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## President's Message

On January 9th, during the “polar vortex” that drove temperatures well below acceptable levels, Professor Joe Ezzie and I ventured to Alfred, Maine (Read: Antarctica) to visit the Brothers in residence there, and to spend time with 14-year Walsh president Brother Francis Blouin. Yes, it is always a trip back in time, but it is also a reminder in the present and propulsion into the future. Brother Francis is fighting Lou Gehrig’s disease but remains alert, humorous, and always interested in Walsh. Brother James Lacasse (BJ) walks slowly around campus, his limp more pronounced, but his one-liners ever sprinkled through the conversation (“Wait a minute...”; “worry pas”...and “what are you gonna do...?”). Brother Jerome Lessard (provincial) and Daniel Caron (provincial treasurer) are quick to ask about Walsh – people, events, and places while continuing to serve as Walsh Board members.

The legacy of an institution resides in the minds, hearts, and memories of its past and present members. You, as an alumnus, are part of that legacy.

Our comprehensive campaign is about legacy. It is about you and I contributing now so others can participate and sustain our legacy in the future. As you read this issue, notice Pope Francis’ endorsement, Roger DeVille’s, Mark Ratti’s and Dr. Peter Rogers’ support of our living legacy. Read about our dedicated Women’s Committee and our 54-year reach into global lives.

We need to be proud of what we have become, committed to contributing all we can to sustaining that legacy, and engaged in securing Walsh’s success for another generation of eager participants.

Those are the seeds we sow...and we believe that God will indeed “grant the increase.” Can you help?

Richard Jusseaume

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**Global Learning Students Encounter Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square**

On the same day he was named as *Time* magazine's person of the year, Pope Francis accepted a handmade heart-shaped card from Walsh students who were studying in Rome as part of the University's Global Learning Program. The students, faculty and staff were in attendance in the general audience in St. Peter's Square hoping to see the Holy Father. "We got there very, very early at 6 a.m. in order to get a good spot where we knew the motorcade would pass by. The Pope stopped in front of us and one of his guards saw our sign, he asked if we wanted to give it to the Pope, and we did," said Director of Student Life, Rome Campus, Michael Cinson. The Pope read the card and kept it. The card was signed with well wishes on the front by all the students in the Rome study program and had a letter on the back asking him to join the students for dinner at their residence in Castel Gandolfo, Italy. Castel Gandolfo is also the summer home of the Pope.



**Judge Edward Elum and Congregation of the Divine Spirit Honored at Winter Commencement**

Over 270 summer and fall 2013 students were awarded their respective degrees at the December 15 graduation ceremony, held at the Gaetano M. Cecchini Family Health and Wellness Complex on the Walsh University campus. The Honorable Judge Edward J. Elum was the keynote speaker and advised the graduates, "Now that you have graduated in the Walsh tradition and mission of creating leaders through service to others, you have no excuses why you cannot go forth and make your communities better than you found them."

Judge Elum and the Congregation of Divine Spirit were each awarded the Walsh University Distinguished Service Medal. This honor is given each year to those who have distinguished themselves in professional and voluntary service to others within the national, regional or local Walsh University community and reflects the University's steadfast commitment to the strength of noble character.

A reception followed the ceremony for graduates, their families and guests.



**ICF Institute Symposium Addresses Economic and Educational Challenges in a Knowledge Economy**

Global technology experts, government officials, educators, business leaders and innovators gathered at Walsh University on October 22 to present an optimistic and visionary overview of how technology can be harnessed to address the economic, social and educational challenges of the new century.

The program, "Connecting By Design: Leveraging Technology to Close the Gaps," brought together 200 professionals from local and statewide business, community and educational organizations to participate in thought-provoking presentations focused on using the power of broadband Internet access and human collaboration to meet the most pressing issues of our times. Keynote speaker Suneet Singh Tuli, CEO of DataWind, discussed the impact of creating a \$40 tablet that "has the potential to revolutionize educational access in the developing world."

**Honoring All-American Nick Pallotta**

The men's basketball team held a special ceremony in November to honor Nick Pallotta, one of the greatest Cavalier basketball players of all time and the university's first All-American. To symbolize the important contributions Pallotta made to the Walsh basketball program,

all season the team will be wearing commemorative #44 patches on their warm-up shirts. At the November ceremony, his wife Drennia and son Todd, along with other family members, were presented with a framed commemorative jersey.

A Canton native and graduate of Central Catholic High School, Pallotta passed away in June 2013, but his outstanding athletic achievements live on. In 1964, Mr. Pallotta transferred to Walsh from Loyola University and gave the basketball program, which was in its infancy, instant credibility. He would finish his career with a scoring average of 29.7 points per game, still the highest in Walsh history. Pallotta was also a unanimous selection to the 1960's All-Decade Team and was part of the first class to be elected to the Walsh Wall of Fame.

**Walsh Students Collaborate with other Universities Using 21st Century Technology**

Preparing students to succeed in an increasingly global world is a top priority for Walsh, and the University is focused on developing key 21st Century skills essential for the new global economy. These include critical thinking, problem solving, communication and collaboration, along with information, media and technology skills.

Walsh's commitment to technology and global collaboration can be seen in the University's Global Learning Partnership (GLP), a collaborative, international academic project that incorporates academic expertise with sophisticated levels of video conferencing and Internet technologies for interaction and course delivery to students in multiple geographic locations. Walsh is a founding and participating partner in the GLP, which includes Oranim Academic College, Israel; The Ohio State University; University of Colorado at Denver; and Wheelock College in Boston, Massachusetts.

In September, the GLP hosted a special three-day international academic symposium where over 40 scholars, students, teachers and administrators from Israel and the United States gathered at Walsh to learn more about how today's technology developments are changing the future of teaching and learning in the 21st Century.

**Positive Message of Faith Presented by Immaculée**

A large gathering of over 500 Walsh students, faculty, staff and local high school students packed the Barrette Business and Community Center on October 31 to hear the eye-opening testimony of Rwandan genocide survivor and inspirational speaker Immaculée Ilibagiza. Almost the entire freshmen class was in attendance to hear from Ilibagiza, author of *Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*, a book that all freshmen read as part of their GE 100 class.

Ilibagiza survived the genocide by hiding for 91 days in a small bathroom with eight other women. Considered one of the world's leading speakers on peace, faith and forgiveness, she shared an uplifting and positive message about the strength she received from praying the Rosary and how she gained the ability to forgive her family's killers.

Following her on-campus appearance, Ilibagiza presented her message to the community during a weekend retreat hosted by Walsh and St. Paul Catholic Church in North Canton.



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# International From the Beginning

The international perspective of the Brothers of Christian Instruction (FIC) can be seen throughout the history of Walsh. As an international order active in more than 25 countries, part of the Brothers' mission is to create meaningful relationships around the world and to serve others.

Soon after the foundation of the first FIC school in Plattsburgh, NY, in 1903, Canadian Brothers from the French-speaking province of Quebec came to the Northeast United States to learn English, in preparation for missions in English-speaking countries.

When La Mennais College at Alfred, Maine, was transferred to Ohio, it became Walsh College and brought the order's international focus with it. From the very start, some Brothers came from Quebec and New Brunswick to prepare for mission work in East Africa and Japan.

Over the years, almost half of the 105 Brothers of Christian Instruction who have studied at Walsh University were from countries outside of the U.S. One of Walsh's longest international relationships has been with Brothers from four countries in East Africa. In the University's early years, 1962-63, Brothers received requests from Brothers in Uganda to come to Walsh because Uganda's political climate made admission to the state university dependent

on party affiliations. Throughout the history of the university, strong ties have existed between East Africa and Walsh, with dozens of Walsh graduates hailing from Uganda,



Above: Brother Marcel Sylvestre Welcomes a Fellow African Brother; Freshman Class of 1965

Kenya, Tanzania and the Seychelles. According to Brother Marcel Sylvestre, FIC, Walsh provided the African Brothers with valuable cultural benefits. "The concept of planning ahead, an emphasis on reading, and the give and take between student and professor

were American perspectives they found here at Walsh," Sylvestre said.

A multi-lingual world traveler and sociologist, Brother Marcel provides insights into the evolution of Walsh's international community. "All students should be transformed by their years at Walsh, but students from different cultures can be transformed even more," Brother Marcel notes. "For instance, African students learn about democracy and how they can be agents of peaceful change when they return to their countries."

## Growing International Student Base

In addition to the international Brothers Walsh has welcomed through the years, Walsh also has a veritable United Nations of students, and staff and visiting Brothers who bring a special dynamic energy and global perspective to the university.

This fall, 26 freshmen joined the Walsh international community, the largest incoming international enrollment ever. Today, there are over 70 international students from 31 different countries on campus.

International outreach efforts in the 1970s attracted students from diverse countries to Walsh, and every year since then the international student presence has grown. In recent years, athletics have drawn students to Walsh because international athletes see more opportunities here than at



larger schools. At Walsh today one can find Russian tennis players, a Croatian basketball player, and a middle-distance runner from Chad.

In addition to the international students, a special team of Walsh students is gaining great insights into other cultures here on campus by serving as International Ambassadors. The ambassadors, many who have traveled and studied in other countries, help the international students with their cultural adjustment when they arrive to campus. This support team encourages international students to attend campus activities and events and plans fun activities for them such as bowling, movies and visits to other cities.

"The International Ambassadors are amazing leaders on campus that help support the international students at Walsh. They build trust, compassion and a lifelong friendship with these students," said Kristi Campbell, Director of the Office of International Student Services.

## Why Walsh?

Walsh's sense of hospitality and focus on personal attention are important to all students, and nobody appreciates this care more than Walsh's international students. Although some of them have been in the United States as high school exchange students, transitioning to the college world is a big step. The sense of community they have found here is one of the themes that international students reflect on when asked the questions "why did you come to Walsh, and what do you like about being here?"

"I like how people treat me, especially my track teammates," said Naimbai Njerakey,

a sophomore government and foreign affairs major from Chad.

Mohsen Al-Sadoun, a sophomore from Saudi Arabia, likes the support he receives from faculty and other students. "Everyone is very helpful and nice."

Pacifique Niyonzima was adopted from Rwanda and came to the U.S. two years ago. His mother, Jill Burke, notes that Pacifique is thriving here at Walsh. "We chose Walsh because we love the fact that they take such good care of international students," Burke said.

The manageable size of the campus and close relationships with professors are what Ren Wakatsuki, a sophomore biology major from Japan, likes best about Walsh. "Everything is close by, you don't need a car," he said.



## Help International Students Feel at Home

Imagine being a college student who has traveled thousands of miles from home to attend Walsh University. To help international students experience American life outside of the classroom, Walsh is seeking host families who can help make a difference in an international student's life.

The International Hospitality Program is not a live-in program, but rather is a way to provide support to an international student through sharing in a range of activities. Host families can include their student in holiday celebrations, provide transportation for shopping and entertainment, attend community events together, or any other activity of interest to both the host and student. The time commitment, activities and interaction are decided entirely by each individual host and student.

The Office of International Student Services will pair host families with students using criteria submitted in their program application. The International Hospitality program has been an enriching experience for both the students and families who have participated in the program over the years. Walsh graduate Ed Mahoney and wife Louise hosted a student from Afghanistan, Sal Ibrahimy. "Sal opened our eyes and our hearts to what experiences he had living and working in Afghanistan. We wanted to offer as many learning and fun experiences as possible, knowing that he would not be able to do many of these on his own, and we cherished the experience," said Louise Mahoney.

For an application or for more information, contact the Office of International Student Services, Kristi Campbell, at [kcampbell1@walsh.edu](mailto:kcampbell1@walsh.edu).



# Letting Faith Lead

Mark Ratti '66

Mark Ratti thought he was bound for a Catholic college in New Mexico, but his high school principal, a Christian Brother, had other ideas for the Pittsburgh native. "I believe the hand of God has always been in my life, helping to guide me," Ratti said. When Principal Brother Alfred found out Ratti was thinking of going to school so far away he wanted to know why Mark had not considered Walsh University, just two hours from home. "The next thing I knew Brother Alfred had called Walsh on my behalf just before school started in the fall of 1962 and helped me enroll there. Four years later, I was part of the third Walsh graduating class in 1966," Ratti said.

As Ratti would find at many crossroads in his life, God would lead him where he needed to be. "With a summer job at a local golf course that paid \$1 per hour, I had saved \$1,800 for college, and Walsh cost exactly that much for the year," said Ratti, the first person in his family to attend college.

In gratitude to Walsh, Ratti established a scholarship so that other generations of working-class students could get a needed financial boost. The Mark and Carol Ratti Endowed Scholarship was created for sophomores or juniors with financial need who have a strong Christian faith and demonstrate strong school spirit. Ratti knows about school spirit. During his four years at Walsh he was active on the school spirit committee. "Building school spirit was hard because the vast majority of

students lived off campus either with family or in rooming houses. We did really play up the rivalry with Malone by sneaking into Malone before a big basketball game and putting a 'Go Walsh' sign up in their main lobby," Ratti noted.

Two of the memorable things that stand out to Ratti about his time at Walsh are the quality and caring of those who worked at

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*Mark Ratti '66*

the University. "Walsh really had high-quality people teaching. The professors wanted you to be the best person you could be and to succeed. The Brothers were tremendous. We know they cared about us as people. Brother Cote used to come out and shoot baskets with us and so did Brother (Richard) Jusseaume. Today, Richard is president of Walsh University, which says a lot about his dedication to the students and his love of Walsh," Ratti said.

Ratti earned a bachelor of arts in history from Walsh and a master of arts in teaching from the University of Pittsburgh. After 12 years as an educator and reading consultant, he left teaching to pursue real estate sales. Ratti opened the first RE/MAX franchise in the Pittsburgh area in 1980, and by 2005 he

had won the RE/MAX lifetime achievement award. In addition to his professional life, Ratti has a long history of community service. He is a volunteer for the Peters Township and West Jefferson Hills Chamber of Commerce, a former volunteer principal at Hillcrest Christian School and school board, reading coach in the Pittsburgh public school system, baseball and soccer coach, Boy Scout leader, and religious education teacher.

In 1982, Ratti was named among the Walsh University Outstanding Alumni. This award recognizes a Walsh graduate's outstanding achievements in a chosen field or profession, or notable community service, along with outstanding service to Walsh University. Ratti acknowledges how faith has helped direct his life. "If you are open to God, God opens up everything to you. God had a hand in directing me to Walsh University. Later in life, I was moved to accept the Lord in a more personal way. By listening more to him it has changed my thinking. I pray differently than before, and I have deepened my faith," he said.

Ratti incorporates some important Christian principles into his life. For over 30 years Ratti does not work on Sundays, keeping that day for family. He also tithes. "My minimum goal is 10 percent now, plus another 10 percent. I want to keep giving more, and the scholarship was part of this too. God has blessed me with a good family and life and I want to share with others," he said.



## FROM THE OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

*Eric Belden, Vice President*

# Donate to the Walsh Fund Today and Make a Difference

The Walsh Fund helps support our current students, provides funds that attract new students and keeps Walsh University affordable. In 2014, the Walsh Fund has an ambitious goal to raise \$1 million dollars.

Every gift is meaningful because every amount has an impact in helping us to sustain our mission of creating leaders in service to others. Your gifts directly impact our students. The monies provided from the Walsh Fund are used to ensure our faculty and staff can provide the most current and relevant knowledge as well as to transform our students' education by extending the academic excellence in the classrooms into real life experiences that help build creative and entrepreneurial citizens of the world.

In times of dwindling state and federal funding, your philanthropic support continues to allow Walsh University to recruit and retain dedicated students who want to improve our world through a values-based education with an international perspective in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

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**Your gifts to the Walsh Fund impact all areas of our students' college experience.**



# NEW CENTER FOR SCIENCE INNOVATION

Coming in 2014

It's the perfect convergence. A 255 percent increase in Walsh University students majoring in the sciences since 2005, a growing need for graduate-level scientists and ever escalating science and healthcare-related employment projections were the impetus for the creation of a new Center for Science Innovation (CSI) building. According to the Center for Health Affairs, the need for science and healthcare workers in Northeast Ohio in particular continues to grow. Walsh University's science course offerings will prepare students for these higher-paying careers. "The sciences are a key educational focus area at Walsh, and the exponential growth and expansion of our science programs over the last several years has led to a critical need for additional space that the new building will provide," said Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume.

The CSI will provide substantial opportunities to facilitate student scholarship through collaborative learning and research labs for

advanced chemistry, human anatomy and exercise science. New pre-occupational therapy experiential learning labs will be used for simulated learning experiences. The CSI also will provide space to showcase research innovations by Walsh students and faculty, and will include space for faculty and corporate research partners.

Groundbreaking is expected in 2014. The two-story CSI building will be attached to the east side of the Timken Natural Science Center, connecting the new, state-of-the-art space to existing science facilities. "The new Center for Science Innovation provides students with the learning environments needed for the highest levels of educational experience here at Walsh University," said Dr. Michael Dunphy, chair of the division of mathematics and sciences.

Additional areas of growth in the sciences at Walsh are the undergraduate nursing program, doctor of physical therapy program, and a new pre-occupational therapy program that is one of only six in

Ohio. That program is expected to grow as the demand for occupational therapists is predicted to increase by 33 percent in the next 10 years, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Walsh also recently launched an environmental science major in response to a growing demand for this science specialty. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, positions in environmental science have an expected growth of 19 percent in the next decade. For the environmental science program, Walsh University will leverage existing assets such as the environmental field center at Hoover Park as well as the expertise of faculty within the Division of Math and Sciences to enhance and support this program.

Another popular program is exercise science, which enables students to take an active role in cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, strength and conditioning, community health and wellness programs, or enter graduate programs in areas such as biomechanics, exercise

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physiology, or as preparation for graduate-level physical therapy programs. Physical therapy is one of Walsh University’s most in-demand graduate programs, with a 100 percent licensure pass rate in the past three years, and 100 percent of the doctorate of physical therapy (DPT) program graduates find employment as physical therapists within six months of passing the licensure exam. In the past three years, Walsh University DPT students have published 26 peer reviewed papers, which is a much higher rate than other physical therapy programs nationwide.

The Center for Science Innovation will support students in the following programs:

- Actuarial Science – New
- Bioinformatics
- Biochemistry – New
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Clinical Laboratory Science
- Computer Science – New
- Exercise Science – New
- Environmental Science – New
- Mathematics
- Undergraduate Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing – New
- Doctor of Nursing Practice – New
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Occupational Therapy – New
- Doctor of Physical Therapy
- Master of Science in Occupational Therapy – Planned



Ground Floor



North Elevation



Second Floor



South Elevation



# ATHLETIC UPDATE



## WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Walsh University women’s tennis team had a very successful season finishing fifth in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). They were 14-5 overall and 10-4 in the GLIAC, coming back from a 4-21 season last year. Post-season, three Cavaliers were named to the All-Conference Team: Sofya Logunova, Daria Bondareva and Alisha Angle. Logunova was selected for the All GLIAC first team, Bondareva for the All GLIAC second team and Angle was named as an All GLIAC honorable mention.



## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Walsh senior outside hitter Krissy Sokol was selected as part of the All-GLIAC Conference Honorable Mention volleyball team. During the season for Walsh, Sokol finished second on the team in kills (245), kills per set (2.58), blocks (40), and was third in digs and digs per set.



## FOOTBALL

Junior defensive back Jamaris Brown became the first Walsh University football player to be selected for the first team defense on the All-GLIAC first team. Brown started all 11 games for the Cavs at cornerback. He was tied for the GLIAC lead with five interceptions, 12 pass break-ups, and was second with four forced fumbles. Brown was fourth on the team with 71 tackles.

His teammates Cory Farcas (OLB), Cameron Trudell (LB), Aaron Male (RB), Zach Conlan (OL), Kevin Pask (OL) and Andrew Roy (DE) received honorable mentions.

Matt Matuska (Return Specialist) set a new school record with a 100-yard kickoff return against Lake Erie College and also returned a 92-yard kickoff for a touchdown against Glenville State. Paul Kempe (QB) set single-game passing record of 67 attempts against Edinboro University. He also had 39 completions against Edinboro University. Jason Fracassa (QB) set a single-game passing record with 387 yards against Lake Erie College.



## MEN'S SOCCER

Justin Nolan was selected as the GLIAC men’s soccer goalkeeper of the year for 2013. Nolan started all 17 games for the Cavaliers and made 108 saves. Prior to the GLIAC playoffs he ranked 8th in the nation in saves averaging 6.44 per game. Chris Lynch was selected to the All-GLIAC Honorable Mention men’s soccer team. For Walsh, Lynch also started in all 17 games, scoring six goals and two assists. Lynch was also recognized as the GLIAC men’s soccer offensive athlete of the week after he scored a hat trick in a 4-2 win over the University of Findlay.

# Building a Vision

## for the DeVille School of Business



Preparation, passion and persistence are required for success in any venture, and Roger DeVille wants to help the next generation of business leaders develop these qualities through the DeVille School of Business. Graduating summa cum laude from Walsh in 1965, he credits his parents and the example set by the Brothers of Christian Instruction as inspirations for his success and belief in giving back. "I was blessed to know all seven of the founding Brothers, and I want to do what I can to help carry on their work here at Walsh," DeVille said.

A successful businessman, and president of DeVille Developments and Roger DeVille

Construction Company, DeVille is active in many community organizations and is the definition of philanthropist, "a person dedicated to making life better for other people." With a commitment to Walsh and the mission of the Brothers, he hopes that the DeVille School of Business can "groom future leaders to be successful professionals and successful entrepreneurs in for-profit and not-for-profit organizations in the business world." To support this goal and his belief that he has an obligation to help others, in 2010 the DeVille School of Business was named in his honor.

DeVile believes that a quality education should provide students with some fundamental

*Below: Roger DeVille President of DeVille Developments and Family*



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*Roger DeVille*

abilities that will always be in demand to make them competitive in any area of business. "We need to develop quality thinkers, students that can think, write and speak logically," he said. "An ability to communicate effectively, combined with proficiency in all

aspects of the world of business, is necessary for every business leader."

He attributes his success to "hard work and a passionate commitment to following through with all the details necessary to complete a project." To help students

develop this kind of strong work ethic, DeVille believes that a rigorous academic curriculum in the DeVille School of Business would mirror the reality of the business world. "To rise above the mediocre, students need to learn how to really apply themselves and have a competitive drive, a desire to be the best," DeVille said. "Success takes hard work, time and energy, you have to go above and beyond to be a leader."

Growing better, not bigger, is one vision he has for the DeVille School of Business. "Attracting the highest-quality educators and students will create a program that is recognized in the business world," DeVille explained. What sets Walsh apart is the opportunity to learn from personal contact with a small student/professor ratio, which DeVille sees as a great advantage over other, larger business schools, saying that "bigger is not better in education." The Dean of the DeVille School of Business, Dr. Carole Mount, agrees, noting that "close student-teacher interaction has been a hallmark of the business program since its inception and continues to be a distinguishing feature."

Developing creativity and critical thinking skills are also DeVille School of Business priorities. "We are focused on providing innovative courses that challenge students to think creatively, creating business leaders capable of breakthrough ideas," Mount said. As a successful entrepreneur, DeVille knows how to translate a creative idea into a business reality. "More than just an idea, an entrepreneur





still needs to apply a proper business formula to a project, understanding how to raise funding, research, market and manage it," DeVille said. Not everyone is suited to be this kind of inventor of their own destiny, and a good entrepreneur still has to put in a lot of hard work to reach their goals.

"Providing relevant curriculum that meets the needs of the business community has

always been the goal of the DeVille School of Business," said Mount. DeVille sees preparation for the global business world as a key competitive strategy for the school. "Walsh students can take advantage of many international internship programs that can really make a difference out in the work world, students need to see international exposure as an investment in their future,"

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he said. Developing proficiency in a foreign language is another communication ability DeVille encourages to compete in today's multi-cultural business environment.

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*Dr. Carole Mount*

DeVile believes that anyone can be a philanthropist and that "we can all help Walsh students succeed." An example of this is the school's growing Mentoring Program, which can be a way for members of the business community to donate time and experience to guide the next generation of business leaders. "This program is very well-run and engaging," said DeVille.

DeVile's vision for the DeVille School of Business reaches beyond curriculum for students and encompasses ideas that would expose the general public to the quality of Walsh. To invigorate the community and showcase Walsh to more people, DeVille proposes continuing education programs which would position Walsh as an educational resource for the community at large. One idea is to provide an intellectually-stimulating series of classes for adults in the community, taught by Walsh professors. "A population educated in economic matters is vital, and developing a clear understanding of international politics is valuable knowledge," DeVille said.

Other programs DeVille envisions that could bring more attention to Walsh include hosting a speaker series featuring

well-known, knowledgeable guest presenters, as well as a guest professor series that would bring high-profile educators to the Walsh campus.

Building on a foundation of faith is an important part of DeVille's hope for Walsh. "We're not here to just produce business people, but to develop quality people that can serve and help other people to be successful," he said. "Faith is important to the success of any individual because it provides the basis for doing a good job. By

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*Roger DeVille*

faith I mean a belief in God and a belief in prayer. Treating people fairly, being honest and ethical can help you win in business and in life."

"Developing leaders who do more than lead businesses is what it's all about, you lead your business for today, but you must prepare your business for the future," said DeVille.



# The Women Behind Walsh

WALSH UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S COMMITTEE



Above: Members of the Women's Committee of Walsh College Make Plans for a Semi-Formal Dinner-dance at the Canton Memorial Civic Center. (From left) John Trapani, Jr., Mrs. Gary (Betsy) Farey, Invitations Chair; Mrs. Claude (Mary Pat) Blubaugh, Program Chair; and Mrs. Richard (Joanne) Smith, President of the Women's Committee.

Wherever you are on the Walsh campus, you can see the results of the hard work and dedication of the Walsh University Women's Committee. For over 40 years this group of women has exemplified the philosophy of being leaders in service to others. Created to support the University and serve as a liaison to the community, to date the Women's Committee has provided more than \$600,000 in contributions to the University and its students through many fundraising and service projects.

Some of the major projects funded by the work of the Women's Committee include

the library book fund, campus signage, furniture, building renovations and dorm updates, computers and equipment, the purchase of Hoover Park, and most recently the addition of the bronze statue of Jesus in the Prayer Garden. Equally important are the intangible benefits of the strong community ties the women have created over the years. "People give to people," notes Gretchen Graham, a committee member since 1989. "We were organized to reach out and let people know about all the great things Walsh provides and create supportive relationships."

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Over the past two years, the group has been transitioning from funding "bricks and mortar" projects to focus on the important task of raising funds for student scholarships. "Everyone knows how difficult it can be to go to school, especially if a student is the first in the family to go to college, so scholarships are the top priority now," said Pat Stayer, president of the Women's

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Committee. Currently, there are four scholarships available, one endowed scholarship of \$1,000 and three separate direct scholarships. Each scholarship requires a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, financial need and a written essay demonstrating why the candidate deserves a scholarship. For the 2013-14 academic year, four students received Women's Committee scholarships.

The Women's Committee has been true to the original outreach mission established by Brother Robert Francoeur when he was Walsh's newly elected president in 1970. "The group has provided warmth and enthusiasm and has established a closeness between the community and College that is gratifying," he said of the committee.

With current membership of over 90 active and sustaining members, all interested in

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you get out of it what you put into it," said Graham.

As part of the group's community outreach and membership-building efforts, a special "friend-raiser, not fund-raiser" event was held at the beginning of the school year. The Boot Scootin' Barbecue in the Hoover Park pavilion was a fun and relaxed evening attended by over 250 supporters of the Women's Committee, including Walsh Brothers and potential new members. The event featured horse-drawn wagon rides around Hoover Park, a country-style barbecue dinner and line dancing. To encourage people to get out on the dance floor, 37 members of a local line dancing club, in all their western finery, taught guests the dance steps. During the evening, Betsy Farey, a Women's Committee member since 1971

and past president of the group, noted that she is hopeful that the focus on raising scholarship funds would help attract new members to the committee. "We're looking for new young members to help carry on what we started so long ago," Farey said.

In addition to the Boot Scootin' Barbecue event, two other major Women's Committee events are the annual Fall Fashion Show and spring Kentucky Derby Party. To plan, organize and execute these successful events, the time and talents of many women is required. "We encourage people to become members in order to inject new thoughts and ideas," said Linda Ganser, a committee member since 1986.

Because bringing new energy is vital to the future of the Women's Committee, the members hope to attract recent Walsh graduates to apply their time and talents to help future students achieve their academic goals. With a focus on funding student scholarships, the need for this committee is stronger than ever, and the group hopes to continue to build on the strong foundation created by its past and current members.

1999 Capital Campaign: \$175,000

Barrette Business and Community Center: \$75,000

Women's Committee Endowed Scholarship: \$26,863

Prayer Garden: \$12,000

Peace Park: \$4,000

Countless Other Initiatives: \$352,787

Grand Total of Donations: \$645,650

## Kentucky Derby Party

Come help support the Women's Committee and its efforts to raise much needed funds!

Saturday May 3 \* 5 p.m. \* Brookside Country Club

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 330.490.7111 or email [khourey@walsh.edu](mailto:khourey@walsh.edu).

the growth and development of Walsh, the group hopes to continue to thrive by attracting and mentoring a new group of women who can continue the committee's mission. "We want to help teach the next generation how to serve," said Stayer, noting that members can participate as their schedules allow.

"I wouldn't trade the enjoyment and satisfaction I've gotten from my involvement for anything;

# Genesisius Players Return to Campus



Acting is all about transformation. The actor transforms into the character, and the set around the actor transforms into a different place and time. In the fall of 2013, a physical transformation took place on the Walsh University campus in order to provide better accommodations for Walsh thespians. The renovations to the Betzler Auditorium added much needed storage space and dressing rooms and have allowed the Genesisius Players to return to campus after performing plays at the North Canton Playhouse at Hoover High School for the last 13 seasons.



Above: Walsh University Genesisius Players rehearse *Lost in Yonkers*

The improvements to the Betzler Auditorium include the addition of sinks at each end of the backstage area, two new dressing rooms and a makeup area equipped with specialized makeup lighting. Space for prop storage has also been improved with the addition of a tall prop area as well as a large general storage area.

Theater at Walsh evolved from a literary discussion club in the early 1960s. The

theater experience at Walsh is beneficial to students, according to Faculty Coordinator for Genesisius Players and Assistant Professor of English Mary Giffin. "From participat-

ing in Genesisius Players, students learn not only about the arts but also about the skills needed for teamwork, which will be valuable to them in many fields."

Over 60 plays have been performed by Walsh faculty and students since the formation of an organized drama troupe in 1969, and not all have been performed on campus. The very first inaugural performance was *Henry IV, Part 1*, where 62 students worked under

the direction of Reverend R. Allen Hickey, assistant professor of theology. Because there was no physical space for this production, it was staged at the student nursing auditorium in Timken Hospital. The second play was Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, also performed at Timken Hospital. Reverend Hickey's third production, *A Man for All Seasons*, was performed in the auditorium at St. John's Church in downtown Canton. That same year saw student organizations produce *Tommy and Hair*.

In 1972, what is now called the Don and Ida Betzler Social and Behavioral Science Center was built with a large 120-seat auditorium specifically designed to host plays. Productions were held there until 1999 when it was decided to stage productions at the larger North Canton Playhouse.

The Genesisius Players was formed in the fall of 1977. Professor Emeritus Dr. David Baxter is a key figure in the history of the Genesisius Players, serving as both the director and faculty moderator from 1978 through 1983, remaining the faculty moderator until 2007.

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In 1984, Dr. Baxter recruited Mary McManaway, the founder and artistic director of the North Canton Playhouse, and this year marks her 30th season as the director of Genesisius. It takes McManaway about six to eight weeks to stage each production once she has selected the play for that semester. That time includes auditions and callbacks, if needed, as well as recruiting all the behind-the-scenes crew, which includes student staff who will handle props, sound, lights, wardrobe and stage management. Rehearsals are four nights a week. "I love casting students; they are so dedicated. Some have experience but you don't need it. You just need to know it's a big commitment for those weeks, but it is a fun experience," says Manaway. "It feels fine to be back in the campus theater now; 15 years staging plays at Walsh, then 15 years at the Playhouse and now we return home again."

In addition to humorous and dramatic plays, Walsh students and faculty have staged several musicals including *Little Women* and the Elton John/Tim Rice 2000 Broadway hit *Aida*. These were produced under the direction of Dr. Britt Cooper, director of fine and performing arts and director of choral activities. "I think moving our drama productions back onto campus will ensure the long-term sustainability of the theatrical arts at Walsh. I'm very excited that the University has made this investment, and it speaks to the commitment we have made to our continuing mission as a liberal arts institution," he said.



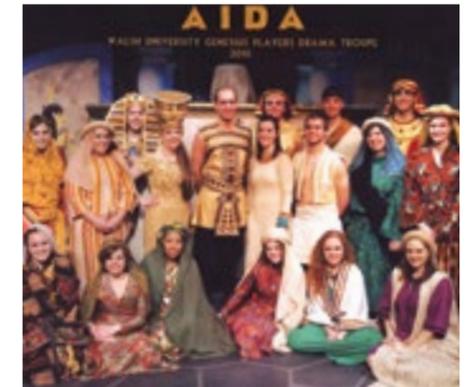
Above: *Lost in Yonkers*



Above: *Henry IV, Part 1*



Above: *Little Women*



Above: *Aida*

## WHO WAS SAINT GENESIUS?

The Genesisius Players are named for St. Genesisius who was an actor, playwright and comedian in late Imperial Rome. In approximately 303 AD the Emperor Diocletian launched a persecution against the Christian Church. Genesisius decided to use the opportunity presented by the persecution to write a comedy about Christianity, thinking it would attract the attention of the Emperor. He had hoped it would increase his fame, make him rich and grant him a court appointment.

Pretending to wish to convert to Christianity he began taking instruction in the faith. He was particularly interested in baptism. After learning about it he stopped attending the class. He wrote his play, enlisted the help of a troupe and performed it for the Emperor Diocletian. However, during the pivotal scene where he is dying and asking to be baptized, instead of mocking the faith, he had a vision of angels and actually embraced it.

After being 'baptized' on stage, Genesisius then went 'off script' and addressed those in the audience telling them to convert. This greatly displeased the emperor who had Genesisius and his troupe arrested and tortured. Those who made offerings to pagan gods were set free, but Genesisius would not recant his new found faith. When torture failed to break his spirit, Diocletian ordered Genesisius beheaded. His final words reputedly were, "Our Lord Jesus Christ is God and we shall have life in His name." His feast day is August 25, and he is the patron saint of actors and secretaries.



## New Book by Walsh Alumnus Dr. Peter Rogers '64 Recalls Life-Changing Civil Rights Experiences



Dr. Peter Rogers '64

hope in some small way I have done that," said Rogers.

Branded by his southern medical school peers as a 'liberal Yankee' and threatened with physical violence, Rogers had to navigate their closed-mindedness, racism and threats. He soon

"Ultimately, I wrote this book to honor Dr. King and hope in some small way I have done that."

realized how life in Memphis was worlds away from his Cleveland upbringing. The memoir describes the 'powder keg' of racial tension in Memphis while detailing Rogers' experiences trying to adapt to the political upheavals, the culture of the South and the stress of medical school. During this time, Rogers had to deal with both physical and mental attacks from menacing fraternity brothers who threatened him and tried to "force that Yankee Rogers to go back up north, or else."

In his coming of age story, Rogers details the struggles of deciding to stand for what is right. "Dr. King Jr. was assassinated on a Thursday, and I attended services for him on Sunday. On Monday, I was one of only a handful of white protesters to join the

group of 20,000 to march through Memphis. My sign read 'Honor King. End Racism,'" said Rogers. It was during that march Rogers began to understand what it meant to stand up against the evil of racism, as he was attacked and had a gun pointed at him.

Rogers also participated in protests, sit-ins and even attended a KKK meeting to see for himself the people who were part of the Klan. Rogers confronted racists among the police who had often severely beaten their black prisoners before bringing them to the hospital for treatment. When asked where he found such courage he replied, "I happened to be there at MLK's death which was the turning point of the civil rights movement, and I got involved. It was not popular but it was important, and I don't regret a moment, of it. It meant a lot to me. I was so appalled at the behavior of people after Dr. King was shot. I found the strength of conviction I would not have had a week earlier."

*With Malice Toward None* is both an intimate personal story as well as a potent account of American life, politics and values. In his book, Rogers describes his life-changing relationship with Miriam, an African-American woman, and the dangers they experienced as a mixed-race couple in the South. "If you are going to write a memoir you need to put it all out there. It was hard and it was sad, but a lot of things in life are sad," said Rogers, "When my kids read this book, I want them to know what it was like back then and that discrimination is just wrong. Black, white, Christian or Muslim, whoever we are – we're all God's children and we are all equal."

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Rogers was the first Walsh College Senior Class President, and he fondly recalls his time on campus. "I played softball, football, and was the sports editor for *The Lamp* and *The Spectator*," he said. Rogers credits Walsh with helping him cultivate his deep love of learning which carried him through all of his degrees. Rogers recalls his two favorite professors, Brother Robert Francoeur and Professor George Welden, and how they inspired him. "It was this love of learning that propelled and sustained me through all of the different stages in my life. I gained a sense of responsibility and purpose in life to leave something a little better wherever I go." The book *With Malice Toward None: The Night Dr. Martin*

*Luther King, Jr. Was Killed* can be ordered online from Barnes and Noble or Amazon.com.

"The quality of an institution of higher education is not judged by the number of buildings on its campus, students in its classrooms, or contests won by its athletes," said President Jusseume. "We use a simple test to determine whether or not we are meeting our mandate of educating leaders in service to others. If our alumni are leaving our campus to make meaningful contributions in the communities in which they work and live, then we are doing our job. Dr. Peter Rogers is an excellent example of our success."

Dr. Rogers, M.D., is a former Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and holds degrees from Walsh University, University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has been listed as one of America's Best Doctors since 2005 and now practices addiction medicine in Central Ohio. Rogers has also written *A Private Practice* under the pseudonym of Patrick Reilly, MD. Rogers and his wife Emilie live in Westerville, Ohio, along with their dog Harry.



# HOMECOMING

## HOMECOMING SPIRIT NOT DAMPENED BY RAIN

Over 1,100 Walsh alumni, students and friends did not let the rain dampen their enthusiasm for all things Walsh during Homecoming Weekend, October 4-6, 2013. The weekend kicked off with a recognition dinner and induction ceremony for the newest members of the Walsh Athletic Wall of Fame. The 2013 student inductees are **Chris Brink** (Football, 2000-03) **Lauren Collins** (Volleyball, 2001-04) **Ben Hackett** (Baseball, 2000-03) **Erika (Ludwig) Stewart** (Synchronized Swimming, 1997-2000) and **Chris Saltmarsh** (Golf, 2001-04).

Three influential Walsh coaches and athletic administrators are also part of the 2013 Wall of Fame class:



**Coach Sherry Bossart** spent 33 years on the campus of Walsh University. The popular Bossart coached the men's tennis program for 31 years and the women's team 26 years. Bossart compiled 620 career coaching wins and 27 championships. Along with her role as head tennis coach, Sherry also served as Athletic Business Manager until 2011.



**Coach James L. Dennison** started the Walsh football program in 1995, and over his 31 year coaching career he compiled an overall record of 208-139-2. Dennison was also director of athletics at Walsh from 1993 to 2007. Dennison stepped down from his role as athletic director in 2007 to devote all of his time to football until his retirement from Walsh in 2012.



**Coach Dan McCallion** came to Walsh in 1977 and promptly began breathing new life into the track and field program and polishing the cross-country program. McCallion guided the Cavs to the NAIA National Cross Country Meet 15 times with an all-time high fourth place finish in 1988. Dan sent an individual to the national meet every year and produced two NAIA All-Americans in 1999 with a 21st place team finish, the highest in Walsh history. He also served as Walsh's Director of Athletics from 1981 to 1983.

Families, alumni and students dodged the occasional rain shower to enjoy the Fall Family Festival activities held on campus. Student Christian Zwick won the cake eating contest and the Bookstore took first place in the Cavalier cake decorating contest. The Walsh-themed cake decorating contest raised \$300 to benefit Akron Children's Hospital. Musical entertainment was provided by the Tripper Band, led by Chris Wintrip and featuring Tom Freeland,

professor of biology, along with Michael Dunphy, chair, division of mathematics and sciences and professor of chemistry.

On Saturday night at Fawcett Stadium, alumni were treated to a tailgating meal before cheering for the Cavaliers at the homecoming football game against Ohio Dominican University. The 2013 Homecoming King and Queen were Kyle Barkhurst and Emily Ohlinger.

Sunday morning featured the annual pancake breakfast, with the cheesecake pancakes of the Finance Office taking first prize in the cook-off. Later that day, outstanding alumni were honored at the Alumni Awards Luncheon. The 2013 outstanding alumni were Thomas Kirkpatrick ('80), Mary Elizabeth Hill ('83), and Michael Douglas ('88). Dr. David Baxter was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Gregory Sbaraglia ('71) was awarded the Alumni Distinguished Service Award.

Mark your calendars for **Homecoming 2014** which will be held on **October 17-19, 2014**, when the Walsh Cavaliers will compete against Malone University.



## Marriages

### 1998

**Douglas Meyer** married Samantha Henning on August 3, 2013. Doug works as Sr. Group Manager for Mid-America Sales Operations, Frito Lay North America.

### 2002

**Michael Rossetti** married Allison on May 27, 2013. Michael works for St. Christopher's School as an upper school math teacher. The couple resides in Richmond, Virginia.

### 2002

**Maggie Muennich** married Kurtis Bockoven on October 12, 2013. Kurtis works for the IT Department at Walsh University and Maggie is a Professional Clinic Counselor at Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health. The couple resides in North Canton, Ohio.



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### 2005

**Kristen Boyne** married Michael Popelmayer on August 31, 2013, at St. John Neumann Church in Strongsville, Ohio. Kristen is the Manager of Marketing Support for the MetroHealth System in Cleveland. The couple resides in Brunswick Hills, Ohio. 1

### 2006

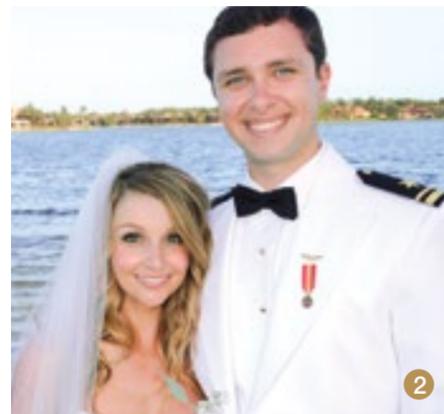
**Christine Haver** married Denver Lynn on May 11, 2013. Christine is the Advising and Student Engagement Counselor at Stark State College. The couple resides in Canton, Ohio.

### 2007

**Jamie Notch** married Justin Francis on March 8, 2013. The couple resides in Castalia, Ohio.

### 2008

**Melissa Suarez** married Dan Dale on June 15, 2013. Melissa is the Event Manager for the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. The couple resides in Canton, Ohio.



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### 2009

**Michael Galassi** married Breanne Murphy on November 10, 2012. Michael was voted to the All-Time Mid-States Football Association Mideast Team and played for the Toronto Argonauts. He currently works for Rockwell Automation.

### 2009

**LTJG Brandon Marucci** married Jacqueline Turner on March 23, 2013, atop Mt. Erie overlooking Puget Sound. Brandon is a Naval Flight Officer stationed at Whidbey Island NAS, and Jackie is a manager for the Chanel Company. The couple resides in Anacortes, Washington. 2

### 2008

**Rachel Orzechowski** married Bill Crowe on May 5, 2013. The couple resides in Cottontown, Tennessee.



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### 2009

**Halle Waters** married Max Gibson on November 9, 2013. Halle graduated with a degree in biology from Walsh and went on to Case Western Reserve University for her DMD. Max graduated with a degree in business management and went on to The University of Akron for his Juris Doctorate. 3

### 2012

**Ashley Smith** married Aaron Schoen on October 6, 2012. Ashley is an emergency room nurse and is obtaining her Family Nurse Practitioner Degree from the University of Cincinnati. Her husband, Aaron, is an audio-visual programmer for AVI-SPL in Cleveland. The couple resides in Norwalk, Ohio. 4

### 2012

**Gregory Roskovensky** married Sara Haines on August 10, 2013, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Tiffin, Ohio. They reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where they both work as physical therapists for the University of Michigan Health System. 5

### 2012

**Megan Bender** married Jason Storch on November 9, 2013, at Brookside Farm. Megan works for Affinity Medical Center, and Jason works at Ohio Packaging. The couple resides in Navarre, Ohio. 6

### 2013

**Jessica Worcester** married Trenten Petrey on September 21, 2013. Jessica is a registered nurse at the Cleveland Clinic. The couple resides in Medina, Ohio.

## Births

### 1995

**Darci (Daniels) Knight** and husband **Matthew Knight** welcomed their fourth child, Jack Matthew, on May 29, 2013. Jack joins big brothers Ethan and Andrew and big sister Morgan. 7

### 2000

**Lisa Broucker** and Troy Adams welcome the birth of their daughter, Lucia Maria, on Sept. 7, 2013. Lucia was 8 lbs. 3 oz. and 20 inches long. The family resides in Canton, Ohio, where Lisa has recently been promoted to Lieutenant at the Canton Police Department.

### 2001

**Courtney (Coleman) Prang** and her husband Jim welcomed their fourth child on June 14, 2013. Cullen Thomas Prang weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 21 inches long. He joins big sisters Riley and Olivia and big brother Jaxson.

### 2002

**Josephine (McCormick) Sellers** and her husband Eric welcomed the birth of their daughter, Sophia Olivia, on May 10, 2013. The family resides in Fresno, Ohio.

### 2003

**Matthew Letera** and his wife Vanessa welcomed their second child, Jake Letera, on January 28, 2013.

### 2005

**Nina (Bersaglini) Ruegg** and husband Ryan welcomed their daughter, Maria Louise, on February 2, 2013. Maria was 10 weeks early and weighed 2 lbs. 10 oz. She spent four months in the NICU and underwent five surgeries before coming home June 3, 2013. Nina is currently on medical leave from her application chemist position at Dover Chemical. The family resides in Magnolia, Ohio. 8

### 2007

**Meagan (McNatt) Crookston** and husband Mark welcomed a baby boy, Isaac Crookston, on July 17, 2013. The family resides in Tallmadge, Ohio.

### 2007

**Kristen (Cady) Senk** and husband Chase Senk welcomed their son, Grady William, on September 27, 2013. Grady was 8 lbs. 3 oz. and 21 inches long. The family resides in Macedonia, Ohio. 9



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## 2008

**Mary (Moauero) Coverdale** and husband Christopher welcomed their first child, Aubrey Katheryn, on July 18, 2013. The family resides in Massillon, Ohio. **10**

## 2011

**Tony Zinn** and wife **Brittany (Hufstetler)** Zinn welcomed their precious baby girl, Bria Nicole Zinn, on September 18, 2013. Tony works as the District Training Manager with Farmers Insurance and Brittany is a registered nurse in the Emergency Department at Akron Children's Hospital. **11**

## In Memoriam

### 1964

**Ronald Dellork** passed away on September 3, 2013. Ronald received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from St. Louis University on 1969. He practiced General Dentistry in Kailua, Hawaii, for 25 years before retiring and living in Honolulu.

### 1969

**Michael Kane**, age 65, died April 24, 2013, after a long illness. He was a lifelong resident of Canton, Ohio. Michael was on the basketball team and was the captain of the tennis team at Walsh. He retired from Luk Inc. in Wooster. Michael was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Massillon and was a Vietnam War Navy Veteran.

### 1975

**John Fehn** passed away suddenly on November 24, 2013, at Bethany Nursing Home after an extended illness due to M.S.A. He was a teacher at St. Joseph's Elementary School and Regina Coeli in Alliance for 41 years, retiring in June 2001 from the Diocese of Youngstown.

### 1989

**George Stuart Hackett**, age 65, passed away suddenly in his home in Dover on February 14, 2013. George worked as an archivist and historian and was a gifted researcher. He combined his love of the outdoors and of

Ohio history in his dedication to the Canal Society of Ohio. His interest in community involvement and respect for his German heritage led him to become a tour guide and costumed interpreter with the Zoar Community Association and Ohio Historical Society at Zoar Village. George was also the official archivist for the organization "LCT Flotillas of World War II Reunion Group."

### 1995

**Joan M. Picone**, age 53, lost a difficult battle with cancer on October 18, 2013.

## Class Notes

### 1969

**Tim Himes** is the owner of Quality Technical Consulting LLC. Tim and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Odessa, Florida.

### 1971

**Edward Czubek** is now an adjunct instructor at Lorain County Community College. He resides in Grafton, Ohio, with his wife, Pat.

### 1979

**Mary (Schott) Madani** is now a patient accounts specialist at Health Management Associates. She resides in Monroe, Georgia.

### 1978

**Matthew Mercer** received a master's of science in health law from the Broad Sheppard Law Center at Nova Southeastern University July 2012. Matt currently owns and operates Mercer Medicolegal Consultants, LLC, which provides consulting services specializing in medical malpractice lawsuits, patient safety, and healthcare risk management matters. In addition, Matt is the clinical coordinator of obstetrical anesthesia for Ohio Hospital Based Physicians Inc. at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

### 1981

**Sherry (Knerr) Streb** is now the CFO/controller at the Akron Art Museum. Sherry and her husband, Robert, reside in Massillon, Ohio.

## 1982

**Georgia (Daniels) McWilliams** began judging baton contests again after 30 years. Since moving to Florida, Georgia has judged the Florida State Championships, Miss Majorette of Florida, and Georgia Championships in Alabama. She will be judging a contest for Twirl Mania at the Wide World of Sports Arena in February. Georgia has seven grandchildren ages 7-23.

## 1984

**Tony Rose** was named varsity boys basketball coach at Bucyrus High School located in Crawford County in Northwest Ohio. Tony took charge of the Redmen after spending the previous nine years at North Union High School where he served as varsity girls' basketball coach for five years and also as athletic director for four years.

## 1985

**David Miller** now works for Amcor Global Business Services as a staff accountant. He resides in Phoenix, Arizona.

## 1985

**Jeffrey Davis** is now a human resources director at Canton Health Care Center. Jeffrey resides in Canton, Ohio.

## 1986

**Gloria Talarico** was inducted into the YWCA 2013 Women's Hall of Fame in May and recognized in the area of education.

## 1987

**Regina (Santilli) Kaydo** moved to Kernersville, North Carolina, in 2012 and works as hospice clinical supervisor for Duke Home Care and Hospice in Durham, North Carolina.

## 1988

**John Baird** is now a CDH consultant at Nyhart. John and his wife, Martha, reside in Indianapolis, Indiana.

## 1988

**Randy Honaker** is now the senior regional buyer for Abbott Laboratories. Randy and his wife, Lisa, reside in Westerville, Ohio.

## 1988

**Greg Moser** is now the upper school principal at Palmetto Christian School. Greg and his wife, Kimberly, reside in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

## 1988

**Michael McCaffrey** is taking an early retirement from Diebold in December 2013 after 24 years. He is looking forward to new career opportunities in 2014. Michael and his wife reside in Canton, Ohio.

## 1988

**Keith Shumaker** is now the manager of IS applications at The J.M. Smucker Company. Keith and his wife, Cara, reside in Dover, Ohio.

## 1989

**Deborah Young** won the "March of Dimes Ohio Nurse of the Year" award for pediatrics on November 2, 2013.

## 1990

**Robert Allan Williams** is the director at Good Faith Education Support Services. Robert and his wife reside in Walsall, England.

## 1991

**Debra Moeller** works for the Canton City Schools as an adjunct faculty member in the LPN program. She was also blessed with a third grandson who was born in June 2013 and joins his brothers, ages 8 and 6. Debra and her husband, Conrad, reside in Massillon, Ohio.

## 1991

**Adriana Lucia Cirese** is now the director of alumni relations at Walsh University. Lucia returned to Walsh in 2009 to begin her graduate studies and graduated in May of 2011 with a master's in education. She lives in Canton, Ohio.

## 1991

**Jason Frederick**, managing director of operations at FedEx Custom Critical, received the FedEx Five Star Award, the highest recognition within the organization. The Five Star Award recognizes employee accomplishments that demonstrate leadership, innovation, collaboration, efficiency or profitability associated with results.

## 1992

**Cheryl Gribble Klein** is currently working as a pediatric hospitalist at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she serves as the associate program director for the pediatric residence and assistant medical director for the pediatric hospitalist service. She and her husband, William Gribble, have three daughters, Lexi, Juli and Tess.

## 1993

**Paul McIntyre** is now the director of innovation for North Canton City Schools. He resides in Canton, Ohio.

## 1993

**Tiffany (Brown) McCloude** is the assistant director of Stark County pre-trial and pre-sentence services. Tiffany has been employed by the Stark County Court of Common Pleas for the past 18 years and will start her new job duties in January 2014.

## 1993

**Elizabeth (Weiland) Bennet** graduated from Kent State University in May 2013 with a master's in nursing, pediatric nurse practitioner. Beth is married to John B. Bennet, M.D. They have two daughters, Julia and Laura.

## 1994

**John Osborne** has published six crime thrillers, all available on Amazon.com under his pen name 'Jon Osborne.'

## 1996

**Travis Alberts** was promoted to operations supervisor at Zimmer Surgical in Dover, Ohio. Travis will continue to manage the

servicing department which services all capital goods devices for Zimmer worldwide. He has been with Zimmer Surgical since December 2009.



## 1996

**Eric Shepard** accepted a newly created position at the Simonton Windows corporate headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, as the

lead generation analyst. Eric works to boost the corporate website's effectiveness and develop and manage new direct response test marketing programs.

## 1997

**Gregory Dalencourt** is now a bariatric surgeon at William Graber, M.D., P.C., Weight Loss Surgery. He resides in Oneida, New York.

## 1999

**Michelle (Jones) Johnson** now works for Willoughby Eastlake City Schools as an English teacher. Michelle and her husband, Matt, reside in Middlefield, Ohio.

## 1999

**Jennifer (McElrath) Mahoney** and her husband, Kevin, recently relocated to Brookings, South Dakota. Jennifer continues to be employed by the Pittsburgh company ChemADVISOR, Inc., as team leader, consulting services, while her husband teaches at South Dakota State University.

## 1999

**Jill Church** was promoted to director of residence services at Kent State University on July 1, 2013.

## 2000

**Gina (Inman) Minger** is now working in the Allentown School District as a paraprofessional in the multiple disabilities classroom.

## 2000

**Daniel Gravo** is now the development manager at the Early Childhood Resource Center. Some of Dan's responsibilities include maintaining philanthropic relationships, securing annual support from individuals, corporations and foundations, membership development and special events.

## 2000

**Marc Seymour** and wife **Mandy (McGee) Seymour** have sent their daughter **Quinn** to heaven after a difficult battle with Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa-Herlitz. **Quinn** lived most of her 8 months of life at Amplatz Children's Hospital, part of the University of Minnesota. During **Quinn's** life, their faith was never stronger or more needed. Unfortunately, the hospital was brand new and the funding for a chapel never came through. **Quinn** and **Mandy** are working very hard to change this. They have currently raised \$200,000 of the \$500,000 necessary to have The **Quinn Seymour Chapel** become a reality for all the families that come to this hospital in search of a cure for their child. You can learn more and donate at [www.quinnscrusade.org](http://www.quinnscrusade.org).

## 2001

**Stephen Noggle** is now account manager at Diebold, Inc. **Stephen** resides in Cross Junction, Virginia.

## 2002

**Nichole Grambo** is now the coordinator of internships at the College of Business Administration at The University of Akron.

## 2003

**Kelly (Saunders) Sanor** now works for Sanctuary Home Healthcare as a branch manager for the Dover and Salem area. She and her husband, **Bret**, reside in Alliance, Ohio.

## 2003

**Craig Thompson** is now the capital project analyst for the Pilot Chemical Company. He and his wife, **Kimberly**, reside in Hamilton, Ohio.

## 2003

**Kevin Surnear** opened his own State Farm Insurance agency in Hartville, Ohio, on October 1, 2013. **Kevin Surnear Insurance** is rapidly growing by focusing its services on all of Stark and Summit counties.

## 2005

**Jacqueline (Oprean) Polnik** now works for Morgan Stanley as a financial advisor. She resides in Canton, Ohio.

## 2005

**Carol (Issac) Murphy** works for Hitachi Consulting as a manager. She resides in Orlando, Florida.

## 2005

**Brian Uline** earned his master of business administration (MBA) from the Rawls College of Business at Texas Tech University in August 2013. He is the business intelligence analyst at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. **Brian** and his wife, **Shayla**, reside in Lubbock, Texas.

## 2005

**Elizabeth Owusu-Korkor** now works for the Renhill Group as a substitute teacher. She resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## 2005

**Dana Wobser** is the manager, training & organizational development, at Myers Industries, Inc. in Akron, Ohio. **Dana** recently obtained her Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification.

## 2006

**Lisa Seymour** is a first grade teacher at Teach for America - Clio Elementary Middle School. She resides in Cheraw, South Carolina.

## 2006

**Robyn Steinmetz** is the director of marketing for Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio. She and her husband, **Scott**, reside in Canton, Ohio.

## 2006

**Krystin Byrd** is a teacher at Florence School District #1. She resides in Florence, South Carolina.

## 2006

**Scott Haws** is now project manager at Diebold. He resides in Canton, Ohio.

## 2006

**Edward Butch** is now an academic advisor at the Kent State University. He resides in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

## 2007

**Evarist Muhaya** is the senior operations analyst at JP Morgan Chase & Co. **Evarist** resides in Westerville, Ohio.

## 2007

**Rebekah Austen** works for Wooster City Schools as an intervention specialist. She resides in Jeromesville, Ohio.

## 2008

**Emily Vees** works at The University of Akron as associate director of the career center. She and her husband, **Ryan**, reside in Canton, Ohio.

## 2008

**Derek Racicki** is working at Cincinnati Children's Hospital as a licensed social worker. His wife, **Stephanie**, is working at Quest Physical Therapy as a physical therapist. The couple resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

## 2008

**Stephen Orlosky** graduated dental school from The Ohio State University in May 2013 and is currently living and working near Youngstown, Ohio.

## 2008

**Thomas Craig** is now the district executive at Great Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America. **Thomas** resides in Akron, Ohio.

## 2009

**Kelsey Carpenter** now works for Martins Ferry Middle School as a seventh grade intervention specialist. She resides in Rayland, Ohio.

## 2009

**Natalie Ezzie** is the director of operations at DonorPath, Inc. She resides in Chicago, Illinois.

## 2009

**Martha (Bachmann) Miller** is the operations manager at Akron Children's Hospital. **Martha** and her husband, **Robert**, reside in Akron, Ohio.

## 2009

**Jesse Green** now works for Rumpke Transportation as a maintenance manager. **Jesse** resides in Stow, Ohio.

## 2009

**Matthew Chiurco** is now a high school social studies teacher for Brown Local Schools. He and his wife, **Heidi**, reside in East Canton, Ohio.

## 2009

**Brittany (Wood) Leuenberger** works for the Columbus City Schools as an occupational therapist. She and her husband, **Curtis**, reside in Columbus, Ohio.

## 2009

**Erika Owens** works for Aultman Hospital as an RN-clinical informatics. She and her husband, **Mike**, reside in Mineral City, Ohio.

## 2009

**Meagan Buffington** is an analyst at HDH Advisors, LLC. She resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

## 2009

**Mary Jo Kalasky** is a pharmacist at Main Drug. She resides in North Jackson, Ohio.

## 2010

**Carla Carper** works for North Canton City Schools as a special education teacher. She resides in Canton, Ohio.

## 2010

**Patrick Greer** is a web developer at Summit Racing Equipment. He resides in Tallmadge, Ohio.

## 2010

**Benjamin Moore** is the fund accounting supervisor at Huntington Asset Services. He resides in Carmel, Indiana.

## 2010

**Robert Lebo** works for the Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc., as a counselor. He resides in Columbus, Ohio.

## 2011

**Carrie (Woodring) Shannon** is an autism unit teacher at Carrollton Exempted Village Schools. **Carrie** and her husband, **Joseph**, reside in Tallmadge, Ohio.

## 2011

**Sylvester Aina** is a teaching assistant at the American University in Washington, DC.

## 2011

**Lacey (Glover) Ellyson** works for Mercy Medical Center as a registered nurse. **Lacey** and her husband, **Tyler**, reside in Kensington, Ohio.

## 2011

**Sara (Williamson) Fichter** is the patient care coordinator at Mercy Medical Center. **Sara** and her husband, **Andrew**, reside in Massillon, Ohio.

## 2011

**Amanda Smith** works at The Linsly School as a teacher. She resides in Martins Ferry, Ohio.

## 2012

**Ariel Hoyt** is a registered nurse at the Altercare of Cuyahoga Falls.

## 2012

**Courtney Bick** is now an accountant at the Dover office of Novogradac & Company, LLP. **Courtney** plans to pursue her Ohio licensure next year. She resides in Carrollton, Ohio.

## 2012

**Nicole Gabor** is the senior coordinator of investor relations at The J.M. Smucker Company. She resides in Clinton, Ohio.

## 2013

**Jacob Boron** is the director of recruiting at The Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. He resides in Massillon, Ohio.



*Walsh Founding Brother*  
**Edmond G. Drouin, FIC,**  
1921-2013

Brother **Edmond Drouin** passed into the loving arms of the Lord Saturday, December 14, 2013, at the age of 92 in Lewiston, ME. **Br. Drouin** was the last of the original seven Brothers of Christian Instruction (FIC) who founded Walsh (College) University in 1960.

As head of the LaMennais College Library in Alfred, ME, **Br. Drouin** directed the transfer of that library's collections to start the library at Walsh. **Br. Drouin** ensured that all 20 tons (8,031 books) that were moved nearly 800 miles arrived in perfect condition. By the time he left his librarian position, the library collection had expanded to 35,000+ books.

In 2003, on the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the FIC Order, the library was named for Brother **Drouin** in recognition of his dedication. In 1971, he was released from library and teaching responsibilities to pursue writing and research full time. He contributed articles for several religious and professional magazines including articles on Church history for the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. He also wrote a biography of Fr. **John Mary de La Mennais**, founder of the Brothers in Christian Instruction entitled *The Courage of Hope, John de La Mennais, 1780-1860*.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Brothers' Retirement Fund c/o  
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