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President's Message

While Campus Ministry has always been a part of Walsh University – an important part – it has never been more active, more inclusive, more dynamic, and more necessary than it is today. Under the leadership of Miguel Chavez, high energy, enthusiastic hospitality, and prayerful, transformative activities are the hallmark. Add in the musical talent, welcoming attitude, and spiritual leadership of Pedro (PJ) Chavez, and we have a double shot of transformative spirit that serves the whole Walsh community. Then add Mary Niedenthal, Father Anselm Zupka, Dominica Rhein, Father Thomas Cebula, and Elizabeth Erickson, and you have a formula for a Christ-centered, meaningful campus environment firmly rooted in the Catholic faith, but deliberately inclusive of all.

As you read through this edition of the Walsh Times, note the stories, the careers, the volunteerism, the caring and helpful work of alumni, faculty, and friends of Walsh. A campus centered on Jesus Christ and open to His spirit, compels us all to labor in His vineyard and to be leaders in service to others.

As we begin a new year, let us dispense of fear, pessimism, and doomsday predictions. Let us all draw strength from our vibrant campus culture and seek a way to take the message to our homes, churches, jobs, communities, and the world. Do not let anyone deter you. We do make a difference!

Peace and joy in the new year!

Richard Jusseaume, President

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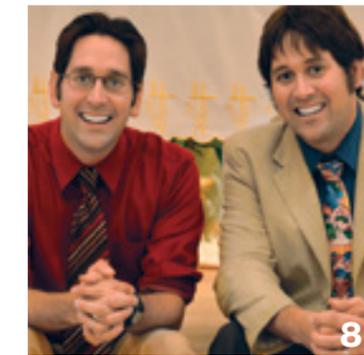
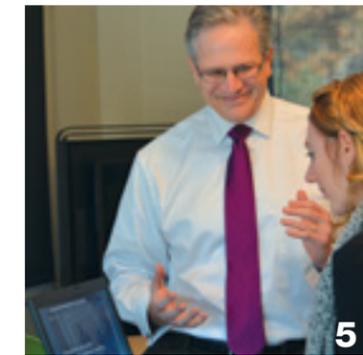
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Campus Ministry: Enriching the Lives of Students and Building Leaders in Faith





Msgr. Siffrin and Graduates Honored at Winter Commencement Ceremony

Walsh University honored more than 290 summer and fall graduates during Commencement on Sunday, December 14. The ceremony also included a special address by Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin, who was honored with the Walsh University Distinguished Service Medal.

The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to those who have rendered distinguished professional or voluntary service to others within the national, regional or local Walsh University community. Those who are awarded this honor reflect the University's steadfast commitment to the strength of noble character.

Msgr. Siffrin serves the Diocese of Youngstown as the Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia and works closely with the Bishop on matters of diocesan governance, overseeing all aspects of the operation of the diocesan Chancery. Prior to this position, in June 2005, Msgr. Siffrin was elected interim leader of the Diocese of Youngstown after Bishop Tobin was reassigned to Providence, Rhode Island. Msgr. Siffrin served as Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Youngstown until the Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., was appointed as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown by Pope Benedict XVI in early 2007.

During his appointment as Diocesan Administrator, Msgr. Siffrin served as celebrant of the dedication ceremony of Walsh's first free-standing Chapel, the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel, on September 8, 2006. Named in honor of the patroness of Walsh's Founders, the Brothers of Christian Instruction, the Chapel and its dedication ceremony marked a significant moment in Walsh's legacy as a Catholic University of Distinction.

National Accrediting Council Recognizes Walsh's Success in Preparing Exceptional Teachers

The Division of Education was recently notified that its education programs have been approved for accreditation renewal by The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), the largest accreditor of educator training programs in the U.S.

"The Division of Education is proud to be a nationally accredited education program. This achievement represents hundreds of hours of work by faculty and staff and acknowledges the excellence of our talented students. Our graduates are highly regarded in their field and well-prepared for their teaching careers, as demonstrated in our employer and alumni surveys. On virtually every critical measure, Walsh graduates, teachers and educational leadership candidates place in the top rankings among national peers," said Division Chair Dr. Jeannie DeFazio.

Walsh's Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Arts in Education and Master of Arts in Education programs are accredited by CAEP through 2020. Accreditation renewal recognizes that the Walsh education programs continue to meet the rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community.

Walsh Joins Inaugural Meeting to Solve Hunger at United Nations Headquarters

On December 9, Walsh President Richard Jusseaume traveled to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City for the public signing of the Presidents' Commitment to Food and Nutrition Security, written by Auburn University President Dr. Jay Gogue. The coalition of 60 higher education presidents worldwide marks the first time universities have shared a collective focus on ending food insecurity.

In September, Walsh was the first Ohio institution to sign and formally pledge to the Presidents' Commitment. The United Nations event also commemorated the first official



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gathering of PUSH – Presidents United to Solve Hunger – where higher education leaders publicly acknowledged their commitment to making food security a priority.

"We are grateful for Walsh University's leadership in the war on hunger in Ohio. Its commitment to service globally and locally on pressing sustainability issues such as food security can be a model for institutions both big and small," said Harriet W. Giles, Ph.D., Managing Director of Auburn's Hunger Solutions Institute.

Walsh Women's Committee Hosts Sold-Out Fashion Show and Luncheon

The Walsh University Women's Committee hosted a sold-out Fashion Show and Luncheon for more than 300 people on Saturday, November 15, at Brookside Country Club. Proceeds from the event will support student scholarships.

The "O' Christmas Tree" themed event included a silent auction, a fabulous French market, beautifully decorated Christmas trees, gorgeous holiday centerpieces, and more. The Fashion Show featured Christmas Holiday couture presented by Laura of Pembroke, Vita, Encore, Lingenfelter Brille and vintage fashions by Carole Splendore.

For over 40 years the mission of the Women's Committee of Walsh University has been to develop and implement fundraising and service projects for Walsh University. The committee's goal is to support the University in its academic, cultural and social objectives for the benefit of the University community and the community at large.

President Jusseaume Discusses Ex corde Ecclesiae at Franciscan University Symposium

President Richard Jusseaume kicked off Franciscan University's Fidelity and Freedom Symposium with his presentation of "The Heart of the Matter," a discussion of Walsh's successful commitment to *Ex corde Ecclesiae* ("From the Heart of the Church"), Pope John Paul II's visionary Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Higher Education. The symposium was held from November 14 -15 in honor of *Ex corde Ecclesiae's* 25th anniversary.

President Jusseaume's remarks addressed how Walsh University's acceptance and adoption of Catholic doctrine have helped lead the University through a period of significant enrollment growth and academic development during his 13 years as Walsh's president. In his remarks, he noted that *Ex corde Ecclesiae* has been "an inspiration for Walsh to grow, develop and fulfill our mission."

Teresa Griffin Named Vice President for Marketing and Communications

Teresa Griffin has been appointed to the newly created position of Vice President for Marketing and Communications. Griffin has served as Walsh's Assistant Vice President of University Relations since 2010 and brings more than 17 years of marketing experience to this position, including various roles in the corporate sector prior to joining Walsh as Director of Marketing in 2005.

In her new role, Griffin will continue to provide leadership for integrated University marketing strategies and promotional activities of the newly created Office of Integrated Marketing and Communications.

"In the highly competitive market of higher education, the necessity for a professional and concise approach to the branding of an institution is a requirement. With that in mind, we have elevated the role of marketing to a senior staff position," said Walsh University President Richard Jusseaume. "We are confident that Teresa's experience in both the corporate and nonprofit industries will continue to enhance the reputation of Walsh University as we strive to become an even greater resource to the Northeast Ohio community."



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Blind Faith

INSPIRING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Bethany Weisend Cain '99

Walsh alumna Bethany Weisend Cain '99 is not only an expert in her chosen field of teaching the visually impaired, she is also an inspiration. Like her students, Cain was born blind. But she has never let her blindness define who she is or slow her down.

"I think the one thing that seems to surprise people the most is that I come from a very large family," said Cain. "I have 14 brothers and sisters, and I'm one of 13 who were adopted by my parents. Other than that, I'd say my life is incredibly normal. And really, that is a blessing I am grateful for every day."

Cain was adopted at the age of 7 by her parents, Dennis and Gail Weisend. She grew up in North Canton, Ohio, where she attended Canton City Schools and graduated high school from Heritage Christian School. With the loving support of her parents and the unwavering encouragement of her large family, Cain pursued her independence and never let her blindness stand in the way of trying new things. Her hobbies include knitting, crocheting, reading and professional singing. She enjoys traveling with her husband of 10 years, Greg, and in a recent trip to Cape Cod she even drove her godfather's fishing boat.

"My parents instilled in me that you set your own limitations. They never stopped me from doing something I wanted to do because I couldn't see and made sure I had a very normal childhood," said Cain. "I've been horseback riding, took piano lessons

and went to church every Sunday. My disability was not anything we focused on. Instead, we focused on finding ways to get around it."

It was her educational experiences in the classroom and the influence of several exceptional teachers that inspired her to pursue her own degree in elementary and

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special education. Ironically, before she even considered attending Walsh University, her first experience teaching in front of a classroom came from Walsh's Division of Education Chair and family friend Dr. Jeannie Defazio.

"When I was in high school, I used to present in Dr. Defazio's special education classes at

Walsh. I would share the effects of my disability along with some of the assistive technology and braille skills I utilize each day."

But it wasn't until the start of her junior year that Cain made the commitment to Walsh and her chosen field of special education. Through a scholarship received from the Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired, Cain transferred to Walsh and moved into her Menard Residence Hall room equipped with the assistive technology and extra support that would help her to experience campus life as a traditional college student.

"Through my scholarship, I had an orientation and mobility specialist who taught me how to get to class independently so that I could travel on my own around campus. They also hired readers to help me study for tests," said Cain. "If you had seen me on a typical day on campus, I don't think you would've been able to tell me apart from every other Walsh student. The only exception was that I had a cane when I traveled."

One of the first friends she met was fellow education student Gayle Miller who volunteered to help her navigate the cafeteria lines and introduced her to the close circle of friends she quickly made on campus. The two remain close friends to this day.

Cain earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Special Education from Walsh in 1999 and her Master of Education Degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2004.

She describes meeting her husband, Greg Cain, in 2004 as "love at first sight" and the two were married the same year.

Her more than 15-year career in special education has included positions at Northwest Local Schools, Pittsburgh Public Schools, and a combined eight years in Iowa as an Itinerant Teacher of the Visually Impaired for Keystone Area Education Agency and Clinton Community Schools. In 2012, Bethany and Greg moved to Georgia where she was employed by the Clayton County School District. This past summer, the couple returned to Ohio and are currently living in Bellefontaine, OH,

where Bethany is a teacher of the visually impaired for Marysville Exempted Village School District.

Through the use of assistive technology products such as an iPhone with voice accessibility, a note taker with a braille display screen, computers with screen reading accessibility and adapted iPads, Cain is able to teach visually impaired students how to live and work self-sufficiently.

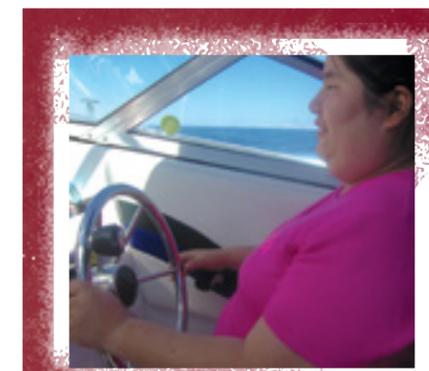
"I'd have to say it was my struggles, rather than my successes, that made me want to become a teacher. Kids who are physically impaired need to know and understand that they can lead a normal life. I feel like

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Bethany Weisend Cain '99 and Family



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a person who has a disability can relay that message a little stronger than someone who doesn't. I'm an expert because I live it every day."

As a Walsh student, Cain enjoyed campus life, made lifelong friends and was active in Jack Chesterfield's music program as a Cantor at Walsh Masses.

"My three years at Walsh were truly some of the best of my life. Besides in my own family, Walsh was really the first place where I felt like I was treated normally. I'm proud to say that my time on campus helped to shape me to be the adult that I am today," said Cain. "I hope that my experiences can serve as an example for even just one of my students. I want them to understand that anything is possible when you have faith and set your mind to it."

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#Trending Now:



New Major Addresses the Emerging Field of Digital Writing



From Twitter hashtags to WordPress blogs and Goodreads.com, the traditional world of literary and professional writing is constantly changing. How we communicate and the channels in which we receive information have dramatically altered over time through the integration of new technologies that impact not only the way we write but also how we deliver the message.

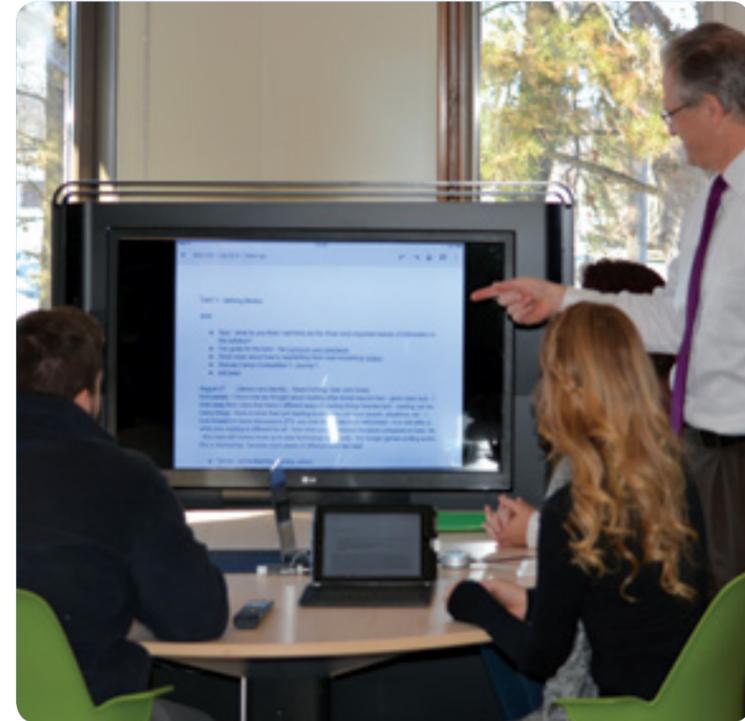
In an evolving professional climate where corporate memos have been replaced by instant messages and breaking



news is delivered in 140 characters or less, Walsh's Division of Language and Letters within the School of Arts and Sciences is incorporating the latest technologies and new learning methods to effectively prepare students for success in the digital culture.

"Today, the growing use of the Internet and social media tools have created a new mastery category that is commonly known as digital literacy," said Chair of the Division of Language and Letters Ron Scott, Ph.D. "Literacy is the ability to read and write. Digital literacy means that I can research and evaluate the legitimacy of online information. I can determine if there is a use for Twitter or Facebook in my communication plans. I can write in an intelligent and emotionally sensitive way across various media platforms."

With the development of a new professional writing major for 2015 that will include a focus on writing for digital communications, students will gain the knowledge and skills to successfully enter careers in the corporate, computing and communications industries where social media, printed text and digital design often come together to deliver one message. Graduates from the new major will be prepared for careers in social media anal-



constituents through various media channels, while also assisting in concise technical writing that, for example, might ensure the use and safety of their products," said Dr. Scott. "Today's messages are often multimodal and include graphics, sound, video and visual components, as well as text. Even in the traditional writing cultures of English, literature and journalism, we need to understand that there are different nuances when you add in the digital element."

Through the emergence of new technologies and the increasing demand for skilled writers who are comfortable navigating social media channels, students like Walsh junior Rachel Blakely have a diverse range of career options to choose from as English majors.

"I think that English is essential to any field that one might enter," said

Blakely. "You have to know the basic rules of English, languages, and how to communicate in a business setting. With the integration of technology in our coursework, we are perfecting the ability to communicate through emails and social media, research efficiently online, create strategic presentations, write persuasively, and gain the basic knowledge that you'll need in any career."

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Blakely has combined her double majors in English and International Relations with minors in French and Creative Writing. She hopes to pursue a career in journalism, editing or travel writing.

By incorporating technology with the classical elements of English and literature coursework, professors are addressing the need for sophisticated writing that can transcend many genres including social media, blogs, corporate communications, journalism and marketing. Students are honing the ability to write specifically for social media, not just for personal expression but from a corporate point of view to deliver a professional message.

“For my generation, we’ve been using social media comfortably for years to express everything that is on our minds,” said



Blakely. “Approaching the use of social media tools like Twitter for a professional purpose was a new experience for many of us in class.”

For Walsh graduate Angela Dancik '12, her degree in English and Professional Writing was the catalyst for an unprecedented career move from intern in the Human Resources Department to writer/editor for the United States Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, DC. As a civilian marine, Dancik is responsible for the writing and editing of official policy, documents, and doctrine. It is her responsibility to ensure that internal and external communications are operating with one unified voice and that the appropriate message is understood by its intended audience.

“The audience I am writing for ranges from the most junior marine in boot camp to senior officers. I’m tasked with crafting

documents that can be understood by all ranges of age and experience, while also translating technical military material into language that can be easily understood by the general public.”

Dancik credits her Walsh writing courses for successfully preparing her for life after college, especially her electives in professional and technical writing.

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“Coursework like developing and maintaining a travel blog while studying in Italy really opened my eyes to all the different means that we can utilize to convey written products,” said Dancik. “That experience gave me a

new perspective on the benefits of tapping into online forms of communications.”

Students in the Division of Language and Letters are also engaged in coursework through experiential and service learning projects that help to extend the traditional classroom. Recently, students in Walsh’s English courses participated in after-school activities that included writing and directing short plays on the topic of bullying with students from the Canton City School District. This past semester, students in the Professional Writing service learning course volunteered to work with high school students to develop resumes and cover letters, while students in the Spanish for Healthcare major perfected their conversational Spanish by providing free healthcare services to migrant farmers and their families in Hartville, Ohio. New collaborations also include employers and faculty members from neighboring universities, which has resulted in the first ever Northeast Ohio Consortium of English Departments’ Career Prep Day on February 7, 2015.

“We don’t want to use technology in the classroom just because it looks cool or is considered ‘fun.’ We need to make sure we know what potential employers are looking for and prepare our students accordingly,” said Dr. Scott. “Our graduates are going to know Google Analytics and understand the value of a hashtag. In fact, digital communications will be their second language.”



More than a Ministry



Enriching the Lives of Students and Building Leaders in Faith

Anyone who has attended Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel or spent a significant amount of time on the Walsh University campus likely recognizes twin brothers Miguel and Pedro “PJ” Chavez. Even if they don’t know the brothers personally, they’ve likely been recipients of their infectious smiles and warm hearts, or witnessed firsthand how their musical talents enhance Mass and other campus events.

“Miguel and PJ embody the mission of the University. They are a walking example of the Gospel in action,” said Campus Minister and Coordinator of Outreach Mary Niedenthal. “They are just remarkable young men who empower students and call forth their gifts.”

In many ways, the Chavez brothers are trailblazers for campus and music ministry here at Walsh. Miguel is the first layperson to serve as the director of Campus Ministry. In his role as Director of Music Ministry and Sacristan, PJ has brought a new level of organization and structure to liturgical music on campus, creating a musical ensemble comprised of Walsh students as well as two students from St. Thomas Aquinas High School who join the group on the weekends.

For years, PJ and Miguel were “the twins” everywhere they went, but after graduating from Canton Central Catholic High School in 2000 they prepared to embark on their journeys as individuals. PJ attended then Mount Union College as a Music Education



major, and Miguel came to Walsh to study Theology.

“When I came to Walsh it was the first time in my life when I became Miguel. I wasn’t one of ‘the twins,’” Miguel said. “It was a

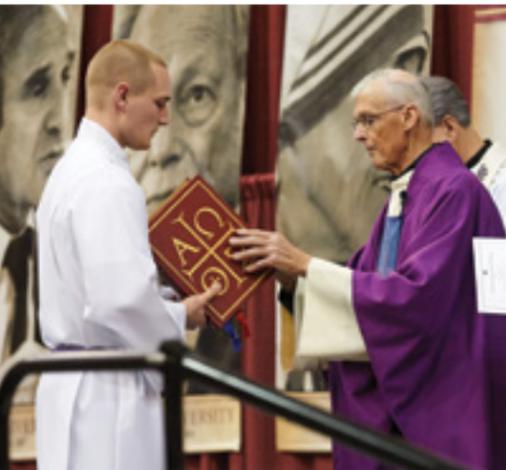
unique dynamic and an important hiatus from the twin unit piece.”

Perhaps because of that experience and the time to explore who he was as an individual, Miguel now recognizes and appreciates even more the special bond he and PJ share. “I am so blessed to be able to serve Walsh students, staff and faculty—but more importantly to serve God through my vocation—and to be able to share that with my brother. I couldn’t dream of anything better,” Miguel said. “I look to my brother as a role model. Not everyone is afforded that opportunity.”

For PJ, the feeling is mutual. “He completes my ministry as well,” he said.

In fact, the opportunity to work with Miguel was one of the appealing aspects of accepting the job at Walsh. PJ’s position was newly created with the construction of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel in 2006. However, he was already an active member of the campus faith community, often volunteering his time to play at Mass in the Brothers Chapel in La Mennais Hall.

PJ recalls a visit to the chapel during the construction phase when it was still an



empty space, before the pews were installed. “It was the coolest thing watching them get the piano into the chapel,” PJ said. “I remember they wheeled it right in, and I sat down and just started playing. I was so excited.”

Originally, the plans called for the piano and one microphone in front of the pulpit. However, PJ had bigger ambitions. He knew he wanted a full band and opportunities for more people to create music. He moved the setup over to its current location, plugged in a soundboard and began laying the groundwork for the current liturgical music program.



“PJ has a way of taking a traditional hymn, spicing it up, and making it relevant to the current age. Sometimes I have a hard time keeping my feet from tapping and my hands from clapping to the music,” said Walsh Chaplain Rev. Anselm Zupka, O.S.B. “Time and time again students tell

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me how they wish they had that kind of music at their home parishes and how much they look forward to coming to Mass here because of the music.”

Not only has PJ enriched the Mass experience at Walsh, but he also inspires the students. “I have learned so much about being a musician in the past year and a half I have

worked with PJ. He has completely transformed the way I play for the better, and I am an entirely different musician than I was before I met him,” said Walsh student Mary Modena. “He is an amazing boss, mentor, friend and musician, and he always brings out the best in the students he serves.”

Building Leaders in Faith

“Our role in Campus Ministry is to meet students, staff and faculty where they’re at and challenge them to grow in light of their faith and in light of their experience in the Catholic tradition that the University is so grounded in,” Miguel said, adding that the role of ministry on campus isn’t limited to



“Our team works so well, and it’s amazing how each of us has our own niche,” Niedenthal said. “Everything we have is open to all the students—not just the Catholic students. We have a good mix of students of all faiths, and we learn from each other without ever compromising our Catholic identity.”

Although Miguel and PJ have both been instrumental in bringing new life to ministry

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Chaplain Rev. Anselm Zupka, O.S.B.

work within the chapel or within the Office of Campus Ministry but, rather, is the responsibility of everyone on campus.

According to Modena, Miguel is certainly accomplishing that task. “His faith inspires countless staff and students, including myself, to find faith within themselves,” she said. “He truly brings out the best in people and points out the self-worth and value in everyone he comes across.”

In addition to Miguel Chavez and Mary Niedenthal, the Campus Ministry staff includes Dominica Rhein, Campus Minister for Residence Life Outreach, part-time campus ministers Rev. Tom Cebula and Elizabeth Erickson, as well as nearly two dozen work-study students, an intern, and other student volunteers.



empower as many students as we can,” Niedenthal said. “Now we’re so busy we need to add campus ministers. It’s an exciting problem to have.”

Miguel echoed those statements, adding that they seek to empower students to take on leadership roles at Walsh and beyond, whether that be by way of developing new service projects, organizing retreats or becoming musical directors in their own parishes.

Campus Ministry’s list of programs and projects is flourishing. Not only is the number of programs expanding, but the attendance at these programs has increased so much that they continually outgrow their space.

In fall semester alone, the group hosted more than a dozen internal and external retreats, including the signature Agape retreat. Student organizations like Peacemakers and the newly formed Sisters in Christ, along with programs such as Praise and Worship, Theology on Tap and Water into Wine, are also growing in popularity both on campus

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From on-campus clubs and lectures to service projects and retreats, Walsh's ministry outreach extends beyond the campus, providing opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. Below are a few highlights of current organizations and initiatives in which students can participate.

- Agape Retreat
- Other Student-Led Retreats
- Praise and Worship
- Bible Studies
- Sisters in Christ
- Water into Wine Young Adult Ministry
- Theology on Tap
- Liturgical Music Ensemble
- Creating Blankets for Akron Children's Hospital
- Campus Ministry Art Projects
- Sunday Night Social
- Witnesses and Themed Talks
- Prayer Services
- Community Confirmation and Thematic Retreats
- Devotional Prayers (Rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, etc.)
- Walsh University Knights of Columbus Council #13289
- Spring Break Appalachia Service Immersion Trips
- Leadership in Faith Workshops
- Themed Book Studies
- Adopt a Family collaboration with Catholic Charities
- Other Community Outreach

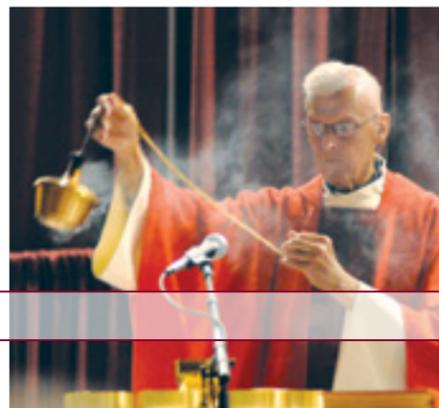


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and in the local community. In fact, Miguel and his staff have created a manual for the Water into Wine young adult ministry, which will be piloted in three local parishes in the spring.

Walsh's musical ministry is also expanding into the community. Walsh students now host Praise and Worship at other parishes, bringing the Walsh experience to the parishioners and leading their musicians.

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In addition, PJ is helping to spearhead campus ministry at his alma mater, Canton Central Catholic, along with the help of a group of Walsh students. Together they are helping teach the Central students how to lead and develop programming at the high school level.

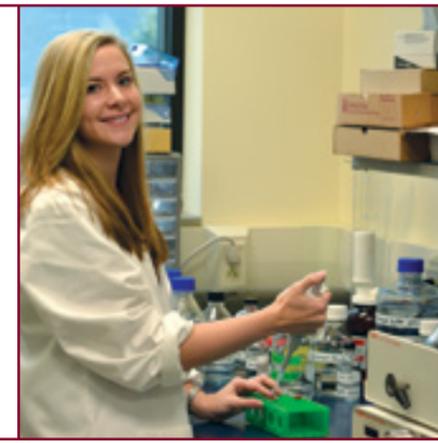
Being Joyfully Present

Both PJ and Miguel take to heart the idea of being "joyfully present" in everything they do, and they do so in a very authentic and palpable way.

"I admire and respect these young men so much because they actually live out their faith—they're not just giving it lip service," Niedenthal said. "No matter what is going on in their lives, they always have smiles on their faces."

It's a genuine joy that helps their work transcend into something more than a job. "We truly love what we do, and we have a lot of fun. The students pick up on that," PJ said.

That joyful energy inspires not just the students but the campus community as a whole. "I have never met two people with so much energy," said Father Anselm. "They are the heartbeat of Walsh that pulsates throughout the University."



A Quarter Century of Giving

Long-Term Support of Annual Walsh Fund Creates Powerful Impact for Students

For many Walsh University alumni, their long-term and consistent support of the annual Walsh Fund shares one common theme: turning college dreams into a reality for students.

Gifts to the Walsh Fund help to fund critical student resources such as scholarships, service-learning initiatives, library materials and much more. Founded on the belief that a high-quality education should be made affordable to anyone who seeks it, 99 percent of Walsh students today receive some form of financial aid. All gifts to the Walsh Fund, no matter the size, have the ability to make a significant impact. Long-term support is especially meaningful and demonstrates a high-level of confidence in the Walsh University mission and in the value of its education.

With gifts that extend for more than a quarter century, the following three alums share their personal reasons for why they choose to support the annual Walsh Fund each year. It is their more than 25-years of giving, not the actual gift amount itself, that exemplifies their strong belief in the mission upon which Walsh was established and ensures the University's ability to sustain that legacy for future generations.

Larry Schaffner '76: A Gift that Lasts a Lifetime



It was his father's open heart surgery that prompted Larry Schaffner '76 to make the personal decision to move closer to home to finish his college degree. He was looking for a change from the large state school he had attended and wanted a campus environment that would provide a more intimate setting with a close teacher-student relationship. Schaffner also wanted to continue to play collegiate baseball. It was at Walsh that he found the opportunity to pursue both his athletic and academic goals.

After graduating from Walsh in 1976 with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry, Schaffner went on to earn his MBA and then spent more than 35 years working in the technology field. He currently manages the Technology Center and Computer Training for the Akron-Summit County Public Library. Larry and his wife, Lori, together raised two daughters, Kristi and Andrea.

For more than 35 years, Schaffner has chosen to make a gift to the annual Walsh Fund.

"I've been impressed with the leadership and the direction of the University over the years. It has evolved from a commuter environment when I attended to a true on-campus experience. Also, it will always hold a place in my heart because Walsh is where I met my beautiful wife of 35 years, Lori, while she was taking nursing classes on campus."

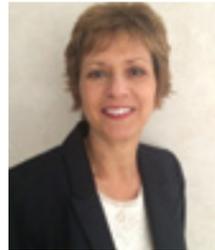
As a resident of Canton, OH, and as the brother and uncle of two alums and uncle of a current student, he has personally witnessed the University's evolution from the commuter school with only two dorms he remembers to a vibrant campus with 10 residence halls and 25 buildings situated on a park-like campus setting.

"Why do I continue to give to Walsh each year? Because I hope to make the financial burden just a little bit easier for current students so that they can enjoy a true college experience. The education is great, but it's also about the relationships you form. I still remain in close contact with many of my college friends. I give because I believe the values that come from attending a religious-based school stay with you throughout your lifetime."

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“It’s a fact that I would not have been able to afford college without scholarship assistance, which is why I feel compelled to help other students in that same situation now. I want them to have the same opportunities that I had without worrying about the financial aspects of earning a degree.” *Mary Barnabi Datsko '82*

**Mary Barnabi Datsko '82:
My Turn to Give Back**



If it hadn't been for student scholarships like those provided by the Walsh Fund, Mary Barnabi Datsko '82 would not have been able to attend Walsh University.

“Having gone to Catholic elementary and high schools and growing up in the small town of Dennison, OH, I remember thinking that Walsh just felt like a good fit for me. It wasn't until I received my financial package though that I was able to fully commit to attending. My scholarship helped to make a college education possible for me.”

While studying accounting at Walsh, Datsko stayed active by working in the student center's Stumble Inn and enjoyed living on campus in Menard Hall. She graduated in 1982 with her bachelor's degree in accounting.

“Overall, I received a well-rounded education at Walsh, and definitely I felt like I was very well-prepared for my career. Since graduation, I've been working in my chosen field of accounting for more than 30 years. Along the way, I've had the opportunity to work for several Fortune 500 companies including McDermott International, and currently as a business analyst for United Technologies Corp., formerly the Goodrich Corporation.”

Mary remained in North Canton following graduation, where she and her husband of 25 years, George, raised two daughters, Sarah and Emily.

Since 1988, Mary Datsko has been a consistent supporter of the Walsh Fund.

“It's a fact that I would not have been able to afford college without scholarship assistance, which is why I feel compelled to help other students in that same situation now. I want them to have the same opportunities that I had without worrying about the financial aspects of earning a degree. I hope that because of their college experience they will be able to find a job and enjoy the same level of success in their chosen fields as I have had. And that when they are able, I hope they will make the same choice to contribute and fund the college dreams of the next generation.”

**Larry Clark '72:
A Daily Prayer of Thanks**



Every day, Larry Clark '72 says a prayer of thanks for Walsh University. “It was luck that brought me to Walsh where I received not only a great

education, but I found the motivation and inspiration that continues to impact my life through faculty members like Spanish professors Dr. Patrick Gargoline, Brother Henri Bernier and English professor Dr. Ralph Perrico. Every time I walk into a classroom I am thankful for my education at Walsh. “

For 1972 alum Larry Clark, Walsh was a long way from home in East Aurora, New York. He heard about Walsh from several sources, including his high school guidance counselor, and after making a visit to campus he decided that Walsh was where he needed to be.

After graduating from Walsh, he began teaching Spanish at Wellsville High School in

Wellsville, New York, and earned a master's degree from nearby Alfred University. Clark's 42-year career as an educator has included leadership roles within the Wellsville Teachers' Association and as the district's delegate for the Annual Meeting of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

After he retired from Wellsville Central Schools in 2006, he became a substitute teacher in Allegany County, a Spanish and English teacher at the State University of New York at Alfred and translated for local firms, law enforcement and nearby hospitals. He currently is teaching middle school Spanish and English at Immaculate Conception School in Wellsville.

Clark resides in Wellsville with his wife of 34 years, Deborah, and son, Bryan.

An ardent supporter of Walsh, Clark has consistently and generously contributed to the Walsh Fund for over 40 years. He joined with fellow alumni to help make the Dorothy Ling Rehearsal Hall and the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel a reality. This past October, Clark was honored with an Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award.

“I choose to give back because of all the blessings I've received as a result of my Walsh education, and now it is my turn to give back so that others can have the opportunities that I received.”

“I choose to give back because of all the blessings I've received as a result of my Walsh education” *Larry Clark '72*

**A Graduate's Dream
Realized through the
Walsh Fund**

From the time she was 8 years old, Taylor Sherrod '14 has known that she wanted to become a veterinarian. It's been a life-long dream of hers that started while watching the “animal doctors” help heal animals on TV. But, as the first in her family to attend college, Sherrod knew affording the cost of a private education would be a significant challenge.

With the encouragement of her parents, she worked hard in high school and graduated at the top of her class. She set her eyes on Walsh University because she was attracted to Walsh's prestigious honors program where she would be able to conduct research in areas like cancer to set her ahead of her peers.

Through generous donations to the Walsh Fund like those given by Larry Schaffner, Mary Datsko and Larry Clark, Taylor received two scholarships to attend Walsh University and graduated this past May. Thanks to the education she received at Walsh, support from her parents, and the caring professors who helped her succeed, she is now attending The Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. And more importantly, her dream to become a veterinarian is becoming a reality.



To learn more about how your gift can create a lasting impact in the lives of our students, contact Mike Frank, Director of the Walsh Fund, at **330.490.7280** or **mfrank@walsh.edu**.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming 2014

CELEBRATES 50TH REUNION OF FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

More than 300 alumni, students, and friends celebrated Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, October 17-19, 2014. This year's event also marked an important historical milestone for Walsh when members of the first graduating class of 1964 returned to campus for their 50th Class Reunion.

Special activities included the return of the Alumni Ox Roast, Cavalier 5K and Fun Run, tailgating and press box reception at the Walsh vs. Malone football game, Reunion Years Brunch, and Mass in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel. The 2014 Outstanding Alumni Lunch was a highlight of the weekend, celebrating the many achievements of Walsh alumni.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Walsh University honored its outstanding alumni during a special luncheon on Sunday, October 19. During the ceremony, the Class of 1964 was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. This distinction is bestowed on those who have dedicated countless hours to Walsh's students and alumni. Walsh's first class of 47 graduates established a legacy that demonstrates the success of Walsh by distinguishing themselves in business, education, medicine and law. Most importantly, they went on to become servant leaders in their own communities, volunteering time and talent to make meaningful contributions in their workplaces and their neighborhoods.

Outstanding Achievement Award

The luncheon also honored select alumni with the Outstanding Achievement Award. This award is given each year to recognize outstanding achievement in a chosen field or profession, outstanding service to Walsh

University, and or outstanding community service. This year's recipients were James McPartlin '67, Larry Clark '72, and Virginia Neutzling '83.

James McPartlin has served with the Peace Corps, the United States Military, the Massachusetts National Guard, and the American Legion. He is now retired from his successful career as an educator and spends his time volunteering in the community.

Larry Clark's 34-year career as an educator included teaching Spanish and English; coaching cross country, track, and girls' basketball; and serving in leadership roles in Wellsville, New York. He is involved in his community, serving his local Kiwanis Club, the Knights of Columbus, and on the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Virginia Neutzling has served as an adjunct faculty member at Stark State College and Kent State University; Executive Director

of the Stark County Health Care Coalition; and a Public Health Nurse and Health Educator for the Stark County Health Department. She currently volunteers with The Austin Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Wilderness Center, and the Rotary Club of Canton and has received many awards for service to her community.

Wall of Fame Induction

The annual Wall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony on Friday, October 17, recognized and honored new members who have exhibited excellence in the Walsh Varsity Athletic Program. Inductees for 2014 included: Darian Tate (Football 2001), Mike Galassi '09 (Football 2006-07), Christine (Haver) Lynn '07 (Women's Golf 2003-07), Jason Hicks '07 (Men's Basketball 2004-07), Ruth (Kucklick) Prentice '05 (Volleyball 2001-05), Richard Mapp '87 (Men's Soccer 1983-87) and longtime Walsh Cavalier supporter Jeff Rabbitt.



Marriages

1967

Gene Frankart married **Cindy Carter** on May 25, 2013. Cindy and Gene each lost their first spouses to cancer and met each other on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend. Combined, they have four children and six grandkids. The newlywed couple resides in Houston, Texas. **1**



2009

Adam Birtcher married **Haley Richardson** on July 12, 2014. The couple resides in Napoleon, Ohio.

2010

John Dubois married **Jenamarie Ianni** (2009) on August 9, 2014. John is a fourth year dental student at the Ohio State University College of Dentistry. Jenamarie is a preschool teacher at St. Mary Magdalene. The couple resides in Columbus, Ohio. **2**



2011

Anna Wilson married **Johnathan Lloyd** at Walsh University on August 31, 2013. Anna is an international marketing manager at Trek Bicycle. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Linc Worldwide. The couple resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

2013

Catherine Rozsa married **Lennie Schmandt** on October 25, 2014.

Births

1998

Christine (Eberts) Muniak and her husband, Michael, would like to announce the birth of their son, Justin Michael, on September 22, 2014. The family resides in Uniontown, Ohio. **3**



2003

Steven Green and his wife, Dawn, welcomed their daughter, Abigail Ann Green, into their family on February 2, 2014. The family resides in Westerville, Ohio. **4**



2004

Carolyn (Crawford) Stefanik and her husband, Mark, welcomed their son, Brandt Jeffrey, into the world on August 19, 2014. The family resides in Galion, Ohio. **5**



2005

Sarah (Tornes) Richards and her husband, Dan, welcomed their son, Landon, born six weeks early on July 15, 2014. He weighed 4 lbs. 13 oz. Landon joins big sister Brooke who is 2. Sarah is employed as a marketing manager for PNC Bank. The family resides in Canton, Ohio. **6**



2005

Stephen Rose and his wife, Kelly, welcomed the birth of their son, Jack Andrew, on August 13, 2013. The family resides in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. **7**



2010

Jorden Niedenthal and his wife, **Karen (Dotterweich) '09 & '12**, welcomed their daughter, Katherine Susan, on August 27, 2014 at 10:02 pm. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long and has brightened her parents' worlds. Jorden is the telecom administrator at Walsh University and Karen is an accounting analyst at the Timken Company. **8**



In Memoriam

1988

Ruth Mary (Baers) Lee passed away on May 11, 2014. Ruth was a teacher at St. Mary's Grade School in Akron. After retirement, Ruth spent her time gardening and caring for the family pets.

1991

Douglas S. Lyons, of Garrettsville, passed away on August 16, 2014. He is survived by his devoted wife, Karen.

Friends of the University

Jane Moria Gibbons Schirack, 86, passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2014, of Alzheimer's Disease at St. Joseph Care Center.

Jane served as a past chairperson of the Walsh University Fund Drive, and in 1995 Walsh honored her dedication with an honorary doctor of human services degree for her membership on the Board, her leadership as the founding president of the Walsh Women's Committee, and lifetime membership on the President's Advisory Board. The Walsh community also lost Jane's husband of 64 years, **Frank John Schirack**, a long-time supporter of the University, who passed away on October 25, 2014.

Audrea H. Wynn, age 93, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the home of her daughter in Washington, DC, September 7, 2014. She was a charter member of the Walsh Women's Committee, which she cherished, recipient of the 2013

Walsh University Distinguished Service Award, and in 2014 the first recipient of the Walsh University Jane Schirack Community Commitment Award.

Dan Peters, former Walsh Men's Basketball Coach and Athletic Director, passed away on Monday, October 27, 2014, at the age of 60 after complications from pancreatic cancer. He spent five seasons at Walsh and was named Mid-Ohio Conference and District 22 Coach of the Year twice (1983-84, 1986-87). He was also selected Area VI Coach of the Year in 1986-87.

Br. Marcel Crete, FIC, former Board of Directors member, died in Biddeford, Maine, on November 24, 2014, at the age of 80 from complications due to ALS.

Dr. Robert Dunnerstick



Associate Professor of Education Dr. Robert Dunnerstick, 63, passed away suddenly on September 29, 2014.

Born in Cherry Point, NC, Dr. Dunnerstick grew up in Perry Township and graduated from Perry High School in 1968. He obtained his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in education from The University of Akron and was a member of Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Green. He was known as a huge fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cleveland Browns and had a very dry sense of humor and a quick wit. He loved to read and especially enjoyed history.

A dedicated educator, Dr. Bob, as he was known to his students, served as Associate Professor of Education at Walsh University. He began his career as an elementary teacher in the Plain Local Schools in 1973 and went on to serve as an elementary school principal in the Buckeye & Warren School Districts before becoming a superintendent in the Indian Valley Local School District at the young age of 29. He also served as superintendent of Highland Local Schools. In 1989, Dr. Dunnerstick became superintendent of the Lake Local Schools, leading the district through one of its worst financial periods during his seven-year tenure. Dr. Dunnerstick, who served as the chief operating officer at the Ohio Department of Education, joined the staff at Walsh University in 2003.

Dr. Gerald (Skip) Koff



Walsh Professor Emeritus Dr. Gerald (Skip) Koff, passed away on December 2, 2014, at the age of 75.

Dr. Koff majored in economics at Yale University and earned his Ph.D. from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. His early career included a stint in a high-end Philadelphia audio shop, where he developed a theory of the ideal listening room: a large, angular space with few hard surfaces to free the sound and minimize reverberation. He also worked for a major pharmaceutical firm but tried his hand at teaching and realized he belonged in a college classroom.

He came to then Walsh College in 1988. While he was known for his "Peace Mobile" and preppie, thrift-store chic dress, his mind was always focused on more important matters. Dr. Skip Koff retired from Walsh in 2010 after 22 years as Professor of Psychology, but his academic interests ranged from psychology and American culture to chaos theory and post-modern theories of identity. His teaching emphasized critical analysis based on facts which the media often overlooked. His most important achievement was "the relationship I developed with my students." He did not limit his office hours, often spending most of his weekend available for drop-ins. He was awarded "Outstanding Educator" by a vote of graduating seniors in 1994.

Class Notes

1984

Matthew Hirst was recently named an officer and senior director of organizational development, talent management, and learning for GameStop, Inc. He completed a bachelor's degree in Management and Finance from Walsh University, a Master of Science in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University, and he is finishing a Ph.D. in Psychology from Grand Canyon University.

1988

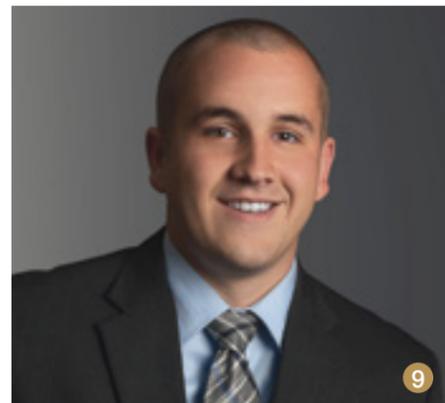
Lisa Baylor earned her Ph.D. in Educational Technology from Walden University in August 2014. Lisa is an assistant professor of education at Walsh University.

1989

Leslie (Miller) Carson earned a master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education in Education Policy and Management. Leslie is currently employed at the Office of School Turnaround in the Connecticut Department of Education.

1997

Robert Christmas was honored with an award from The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission and Latino Empowerment Outreach Network that recognizes individuals and organizations who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in their professional or community service endeavors and who serve as role models for the growing Hispanic community in Ohio.



2004

Chris DiMichele is employed as an advanced clinical nurse at the University Hospital Outpatient Surgery Center.

2011

Tom Scanlon joined the law firm of Day Ketterer as an associate in its Litigation and Business Law Practice Groups. 9

2012

Amanda Crookston is employed as the assistant head of circulation at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

2013

Lindsey Epling is employed as a staff accountant at Zion, Synek, and Associates in Independence, Ohio.

2014

Nicole Walliser is employed as a surgical nurse at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She resides in New Albany, Ohio.



Love Found at Walsh

Fredrik Begic'01 of Sweden and wife **Olivia (Gonzalez Perez)**'01 of Mexico met as freshmen at Walsh University in 1997 and have been together ever since. The couple are married and are living in Sweden with their two year old son, Victor. Fredrik is a Logistics Manager for IKEA, and Olivia is a Global Product Manager at Tetra Pak in Lund. 10

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WALSH UNIVERSITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

2015

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JANUARY

January 24

Walsh Men's Basketball 2005 NAIA National Champions 10th Anniversary Alumni Celebration

All alumni are invited to a special reception following the Walsh vs. Tiffin men's basketball game

- 5:30 p.m. Auxiliary Gym, Gaetano M. Cecchini Family Health and Wellness Complex

January 26-March 15, 2015

Karen Laub-Novak: A Catholic Artist in the Age of Vatican II

An exhibition held in conjunction with the 40th Annual Philosophy-Theology Symposium

- Birk Center for the Arts, Atrium Gallery
- Free and open to the public daily 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Katey Brown, ktbrown@walsh.edu or 330-490-7509.

FEBRUARY

February 26

Washington DC Alumni Event

- 6-9 p.m., The Monocle Restaurant in Washington, DC

RSVP to Lucia Cirese at lcirese@walsh.edu or 330-244-4752.

MARCH

March 10-14, 2015

40th Annual Philosophy/Theology Symposium

"Human Nature, Grace, and the Interior Life"

Includes lectures by the internationally renowned philosopher **Michael Novak** and theologian **Michael Waldstein** as well as several other philosophers, theologians, and scientists.

- The academic programs will be held March 10-13, from 7 – 9:30 p.m., and March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. Birk Center for the Arts

Contact Dr. John G. Trapani, Jr., 330-490-7042 or Fr. Patrick Manning, 330-244-4922.

MARCH continued

March 12

"Christians and Jews: Creating Relationships Built on Truth"

Guest Speaker Rabbi Eric Yoffie, in Memory of Martha Lottman

- 7 p.m., Barrette Business and Community Center

Contact jspitzer@walsh.edu

March 13

Cross Country and Track Alumni Social

- 6:30-9 p.m., The Geisen Haus in North Canton, Contact Coach Mizicko at 330-490-7510, or the Office of Alumni Relations at 330-244-4752.

March 14

Viva Walsh Vegas

- 6 p.m., Barrette Business and Community Center

For more information, email alumni@walsh.edu

March 23

Sony Recording Artists "The Priests" in Concert

- 7 p.m., Canton Palace Theater
- Special performance on the historic organ by world renowned organist Mark Pacoe
- Master of Ceremonies – Raymond Arroyo

For more information, call 330-526-8366 or www.cantonpalacetheater.org

March 29

Alumni and Friends Easter Egg Hunt

Children of all ages are welcome. Please bring your own basket to collect eggs. Free admission. Refreshments will be provided.

- 1-3 p.m., Lawn outside the Barrette Business and Community Center

March 31

An Italian Cabaret – Presented by Walsh University Music Department

- 6:30 p.m., Barrette Business & Community Center
- Cost - \$40 tickets

Contact mecrawford@walsh.edu or call 330-490-7349

APRIL

April 17

Spring Chorale Concert

- 7 p.m., Cecchini Family Health & Wellness Center

April 18

Spring Band Concert

- 7 p.m., Cecchini Family Health & Wellness Center

April 27

Gary Farey Scholarship Raffle

- 6 p.m., Barrette Business & Community Center

Email alumni@walsh.edu

MAY

May 2

Kentucky Derby Party

Presented by the Walsh University Women's Committee

Call 330-490-7111

May 10-21

Alumni Trip to Rome

Join the Office of Alumni Relations for a two-week tour of Rome, Florence, Siena, Assisi and many more cities.

For details, contact Lucia Cirese at lcirese@walsh.edu or 330-244-4752.

May 19

MBA Alumni Gathering

The Office of Alumni Relations and The DeVille School of Business invite you and a guest to an evening of career networking and a delicious dinner. Catch up with your fellow MBA alums and professors and share your experiences.

- 5:30-7:30 p.m., Hoover Park Dance Hall & Patio

JUNE

June 19

Alumni Golf Outing

- 11 a.m., The Sanctuary Golf Club

For details, email alumni@walsh.edu

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