. “And it turned out to be just that. While it was still a trip of self-transformation, it felt awesome to contribute and make a difference as a teacher.”

Duryea taught 12-14 year olds in Prakhon Chai, with an average class size of about 50 students. Almost half of her students would travel an hour or more each day from rice farming districts that lack schools past the elementary level. In most cases, she was her students' first exposure to an American and to the English language.

“I had to learn enough Thai words to get through to my students. But I also relied on acting things out. On my first day, I sang to them and discovered they loved music,” said Duryea. “They think everyone in America is friends with Justin Bieber and Taylor Swift, which I had to explain wasn't the case. But it gave me the idea to pull music into our lessons. We would listen to a Justin Bieber song and then discuss some of the vocabulary words we heard. Music became our common connector.”

During her time in Thailand, Duryea explored the country, mostly on her own, with trips to the Grand Palace in Bangkok, an elephant sanctuary, scuba diving on the coast and excursions to nearby Temples.



Br. Marcel Sylvestre: *A Life Dedicated to Service*



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After calling Walsh’s campus his home for the past 12 years, Marcel Sylvestre, FIC, Ph.D., will make the move from La Mennais Hall in North Canton to live with the Brothers of Christian Instruction in La Prairie, Canada, this summer. His involvement with Walsh spans the history of the University, from his first appointment to the Board of Directors in 1964 to leadership positions over the years including Sociology Professor, Academic Dean and Interim President.

As a resident Brother, his impact on campus has included serving as the Mission Outreach Coordinator for the American Province of the Brothers, raising funds for Haiti earthquake survivors, organizing a recycling partnership with the North Canton Fire Department and conducting workshops on development assistance around the world. Among his many professional accomplishments is the founding of a school in Haiti in 1996, the Université Notre Dame d’Haïti.

Most recently, his influence led to Walsh’s honor of hosting the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, as the 2017 Commencement Speaker. Archbishop Pierre worked closely with Br. Marcel and the Brothers of Christian Instruction in both Haiti and Uganda.

Marcel Sylvestre was born in Biddeford, ME, in 1928. He attended local Catholic schools and entered the Brothers’ novitiate in 1944 and took his final vows as a Brother of Christian Instruction in 1950. He holds a B.A. in history from La Mennais College, ME, an M.A. in Catholic Social Thought from The Catholic University of America, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from The Ohio State University.

After teaching in Massachusetts and New York from 1947 to 1960, he served as high school principal with schools under the administration of the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Fall River, MA, and Detroit, MI, until 1966. As Principal of Msgr. Prevost High School in Fall River, Br. Marcel can count Walsh’s current President Richard Jusseaume ’67 as one of his students.

He first became affiliated professionally with Walsh as a Board Member in 1964, just four years after the college was founded. He joined the staff and taught sociology from 1966 to 1975, interrupted by three years as a teaching associate at Ohio State. He was appointed Academic Dean at Walsh from 1975 to 1980, after which he enjoyed a sabbatical at Sangre de Cristo Center before returning to teaching. Br. Marcel was a Board Member at Walsh from 1964-75,

Board Secretary 1975 to 1980 and returned to the Board of Directors in 1995.

He has held various positions during his tenure at Walsh, including a semester as the college's Interim President during a time of transition. When approached to serve as the third President of Walsh in the summer of 1977, Br. Francis Blouin accepted the position with one condition -- that he could



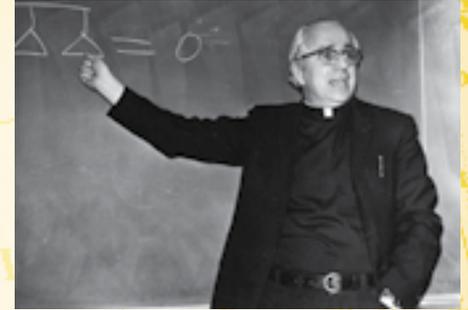
travel to Rome and complete his dissertation before taking office. Br. Marcel stepped forward and offered to serve in his place as Walsh's Interim President during the fall semester. Br. Francis returned from Italy and officially took office in January 1978.

In 1982, Br. Marcel was elected to a six-year term as First Assistant to the Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Instruction



and was re-elected in 1988. After 12 years in Rome, with special responsibility for the mission territories of the Order, he served as Education Coordinator for residents at York County Shelters at Alfred, ME.

In January 1996 he was called to Haiti where he was a Founder and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs at the Université Notre Dame d'Haïti. In August 1999, he began six years of service as Projects Officer for Terre Sans Frontières, La Prairie, with special responsibility for projects in Haiti, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya.



He also served as Chairman of the Walsh Board from 2000 to 2009, and as the Mission Outreach Coordinator for the American Province of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

In August 2005, the offices of Mission Project Service moved from Cape Vincent, NY, to Walsh University, and Br. Marcel returned to Walsh to prepare the seventh edition of "Agencies for Development Assistance." The English edition appeared in November 2007 and in Spanish and French versions four months later. The book is a compilation of information on 326 agencies from 26 countries that are willing to provide aide to groups in Africa, Asia, Latin American, the Pacific Islands, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. It has now reached more than 4,500 copies and approximately 140 countries.

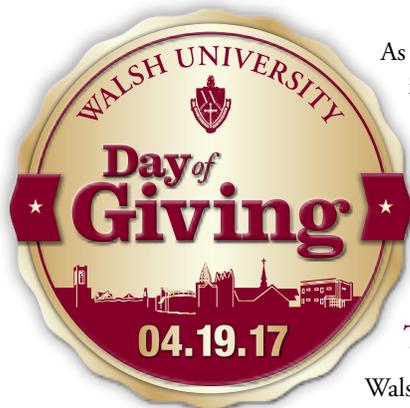
At the age of 88, Br. Marcel continues to travel regularly to conduct workshops related to the book he helped to update and publish. His plans include a trip to Haiti this fall.

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Record Giving, New Building Highlight *We Believe* Campaign

Continued Success



As the *We Believe* Campaign nears its final goal of \$30 million, the University celebrated two major campaign milestones this semester, both during one eventful week in April.

Second Annual Day of Giving Raises More Than \$100,000

Walsh University's second annual Day of Giving on Wednesday, April 19, was a resounding success that doubled its original goal and inspired the support of nearly 200 donors. The Day of Giving generated \$101,031, exceeding both the original goal of \$50,000 as well as the extended goal of \$75,000 during the 24-hour event.

Adding to the excitement of the day were five unique challenges, which not only significantly impacted the dollars raised but also created energy throughout the day. A special thank you to our challenge sponsors President Richard Jusseume, AJ Hyland Family, Gary and Linda Byers, Jeff and Carol Rossi Family and the Carol Miller Family.

Five Challenges Issued. Five Challenges Met.



Race to 25 States For each of the first 25 states represented by a gift to the Day of Giving, President Richard Jusseume donated an additional \$200 (up to \$5,000).



150 Donors = \$15K Challenge Board Member AJ Hyland issued the challenge that if Walsh could secure 150 donors during the Day of Giving, he would donate an additional \$15,000 to the Walsh Fund, in support of student scholarships and other resources.



Byers School of Nursing Challenge Every gift made to the Byers School of Nursing, up to \$5,000, was matched dollar-for-dollar by Gary and Linda Byers.



\$12,500=\$25K Challenge Walsh Board of Directors member Jeff Rossi and his wife Carol offered a 2-to-1 challenge. If Walsh raised \$12,500 during the 24-hour Day of Giving, the Rossis would donate an additional \$25,000 to the Student Managed Investment Portfolio.



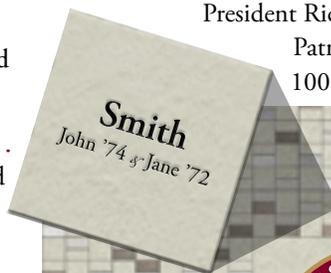
500 Votes = \$1,000 Board Member Carol Miller challenged the campus community to reach 500 votes through the Pie it Forward Challenge by offering \$1,000 to the winner's fund. Each of the participants selected one area of campus as their personal fundraising cause. Director of the Walsh Fund Mike Frank earned the additional \$1,000 for the Alfred and Kevin Frank Memorial Scholarship.

As a result of donor generosity, the Day of Giving met every challenge and secured resources that will have a tremendous impact on Walsh students.

Global Learning Center Topping Out Ceremony Marks End of First Building Phase

Two days later, on Friday, April 21, the Walsh community celebrated the end of the first phase of construction for the University's newest academic building, the Global Learning Center. Throughout the morning, students, faculty, staff, administrators and Board Members were invited to the campus quadrangle to sign the final beam, painted gold and adorned with an American Flag, Walsh University Flag and a pine tree traditionally used in a topping out ceremony to signal that the building has reached its final height.

After a brief ceremony that included remarks by Walsh University President Richard Jusseume and a blessing by Rev. Patrick Manning, the crowd of more than 100 cheered as the crane lifted the beam





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➤ **St. John Paul II Center for Science Innovation Periodic Table.** In addition to naming rights within the state-of-the-art science facility, the Periodic Table initiative was created to help fund additional enrichment and research opportunities for Walsh's science students and faculty. Donors who give \$5000 will be recognized with their name on an element in a new artistic representation of the periodic table.

➤ **70 by '17 Endowed Scholarships.** With the goal of 70 new scholarships by 2017, we are proud to announce that Walsh's 70 by '17 initiative has exceeded its goal with 76 new scholarships. Endowed scholarships are established as a reflection of the personal wishes of each donor, such as a memorial to a loved one. Endowing a scholarship requires a minimum investment of \$25,000, paid all at once or over a period of up to five years.

➤ **The Walsh Fund.** When the *We Believe* Campaign launched in 2012, it included an ambitious goal to raise \$5 million for the Walsh Fund over the course of five years. To date, we've reached \$4.8 million toward the goal, but we need your help to raise the final \$200,000. The Walsh Fund supports student scholarships, faculty development, field experiences, global learning initiatives, service learning opportunities and campus technology.

While the Campaign has met or exceeded goals in several areas, there is still work to be done. Every gift matters. To learn more about these giving opportunities, please visit

www.walsh.edu/giving



into place. Long-time Walsh supporter and friend Jim Keller capped off the event with a flyover in his 1943 bi-plane as a sign of congratulations.

Scheduled to be completed in January 2018, the Global Learning Center will be a cornerstone academic building on campus designed to support interdisciplinary research initiatives and problem solving through cutting-edge technology, collaborative learning spaces and open gathering spaces.

As Walsh approaches the end of the *We Believe* Campaign and the goal of \$30 million, there are still ways to get involved.

➤ **The Global Learning Center Naming Opportunities.** There are numerous naming opportunities still available: Building Naming Rights, Exterior Chapel Mosaic, Gathering Space and Lounge, Conference Room, Digital Classroom, Tech Corridor, Graphics Lab, Lounge and Balcony.

➤ **The Global Learning Center Brick Campaign.** Become part of Walsh University with an engraved brick. In addition to the major naming rights within the new building, contributors who want to be a part of the campaign may also make a gift towards a University personalized brick, arranged to surround the official Walsh seal and prominently displayed at the entrance of the building.

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Walsh Celebrates Newest Offerings by Faculty Authors

Walsh University faculty members continue to distinguish themselves in the classroom and through their wide range of research and academic scholarship in their respective fields of expertise. Walsh's faculty and students are not only immersed in their subjects, they are also industry experts and leaders who actively contribute to their field of study through peer-reviewed articles, publications, books, chapters in textbooks, and conference presentations annually. Below are some of their most recent literary and scholastic accomplishments.



Steven Edelson, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Business*
"5-7-5: Management Haiku"
Sentia Publishing, 2017

This textbook or supplement to existing textbooks is a collection of short essays on management topics prefaced by a short Haiku on the topic. Each essay is followed by discussion questions and recommended additional readings to support student learning.



Ty Hawkins, Ph.D., *Director of the Honors Program; Associate Professor of English*
"Cormac McCarthy's Philosophy"
Palgrave Macmillan, 2017

This study contends that American writer Cormac McCarthy not only is philosophical, or a "writer of ideas," but rather that he has a philosophy. Devoting one main chapter to each facet of McCarthy's thought – his metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics, respectively – the study engages in focused readings of all of McCarthy's major works. The study brings McCarthy's ideas into conversation with a host of philosophers who range from Plato to Alain Badiou, with figures such as William James, Martin Heidegger, Hannah Arendt, and Slavoj Žižek featured prominently.



Donald Wallenfang, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Theology*
"Human and Divine Being: A Study on the Theological Anthropology of Edith Stein"
Cascade Books, 2017

In an era when the question "What is the human being?" is not only being misunderstood but even forgotten, wisdom delivered by the great thinkers and mystics of the past must be recovered. Edith Stein (1891-1942), a Jewish Carmelite mystical philosopher, offers great promise to resume asking the question of the human being. Beginning with the theme of human vocation, Dr. Wallenfang leads the reader through a labyrinth of philosophical and theological vignettes: spiritual being, the human soul, material being, empathy, the logic of the cross, and the meaning of suffering.

Also Coming Soon by Dr. Wallenfang:

"Dialectical Anatomy of the Eucharist: An Étude in Phenomenology"
Cascade Books, June 2017

"Pope Francis and the Event of Encounter, Volume 1 of the Global Perspectives on the New Evangelization" book series, co-edited with John C. Cavadini.

Cascade Books, Dec. 2017/Jan. 2018



Christine McKeon, Ph.D., *Professor of Middle Childhood and Reading Education*
"Reading and Learning to Read" (10th ed.)
Pearson, 2017

With a focus on helping elementary reading teachers master teaching skills that will help all children succeed, this book includes philosophies, teaching strategies, and assessment practices reflecting and underscoring the concepts of evidence-based reading research and data-driven decision making. The new 10th Edition is completely up to date and integrates the 2017 ILA Standards and Common Core State Standards initiative throughout the text, features the English Language Arts standards respectively as they relate to the content in each chapter, and continues the focus on the applications of technology to literacy instruction.



Michael Dunphy, Ph.D., *Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences; Professor of Chemistry*
"Succeeding in Health Sciences Chemistry: A User-friendly Workbook for Problem-Solving Skills"
Kendall-Hunt Publishers, 2017

This workbook is a supplemental resource to all existing General, Organic and Biochemistry I textbooks on the market today. It provides a structured approach to core theory and problem solving skills for the most challenging aspects of the general chemistry component of the course. It provides step-by-step methods to help students understand how to solve chemistry problems and integrate their learning. Each chapter also has a training quiz and rubrics to guide students in understanding what is expected of them and for instructors to have embedded assessment tools.



Kelly Mezurek, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of History*
"For Their Own Cause: The 27th United States Colored Troops"
Kent State University Press, 2016

The book is the first comprehensive history of the 27th USCT. By including rich details culled from private letters and pension files, Dr. Mezurek provides more than a typical regimental study. The 27th United States Colored Troops (USCT), composed largely of free black Ohio men, served in the Union army from April 1864 to September 1865 in Virginia and North Carolina. The men and their families sought full access to the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments and compensatory citizenship rights for their collective sacrifice. The book has been selected as a finalist for the 2017 Ohioana Book Award in the category of non-fiction.



Christopher Seeman, Ph.D., *Director, Graduate Theology Program; Associate Professor of Theology*
 “**Flavius Josephus: Translation and Commentary, Volume 6a**”
 Brill Publisher, 2016

This volume provides the first full commentary to Book 11 of Josephus’ Judean Antiquities, with a new English translation. In Antiquities 11 Josephus offers a retelling of the biblical narratives of Ezra-Nehemiah (Ant. 11.1–183) and Esther (Ant. 11.184–296), along with a brief post-biblical narrative dealing with late Persian-era Judea (Ant. 11.297–347). The commentary interprets Josephus’ narrative in detail, identifying biblical, historical and literary considerations that arise from the text. An appendix covers Alexander the Great’s visit to Jerusalem as related in non-Josephan sources.



Katherine Brown, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Museum Studies and Art History*
 “**Mary of Mercy in Medieval and Renaissance Italian Art: Devotional Image and Civic Emblem**”
 Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, 2016

Mater Misericordiae—Mother of Mercy—emerged as one of the most prolific subjects in central Italian art from the late 13th through the 16th centuries. An early concept of Mary of Mercy—the Virgin standing with outstretched arms and a wide mantle under which kneel or stand devotees—entered the Italian peninsula at the ports of Bari and Venice during the Crusades, eventually converging in central Italy. With over 100 illustrations, the book presents an array of works of art as examples, including altarpieces, frescoes, oil paintings and more.



Christopher Mellinger, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Spanish*
 “**Quantitative Research Methods in Translation and Interpreting Studies**”
 Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, 2016

This book encompasses all stages of the research process that include quantitative research methods, from conceptualization to reporting. In five parts, the authors cover: sampling techniques, measurement, and survey design; how to describe data; how to analyze differences; how to analyze relationships; how to interpret results. Each part includes references to additional resources and extensive examples from published empirical work.



Joseph Torma, Ph.D., *Professor of Theology*
 “**Divine Design: The Cooperatist Alternative to Competition**”
 Oliver House Publishing, 2016

“Divine Design” represents the first attempt to bring together in one work Catholic Social Teaching on cooperation, the historical precedents of the Mondragon Cooperative Corporation and the Jesuit Republic of Paraguay, as well as contemporary possibilities for this in Church ministry. The book describes how the Catholic Church can implement an apostolate of cooperation in all of the aspects of its mission.



Kimberly Metz, Ph.D., *Professor of Psychology*
 “**Careers in Mental Health: Opportunities in Psychology, Counseling, and Social Work**”
 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., 2016

Accessible and unbiased, “Careers in Mental Health” introduces upper-level high school students and beginning undergraduates to the different aspects of various mental health professions. It contains

essential career advice in clinical psychology, counseling psychology, social work, counseling, marriage and family therapy, substance abuse counseling, and school psychology. The book discusses the history and philosophy of each field, requirements for advanced education, licensing, salary potential, and more.



Zahid Amjad, Ph.D., *Visiting Professor of Chemistry*
 “**Mineral Scales and Deposits: Scientific and Technological Approaches**”
 Elsevier, 2015

This book presents, in an integrated way, the problem of scale deposits (precipitation/crystallization of sparingly-soluble salts) in aqueous systems, both industrial and biological, covering several fundamental aspects. It also offers an applications perspective, with the ultimate goal of helping the reader better understand the underlying mechanisms of scale formation, while also assisting the user/reader to solve scale-related challenges.



Andrew Kim, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor of Theology*
 “**An Introduction to Catholic Ethics Since Vatican II**”
 Cambridge University Press, 2015

This introduction provides a comprehensive overview of the development of Catholic ethics in the wake of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), an event widely considered crucial to the reconciliation of the Catholic Church and the modern world. Dr. Kim investigates Catholic responses to questions of moral theology in all four principal areas: Catholic social teaching, natural law, virtue ethics, and bioethics. Its balance of complexity and accessibility makes it an ideal resource for both students of theology and general readers.



Philip Kim, D.Sc., *Associate Professor of Business*
 “**Zebras & Ostriches: 5 Simple Rules to Engage and Retain Your Best People**”
 Three Boys Press, 2015

This new book will challenge you to re-think employee engagement. Research continues to show that employee engagement and retention are at an all-time low. People don’t want to be supervised, they want to be led. Your employees want to work from their strengths and do meaningful work. Follow these five simple rules and be prepared to inspire your people to grow and to be committed to the mission of your organization.



Michelle Spain, Ph.D., *Associate Professor of Business; Director of the Center for Business Collaboration*
 “**Hispanic-Latino Entrepreneurship: Viewpoints of Practitioners (Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management Collection)**”
 Business Expert Press, 2014

This book examines the entrepreneurial mindset of Hispanic-Latinos in the United States. With limited literature on the subject, the authors created a pioneering book that captures the viewpoints of real-life Hispanic-Latino entrepreneurs, who are an important contributor to the U.S. economy.

Marriages

2004

Rob Lash married Charity Lash on May, 16, 2016. Rob is an account manager at Bridge Logistics, Inc. The couple resides in Mansfield, Ohio with their son Quinton (3) and daughter Blakely (11 months).

2011

Carli Jones married **Brad Schrecengost '11** on July 30, 2016 in North Canton, OH. Carli is a second grade teacher at Green Local Schools and Brad is a branch manager at Fastenal. The couple currently resides in Rootstown, OH.

2014

Jeremy Dietrich married Morgan Gallo (his high school sweetheart) on Saturday, September 24, 2016. Jeremy was a member of the men's soccer team for 4 years and groomsmen included fellow soccer alumni: Chris Lynch and Nick Inglezakis. Jeremy is an accountant at Cleveland Steel Container and Morgan is a mechanical engineer at Swagelok. They reside in Brunswick, OH.

Births

2003

Kevin Surnear and his wife, Stacey, welcomed the birth of their son, Chael James, on December 24, 2016. The healthy boy weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. The family resides in Canal Fulton, OH. **1**

2007

Patrick Mackie and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their son, Maverick, into the family on May 23, 2016. The family resides in Canal Fulton, OH.

2007

Ashley (Robinson) Hsu and her husband, Edward, welcomed their second child, Georgia, on July 6, 2016. Georgia joined big sister Julianna. The family resides in North Canton, OH.

2008

Sam Cerreta and his wife, Andrea, welcomed the birth of their first child, Amelia Grace, on May 26, 2016. Sam is a sales representative at Stryker. The family resides in Dublin, OH.

2010

Corey Leggett and his wife, Amanda, welcomed the birth of their son, Cole Matthew Leggett, on January 18, 2017. Corey is a production scheduler for JBC Technologies Inc., and Amanda is a BSN assistant manager for the Cleveland Clinic. The family resides in North Ridgeville, OH.

2010

Madeline (Lewis) Metzger and her husband, Marcus, welcomed their second daughter, Emma Christine, on May 22, 2016. She joins her big sister, Maggie. The family resides in New Albany, OH.

2011

Amber (Mullen) LaBarba and her husband, Mark, welcomed their son, Luca James, on August 4, 2016. Luca weighed 4 lbs. and 5 oz. and was 15 ¾ inches long. The family current resides in Massillon, OH.

2011

Ryan Conant and his wife, Liz, welcomed their daughter Lily Maria on November 10, 2016. They reside in Amherst, NY. Ryan performs neurophysiological monitoring at Buffalo General Medical Center.

2013

Jacob Boron, and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their daughter, Violet Jane, into the family on January 9, 2017. The family resides in Canton, OH.

Class Notes

1987

Arthur Tanner started working for Borga Steel Buildings and Components as their chief financial officer in November 2016. He currently resides in Fresno, CA.



1996

Dennis Schiraldi is the founder and CMO of DOYO Live (Digital Marketing and Interactive

Design Conference.) Dennis recently moved back to his hometown to help with revitalization efforts in the area and in doing so created this conference that sold out in year one. He and his wife of eleven years, JoAnna (Rubino) and their three children, Mikey (7), Teo (5), and Paulina (3) reside in Youngstown.

2000

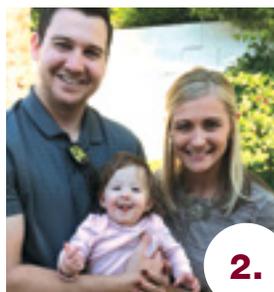
Terra (Toulson) Good started working at U.S. Army War College as an international fellows plans & operations officer on June 27, 2016. She was the first female to be selected to this position. Terra, her husband, LTC Jason Good and their children currently reside in Carlisle, PA.

2001

Dan Veltre became a store manager at Discount Drug Mart in Lakewood, OH, in August 2016. He currently resides in Cleveland, OH.



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2002

James Keagy started working at Girard City Schools as a 4th grade English and social studies teacher. He and his wife, Kelli, reside in Girard, OH.

2003

Jeffrey Johnston started working at the Pearson Automotive Tennis Club in Zionsville, IN, as a tennis teaching professional in February 2017. He and his wife, Leilani, reside in Westfield, IN.

2008

Brian Gamble became the head football coach at Sandy Valley High School in February 2017. His and his wife, Vena (Marshall) '11, reside in Canton, OH.



2008

Joseph Phinisee is a professional football player with the Cleveland Gladiators. He married his wife,

Shontaya on November 11, 2016. The couple resides in Reynoldsburg, OH.

2011

Lauren (Mansour) Roskoph started working for the Cleveland Clinic as a physical therapist in May 2016. She resides in Solon, OH.



2011

Ryan Whiteleather is the vice president of business development for Quantum Health. Ryan and his wife, Sarah, reside in Columbus, OH.

2014

Marie Voitus is employed by Tequila Cowboy Bar and Grill as an event coordinator in October 2016. Marie currently resides in Pittsburgh, PA.

2014

Kyle Allen is the experiential marketing representative for TaylorMade-Adidas Golf Company. Kyle resides in Plymouth, MN.

2015

Laura Kozuszek is employed at AmeriCorps/ American Red Cross as a preparedness lead/AmeriCorps VISTA. She currently lives in Colorado Springs, CO.

2016

Shelby Orlandi is a 5th and 6th grade intervention specialist at East Knox Elementary since August 2016. She currently resides in Mount Vernon, OH.

In Memoriam

Alumni



1971

Mr. E. David Hank, of Malvern, Ohio, passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2017, at the age of 68. He retired from

American Road Machinery in Minerva where he was President and Co-Owner. He was a member of the St. George Romanian Catholic Cathedral in Canton. He was very active in the Minerva Chamber of Commerce where he had served as President and was on several committees. He is survived by his sister, brother-in-law, niece, nephew, and four great nieces and nephews.

1981

Richard A. Heyard, Jr., of Ironton, OH, passed away Saturday, February 18, 2017 in the Cleveland Clinic. He was born in Canton and attended St. Thomas Aquinas High School before continuing his education at Walsh College. Richard was a dedicated high school science teacher, who was devoted to his students. He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Susan, sister, children and grandchildren.

1984

Mary M. "Marg" Friedl, of Akron, OH, passed away on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the age of 77. She taught at St. Thomas Hospital School of Nursing and at City Hospital (later Summa Health System) Schools for Nursing for 27 years. Marg was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church in

North Canton and was active in several organizations. She is survived by four children, 13 grandchildren and brother.

1990

Deborah Algeri, of Canton, OH, passed away after a brief illness on March 22, 2017 at the age of 60. She was a long term employee of Fitness Quest. Most recently employed by Arthur Middleton Capital Holdings. She was a long standing member of St. Joan of Arc. Debbie is survived by her two nieces, her best friend and her fur-kid, Pepper.

1993

Kathleen J. Nally of Massillon, OH, passed away on January 11, 2017. She married her husband, Thomas Nally, in 1951 and raised six children. She worked as a substitute teacher from 1993-99 in Stark parochial schools and taught at St. Clement, Navarre, from 1999-2008. She is survived by three brothers and four sisters, grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Friends

Norman M. Lerner, age 78, of Charlotte, NC, died suddenly on March 12, 2016. Norman was a former Professor of Theology at Walsh College during the early 1970s. Survivors include his loving wife of 42 years Kathleen (Moulder).



John R. Capper, age 31, passed away at home on March 10, 2017. John was a graduate of Canton South High School and Kent State University. He decided at

the age of four that he wanted to be a police officer. John began his law enforcement career at J.C. Penney's as a Loss Prevention Officer and then worked as a police officer at Walsh University. John went on to become a dedicated Alliance City Police Officer for nine years. He took great pride in making the Alliance community a safer place for its residents. He is survived by his wife, **Christa (Hess) Capper '09**.



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