MISSION STATEMENT

At The John Carroll School, guided by the spirit of America’s first Catholic archbishop and early patriot, we cultivate in each student a love of learning, a respect for self, and a sensitivity to others. Instilling Catholic values through a challenging college preparatory program, we educate the whole person: spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. Our secondary school community develops young men and women of moral integrity, and prepares them to serve responsibly in shaping a more just and compassionate global society.

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“Roads? Where we’re going, we don’t need roads.”
– Dr. Emmett Brown to Marty McFly, in “Back to the Future”

I am intrigued by the possibility that fifty years from now some folks will be reading these words in the pages of a yellowing Connections magazine from 2014, discovered in a closet on the first floor of the St. Joseph Center for Global and Peace Studies – or more likely, stored in digital form for the past few decades on the futuristic servers of the John Carroll Learning Center, located above the old Fine Arts Wing. The readers might very well be the beautiful children on the cover of this issue, now in their fifties, with grown children of their own.

If you are reading this in the year of John Carroll’s centennial, I hope, first of all, that you all have received your diploma from the school that still bears the name of the great scholar, citizen-patriot, and man of God who inspired our founding. I want you to be aware that during those years of the early 21st century, as educators we were centered on the growth of the school toward the highest vision of what it might be. As I write to you on a computer that in your time will likely be considered as medieval as a typewriter is by those of my era, I can only imagine how our school, and schooling itself, will have changed. I anticipate that the original campus on Churchville Road is still there, but has seen the addition over time of numerous satellite campuses throughout the world – both actual and virtual – where students of many nations receive a John Carroll education and diploma. It is likely that the former boundaries of time, distance, and schedule have given way to new educational possibilities that are now commonplace for you: online education involving JC students learning via webcasts with classmates overseas or through special video presentations beamed to our campus by college professors and other distinguished adjunct faculty.

Extended service opportunities and internships probably have become a regular part of your school day, allowing for more participatory, applied learning. And I’ll bet that the extension of educational programs into the summers, though still not far more popular in your time than it was in ours, has been steadily on the increase over the years. The addition of air conditioning to our main academic spaces prior to 2020, something I’m sure you take for granted, was regarded as a major step forward in the development of year-round learning options.

All of that has been pure speculation. No, we didn’t know exactly what the future would hold for you or require of you, any more than the movie character Marty McFly knew what to expect as he prepared to take off in Dr. Brown’s time-travelling DeLorean. What we did know is that we wanted to guarantee that the future John Carroll would provide at least these four outcomes for you: a strong sense of self; a global perspective; the capacity to realize your personal and professional aspirations; and a moral compass to guide you through life. We wanted to do our part to encourage you to lead lives that were compelling, considerate of others, uncompromising in seeking to do what is right. We held out the ultimate hope that an education at JC would not be merely a passport to privilege, but preparation for a life of true service. I hope and pray that we succeeded.

To Patriots of this time...Three signature events in the past month have really underscored for me what will be necessary as we strive to create the future John Carroll, one that is all it can and should be for the children on the front cover. The first was a recent gathering to celebrate our dear colleague Ed Miller, as the decades-long Russian program at JC comes to a close. A consummate teacher and exemplary person, Ed has uniquely served the mission of the school. We will need to continue having faculty members like him and the strongest possible professional culture to attract, develop, retain, and reward the very best teachers.

Last month, a “town hall meeting” to discuss the proposed addition and renovation of athletic facilities at John Carroll (turf fields, locker room area) brought new and renewed support from many alumni and other friends. We will need unity and strong bonds between the generations, current and past, in order to build our future. It also took a marvelous team effort to produce the Golden Gala, held at John Carroll on April 26, and honoring the entire history of the school and all those who have helped write it. Many of them were in attendance that evening for one of the greatest events ever held during the first fifty years. We will need the commitment of volunteers and families of all eras to write the next chapter.

These events, like this entire 50th anniversary year, have evoked a lot of emotions for me, but none stronger than one of heartfelt gratitude. I am thinking with profound gratitude of the hundreds and hundreds of wonderful people who brought the school here over the course of the past fifty years. There are many who are with us, many others who are with us in spirit always. I am grateful to all of you who are reading this for caring about what John Carroll stands for in the lives of young people and for providing continuity from the past to the future.

Finally, may we be all be grateful to the infinitely loving God, who has blessed us in countless ways.

Enjoy the pages that follow, and best wishes as always.

Richard J. O’Hara, President
Social Studies teacher presented with Teacher of the Year Award

Social studies teacher Jake Hollin, ’92, won the Catholic High School Teacher of the Year from The Knights of Columbus of Bel Air at a formal ceremony on March 18.

“It’s very honoring. Honestly, I feel like I represent all the great teachers here at JC,” Hollin said. “I am excited that my daughter, who will be a freshman at John Carroll in the fall, will have some of these great teachers next year.” Principal Madelyn Ball, Vice Principal Gary Scholl, and Hollin’s family accompanied him to the award presentation. According to Ball, she is extremely proud of Hollin’s achievement, as she was the one who nominated him. She refers to Jake as the “whole package” in teaching. He is an excellent Social Studies teacher, Chair of the Social Studies Department, Wrestling Coach, moderator of the Friend-to-Friend Program, leader of a service trip to an orphanage in Honduras each year, and mentor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Teaching at John Carroll since 2002, Hollin credits his achievement to how he is “inspired all the time by what my colleagues are doing.” According to Hollin, “I work with a staff of Catholic High School Teachers of the Year.”

Science Olympiad team competes

The John Carroll Science Olympiad team was very successful in the Maryland State Finals on Saturday, March 29, at Johns Hopkins University. Ms. Jessica Limmer, ’99, was able to take a team of fourteen students to compete in various science, engineering and technology events. Each student did an incredible job preparing and competing in the assigned events.

Pacificus wins awards

Congratulations to Mr. Mike Shupe and last year’s Pacificus yearbook staff for a 1st place award for the 2013 yearbook and a 1st place award for photography in the 2013 yearbook from the American Scholastic Press Association.

2013-14 Staff: Madi Day, Alena Stoots, Abbie Swanson, Lauren Wenig

Class of 2013 Staff: Jen Kreis, Matt Henderson, Ashley Hlavac, Susan Cumpston, Kristina Aragon

Forty Four Years of Russian Ends

Ed Miller held his last Russian class on May 6. Numerous language opportunities, including Chinese, have diminished the number of students interested in Russian. However, Mr. Miller is not completely retiring! He will continue to assist in various jobs around the school, including the Archives Office.
Entrepreneurial win for two John Carroll students

Seniors William Du and Sunny Lu (right) traveled to Wilmington, Delaware, in March to compete in the semi-final round of the Diamond Challenge for High School Entrepreneurs against eleven other high school teams. The result was a first place finish as six judges selected their business plan and investment presentation over the other teams. The Diamond Challenge is in its second year and is supported by the Horn School of Entrepreneurship at the University of Delaware and Delaware Technical and Community College. These students as well as others competed throughout the State of Delaware over the last two months in semi-final competitions to qualify for the finals at the University of Delaware on April 28, 2014, for a first prize of $25,000 to start their new business.

The John Carroll students impressed the judges in three important areas: the feasibility of their business model, a well-constructed written business plan, and a compelling presentation in front of serial entrepreneur investors. William Du and Sunny Lu are international students from China who came to John Carroll two years ago. Du has also kept an eye on business opportunities along the journey. His entrepreneur coach (and Director of Athletics) Larry Dukes, states, “William approached me about the Diamond Challenge through his senior project advisor Mrs. Louise Geczy. He had several solid ideas that seemed viable and he had done extensive research to make his case. After reviewing several we settled on the current business plan because both students had lived the experience.” Their company, Love Delivery, LLC, was conceived. At the center of the students’ business model is the delivery of personal items and gift packages from home to international students studying in the United States. Sunny understands exactly what the Chinese students in the U.S. and their families appreciate. She constructed a great set of gift packages and the components of a website to order them. “We also allow the families to see the delivery video,” commented Du. The judges approved and awarded Love Delivery the highest scores of the competition.

William Du and Sunny Lu

Elated with the accomplishment of her students, John Carroll Principal Madelyn Ball commented, “This is what our international program is all about—our students learn about one another, understand how the world can be a better place and build solutions to make a difference. William and Sunny are examples of what it means to grow in several ways in line with our mission statement. We are proud of their success in this round and are confident that they will find success in their business.”

Annie Cumpston Scholarship winners announced

Congratulations to this year’s Annie Cumpston Scholarship winners below shown with members of the Cumpston and Gilmartin families. Created in 2003 to honor the memory of Annie McGann Cumpston, these annual scholarships honor achievement in service and dedication to school and community and are made possible through the Annie McGann Cumpston Memorial Fund.


Archdiocese extends John Carroll School lease

Richard O’Hara, President, announced in March that the Most Reverend William E. Lori, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, has approved a lease extension agreement with The John Carroll School through 2037. The new lease agreement allows the School to remain in its current location and to continue operating as Harford County’s only Catholic, independent high school.

Opened in 1964 by Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, The John Carroll School was the first Archdiocesan high school in Harford County. In 1971 then-Principal Rev. Charles K. Riepe entered into a lease agreement with the Archdiocese, making John Carroll an independent institution.

New Advancement staff named at The John Carroll School

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A native of Harford County, Miss Lancellotti brings five years of fundraising and volunteer management experience to the position. She previously held development positions at the Hearing and Speech Agency in Baltimore and SARC in Bel Air. She is a graduate of Harford Community College and the University of Baltimore. She joins the Institutional Advancement staff that includes Kurt Sudbrink; Laura Lang, Director of Marketing & Constituent Relations; Anne McMahon, Assistant Director of Marketing; Lauren Milan, Advancement Associate; and Cathy Frazier, Advancement Assistant.

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Reverend Charles K. Riepe Alumni Awardee: Peter Long, Ph.D., Class of 1985

The 2014 Reverend Charles K. Riepe Alumni Award was presented to Peter Long, Ph.D., Class of 1985, on Saturday, May 31, at the commencement ceremony. The youngest of four John Carroll graduates, (Jim, ’80; Bill, ’81; Mary, ’84) Peter is the son of former Vice Principal Jim Long and his wife, Betty. He currently serves as President and CEO of the Blue Shield of California Foundation, whose mission is to improve the lives of Californians, particularly underserved populations, by making health care accessible, effective, and affordable for all, and by ending domestic violence.

Earning his bachelor’s degree from Harvard University, a master’s in health policy from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, and a doctorate in Health Services from the University of California – Los Angeles, Peter has dedicated his personal and professional life to the goal of making health care available to all. During South Africa’s transition to democracy, Peter served as a legislative analyst for the National Progressive Primary Health Care Network in Cape Town. He served as the Executive Director of the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley in San Jose, California, and has served in other leadership roles at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and The California Endowment. His yearbook quote seems most fitting: “Nothing in life is to be feared — it is only to be understood.”

Presented each year at graduation, this annual award is named in honor and memory of the Reverend Charles K. Riepe, who served as the President, Principal, and Chaplain at The John Carroll School. He established John Carroll as a Catholic, independent school in 1971. The award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and community service. The winner shall be an exemplary role model consistent with the Catholic values and philosophy of The John Carroll School. This award is the highest honor that can be given to alumni.

“Footloose” — A GREAT SUCCESS

More than sixty students participated in the spring musical, “Footloose,” directed by Kim Brueggemann. All performances were sold out and the students performed matinees for seven local elementary and middle schools!
Two Join John Carroll Board of Trustees

Vickie Bands, ’75 and Frank A. Gunther, III, have recently been appointed to The John Carroll School Board of Trustees.

Vickie, a 1975 JC graduate and 2013 recipient of the Charles K. Riepe Alumni Award, is the Director of Community Outreach at Upper Chesapeake Health and Executive Director of Healthlink Primary Care Clinic. She has master’s degrees from Central Michigan University and Johns Hopkins University. Vickie will serve on the Catholic Mission and Marketing Committees.

Frank A. Gunther, III, attended Loyola Blakefield and Villanova University. He is the Director of Sales and Marketing for Bunting Door & Hardware Co., Inc. He is also a partner at the advisory firm of Waypoint Resources, LLC. Frank will serve on the Marketing and Facilities Committees.

Egg Drop Demonstrates STEM Skills for Students

STEM students Joseph Camello, ’16, Claire Grunewald, ’16, Alex Kaufman, ’16, and Carly Lyon, ’16, assisted representatives from Harford County’s Senior Science Society, Dr. Bruce Burns and Dr. Ed Schmidt, in leading an egg drop activity demonstrating principles of impulse and momentum. The four students went to Youth Benefit Elementary School (YBES) on Friday, February 28, and worked with 190 fifth graders.

They challenged the students from YBES to make a device out of household materials (toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, bubble wrap, and other supplies) that would protect a raw egg from breaking when dropped from 10 feet. The four STEM students from JC also assisted Dr. Burns and Dr. Schmidt in assembling and firing a vacuum-powered “egg launcher.” The students from YBES thoroughly enjoyed the extra challenge of making a device strong enough to keep their eggs intact under the G-forces of the launcher. The devices that were not successful in protecting the egg also drew an “eggcellent” response from the crowd as they delighted in the high-powered cracking eggs.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of Patriot Pride

As we close out our 50th year, thank you to all Patriots—past, present, and future.

Now, we look ahead to the next 50 years!
In challenging American Catholics to rebuild the Catholic school system, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York insists rightly that the effort be rooted in long-term financial security. “Catholic schools in this country will disappear unless we can find a viable economic model that is sustainable over time.”

“America, The National Catholic Review” states in a 2010 magazine article: “In a society characterized by an intense interest in student achievement, many Catholics feel secure in the longstanding reputation of Catholic schools as providing an outstanding education.”

This positive reputation has been referred to as the “Catholic school advantage.” According to the New York Times, “It is based on empirical evidence that throughout the second half of the twentieth century, Catholic secondary school students attained higher standardized test scores in reading and mathematics than public high school students.” But is this still true today? What do Catholic schools need to do to compete and remain successful while maintaining the spiritual identity and mission-focused culture that distinguish us?

In the fall issue of Connections we took a look back on our first fifty years. We recounted the memories, the legacies, and the people that made The John Carroll School what it is today. As we come to the close of our fiftieth anniversary year we take the opportunity to look forward to the next fifty. Where are independent, Catholic schools headed? Will they remain viable institutions in an ever-diversifying society?

THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL’S NEXT 50 YEARS
We asked students, teachers, staff, and alumni to share their thoughts on where John Carroll is headed in the next fifty years. Here are some of their answers.

“We when the entire JC family comes together in a meaningful and productive way, anything can happen. We have had great times, but there is still so much room to grow, expand, and improve in the future.”
– Hope Kelly, ’14
JC’s first third-generation student

“The future will bring dramatic changes in education stimulated by new technologies. This may include more online instruction and distance learning that could challenge the traditional strength of John Carroll community. I believe that with all the change that is coming, John Carroll will remain a place of activity that will bring people together to compete, to dance, to perform, to create, and to play. These activities will continue to develop spiritual life and values, inter-personal skills, and character that will be critical to human survival. This aspect of the John Carroll mission will be more important in 50 years than ever before.”
– JC teacher

“I believe that JC will be more internationally integrated and more connected with other schools. Based on the international schools we are growing connections with, I also think that JC might offer semester abroad, or send students to live in other countries, as international students are doing here.”
– JC student

“I think we are headed in a very positive direction. New faculty and a renewed sense of spirit will make for a great start to the next fifty!”
– JC Administrator

“I would have to say that I have no idea how JC will weather all of the challenges that Catholic schools face. I think there are a lot of positive things happening, but am not sure how it will all turn out. I think some of the positives in recent years include the international student program, the senior project, the advisory program.”
– JC teacher

“Catholic schools will face increasing difficulty recruiting students in the next fifty years. The competition from multi-million dollar public schools, as well as the rising cost of a private, Catholic education, will be definite hindrances. But the family that is John Carroll – the parents and the alumni that are really starting to be involved and supportive, will be what ultimately keeps our doors open. Patriots wouldn’t have it any other way!”
– JC alumna

“John Carroll will be a school that can educate children for the next fifty years. This will include modernized classrooms that are environmentally friendly and the latest technology to enhance instruction. All teachers will be educated and prepared to teach children first and curriculum second. This will be achieved through an appreciation of the most current pedagogy that encourages diversified instruction. All decisions will be based on what enhances student achievement. This will be true beyond achievement in the classroom.”
– Principal Madelyn Ball

What distinguishes John Carroll?

John Carroll is a special place of teaching and learning, built on a foundation of strong principles and supportive relationships. Always, we are deeply committed to having The John Carroll School represent the very best in Catholic, independent, coeducational secondary education: a model of what is possible for all similar schools everywhere in providing a Catholic foundation of values, challenging academics, and real-life experiences that prepare young people to embrace opportunities and excel as responsible participants in this global society.
Sara Jane, Class of 2026
Sarah Jane aspires to be a doctor someday, but for now her favorite sport is basketball and she loves to play with her princess toys.

Andrew, Class of 2027
It's all about tennis for Andrew! When he's not on the court, Andrew spends his time enjoying "Jake and the Neverland Pirates."

Ginger, Class of 2023
Ginger dreams of becoming a famous singer in Hollywood, writing hits like her favorite song, "On top of the world" by Imagine Dragons. She also loves soccer and ice cream.

Jack, Class of 2029
When he's not playing soccer or watching the Orioles, Jack can be found eating froyo and reenacting "Let it go."
The Lighting the Way Capital Campaign has grown to $3.5 million with more than $1 million raised since July 2013. The Campaign is being driven by large five-year pledges of $25k, $50k, and $100k. The Campaign also received a $300,000 boost from the Turf Fields fundraising initiative, which has galvanized the alumni base and led to many new donors to John Carroll. “We are honored that our donors are investing in this campaign with multi-year pledges. Five-year pledges are critical to the Campaign because they allow a donor to make a larger gift over a period of time and give us the resources we need to do the planning and scheduling of future projects,” says President Richard J. O’Hara.

Funds raised to date have helped to finance the renovations of the main foyer (2012) and provide air conditioning in the auditorium and cafeteria (August 2014), and now two turf fields are planned for fall 2014 pending results of the Turf Fields Fundraising Campaign. These three projects are important components of the Capital Campaign. The fundraising success so far is helping John Carroll to also plan for the largest initiative of the Campaign — the renovation of the academic wing.

President O’Hara adds, “With this strong momentum for the campaign we are confident that we will reach our goal of $10 million.”
Turf Fields Project Campaign Moves Up

In today’s competitive environment, turf fields are mandatory for a successful athletic program. The Lighting the Way Capital Campaign set as a priority the installation of a turf field on Gerry Gray Memorial Field. John Carroll is one of the only schools in the region that does not have a turf field. Students coming to John Carroll today have trained on turf fields, they competed against IAMM and MIAA teams that have turf fields, and they set their sights on colleges and universities that have turf fields. In spring 2014, the turf fields became a pressing priority as wet weather conditions prevented teams from practicing and competing on John Carroll’s home fields.

John Carroll moved this Campaign priority up with the goal of installing the field by fall 2014. As plans were being made, it became clear that there would be a major cost benefit to purchasing two fields so that not only football and men’s and women’s lacrosse could benefit, but also men’s and women’s soccer and field hockey. The goal is a field on Gerry Gray Memorial Field and a field on the Varsity Women’s Field adjacent to it.

To make this dream possible, the School needs to raise $1.3 million by September 1, 2014. Fundraising has been strong over March, April, and May and the School has secured $750,000 as of the date of this publication. In order to move forward, John Carroll needs revenue in-hand to get both fields completed for our teams next fall.

Please consider supporting this initiative. Go online to johncarroll.org and click the field logo for more information or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (410) 879-5053.
The 50th Anniversary Golden Gala on Saturday, April 26, was an overwhelming success thanks to so many individuals and businesses.

Thank you to everyone who supported this milestone event.

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Class of 1968

Frank Wolfe lives in Baltimore with wife, Sonia. He is a retired teacher and retired member of the U.S. Army Reserves. He has three grandsons — Trey, Luke, and Colt.

Margaret Ann Kaufman Blair writes in from Ridgeville, SC, where she lives with husband, Don, that she officially retired as an accountant on December 31, 2013.

Class of 1969

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 45th reunion! Email ilang@johncarroll.org.

Class of 1974

Vickie Leone Hyde is an occupational health technician at Kirk Army Health Clinic and is a nationally-registered paramedic. She lives in Aberdeen with husband, Tony.

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 40th reunion! Email ilang@johncarroll.org.

Class of 1976

Artist Carol Lee Thompson recently won first place from “The Artist’s Magazine” competition in the Animal category out of nearly 1,000 entries and was a finalist in the Landscape category. She is a featured artist in the December 2013 awards issue. Carol Lee’s works are showcased in galleries throughout the country. Read more at carolleethompson.com.

Class of 1979

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 35th reunion! Email ilang@johncarroll.org.

Class of 1980

Keith Parr writes in from Corona, California, where he lives with his wife, Dina and three children. Keith is a Sr. Account Manager with BCS Solutions, Inc.

Class of 1983

Jane Davis Gurganious lives in Glen Burnie with husband, David, and daughters, Eva and Grace. She is a Clinical Social Worker for Safe Harbor Christian Counseling.

Class of 1984

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 30th reunion! Email ilang@johncarroll.org.

Class of 1985

Rob Heubeck was named Head of Upper School at Gilman School and will begin his new role on July 1. He has been at Gilman since leaving JC in 2004, as a History teacher, coach, and advisor. Rob and wife, Elizabeth, live in Baltimore with their two children, Holly and Peter.

Jennifer Johnson McGowan lives in Charlotte, NC, with husband Bryan, and new son, Blake, born March 2013. She is an International Trade Compliance Actions Manager with UTC Aerospace Systems.

Class of 1986

Lonny Samuels writes in from White Marsh, MD, where he lives with wife Gina and four children. Lonny is a Clinical Social Worker/Therapist.

Class of 1989

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 25th reunion! Email ilang@johncarroll.org.

Class of 1993

Beth Thomey Knapp and husband, Dan, welcomed second son, Emmett, last fall. He joins big brother, Eamonn.

Michael Laatsch and wife Marie, welcomed son Liam in January.

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UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION:
http://johncarroll.org/forms/alumni-update-form
Class of 1994

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 20th reunion! Email llang@johncarroll.org.

Class of 1996

Nick Attanasio and wife Danica Zavodny, ’97, welcomed first child, Violet Emerson, on May 3.

Class of 1997

Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC, named Patrick Boyle Vice President in January. He is responsible for originating multifamily loans nationwide.

Class of 1998

Although she has personally never said “Yes to the Dress,” Meredith Gunning helps hundreds of brides-to-be select their special gown at Kleinfeld salon in New York. Meredith has been the field producer and camera operator for the TLC show, “Say Yes to the Dress” for seven seasons. She resides in Brooklyn.

Class of 1999

Matt Frazier is the author of “No Meat Athlete,” a book about improving athletic performance through vegetarianism. Matt, who lives in Asheville, NC with his wife, son, and two rescue dogs, has run in the Boston Marathon and several 50 mile “ultramarathons.” Check out his website: www.nomeatathlete.com.

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 15th reunion! Email llang@johncarroll.org.

Class of 2000

Dana Voso Brown and husband, Dave, welcomed first son Dylan in April.

Nicole Lewis Bresnahan and husband James, welcomed second child, Connor, in March.

Chuck Brueggemann is engaged to Kristin Gealy and will be married in Charleston, SC, with husband James, welcoming second child, Conor, in March.

Carlynn Mellen Lensch lives in Los Angeles, CA, with husband Jonathan. She is a Clinical Specialist, Sleep Technologist with Advanced Sleep Medicine Services.

Class of 2002

Meighan Murphy Brown and husband Jeff welcomed daughter McKenna Rose on December 31. Grandmom Patti Murphy Dohn, ’78, is ecstatic!

Lauren Dunn is the Director of Development at the Abilities Network in Towson, MD. She is engaged to Eric Yankolinos, ’01 and is planning a summer ‘14 wedding.

Drew Lazor was recognized by the Association of Food Journalists Awards for Best Newspaper Food Feature for 2013. Drew lives in Philadelphia where he writes for the City Paper.

Class of 2003

Amanda Orbino received the 2013 Eagle Award from Hearst Broadcasting in recognition for an outstanding first year as Advertising Sales Account Exec for 98 Rock and its digital assets.

Hilary Depman Tayson, owner of Bel Air’s Coffee Coffee, and husband, Lee, welcomed a St. Patrick’s Day daughter, Gabrielle.

Ashley Dove writes in from New Orleans, LA, where she is an architect with Adler Design Build.

Class of 2004

Lauren Volpe Hooper and husband Mike welcomed second daughter Charlotte Grace on 11/12/13. She joins big sister, Brooklyn.

Caroline Munley Weaver and husband Kevin Weaver, ’03, welcomed first son, Anderson Lee, on October 6, 2013.

Dr. Meredith Clark, OD, is an optometrist with Dr. Meredith Clark, OD, is an optometrist with Vision Associates in Bel Air. She graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 2012.

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 10th reunion! Email llang@johncarroll.org.

Class of 2006

Amanda Selvy received her J.D. and passed the MD Bar in December. She is engaged to Jeff Westrich and is planning a November 2014 wedding!

Jessica Decker checked in from Boston where she is a Clinical Research Coordinator for the Autism Center for Excellence at Boston University.

Jessica Scott Cottrell is a phlebotomist/lab technician at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She currently attends Notre Dame of Maryland University and will graduate in May 2015 with a BSN.

Class of 2007

John Tanner Hussar is currently performing in the national tour of “Rock of Ages.”

Tony Herman and Stephanie Ward are engaged to be married this August! Another JC couple!

Kate Martin is engaged to Paul Carlson; an October wedding in Florida is planned and fellow JC alums Kathleen and Anne Franetovich, Jillian Hughes, and Laura Hottle are all in the wedding party!

Last summer Sean St. Clair traveled to the Spanish Wells, Bahamas, through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He worked with Haitian refugees. He spent the week coaching boys on how to play baseball and other sports while sharing his faith. His group delivered food to families who only saw one meal a day. “It really put things in perspective on how blessed we are.”

Class of 2008

Jamie Corun lives in Providence, RI, where she is the Digital Communications Coordinator for the American Athletic Conference.

Class of 2009

Rebecca Thompson lives in Concord, NH, where she is a science teaching fellow at St. Paul’s School.

Sammy Von Paris (above) graduated from the United States Naval Academy with Leadership and Merit and a degree in Quantitative Economics on Friday, May 23, before a crowd of over 30,000 attendees at Navy Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, MD. Ensign Von Paris will report to Naval Station Norfolk assigned to the USS San Antonio for the next two years. He will then attend nuclear power school in Charleston, SC.

Looking for a few good volunteers to help plan your 5th reunion! Email llang@johncarroll.org.

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In Memoriam

Carl Blessing
father of Chris, ’86, Jennifer, ’88

Kevin Carrigan, ’74
husband of Debbie, ’74

Jane Chrismer, ’07
daughter of Brady, ’69, Martha “Boo” Hopkins, ’69, sister of Kate, ’97, John, ’98, Abby, Carrie, ’05

Alice Couch
mother of Pam, ’75

Charles Crocken
father of Kathy, ’68

Martha Diaz
mother of Stephen, ’68, Martha, ’74

James J. DiCamillo
father of Rachel, ’16

Norbert DiGiacomo
father of Maria, ’81, Robert, ’84, Michel, ’88

Dr. James Flynn
father of Robert, ’16

John Fritz, ’77

Georges R. Garinther
father of Geoffrey, ’77, John, ’79, Janet, ’80, Ann, ’89, grandfather of Katie Sarazin, ’05

Alvin Grieninger
father of Carl, ’74, Alana, ’79; grandfather of Carter, ’03, Kohl, ’07

Nicole Teresa Keffer, ’99 (aka Angel Rain)

Dr. Marvin Kravitz
father of David, ’81, Deborah, ’83, Rachel, ’85

Sr. John Bernardine Mattingly, SSJ
former faculty and staff

John McDonald, ’71

Barbara McMillan, ’77
sister of Jeanne, ’74, mother of Alexander, ’10

Lorraine Mihok
mother of Tom, ’78, Maria, ’83

Hun Munroe
father of Scooter, ’99

Chris Murphy
father of Mike, ’87; grandfather of Chelsea Nori, ’10, Will Nori, ’15

Verna Cooper Preston
mother of Brian, ’73 and Marilyn, ’78

Doris Scholl
mother of Gary; mother-in-law of Cathy, ’75, grandmother of Sarah, ’01, Emma, ’03, Anna, ’05

Gloria Sedney, ’15

Chris Webber, ’90

Frances Wenneke
mother-in-law of Fran, ’80, grandmother of Sam, ’14, Eleanor, ’16

Congratulations to Sara Stiffer, one of only five Microsoft Challenge for Change winners. She is the founder of Journey in their Shoes—an effort using Microsoft technology to share stories of random people that we meet. “In sharing stories, we portray humanity, a unifying, barrier-breaking characteristic that every single person has in common.” Her prize package includes a custom, two-week travel experience to the Amazon to learn about creating change; $2,500 cash to help turn her ideas into a reality; a Microsoft technology bundle including a Windows Phone and an Xbox One and the opportunity to serve as a Microsoft YouthSpark ambassador and take advantage of YouthSpark training and resources. Be inspired by Sara’s story: https://youthsparkchallenge.com/voteentry.cfm?id=509

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The John Carroll School is proud to announce that The Dresher Foundation has awarded the School $600,000 in support of the Lighting the Way Capital Campaign. This transformational gift is an investment in the School’s vision of a dynamic academic and athletic environment. The largest gift to John Carroll in the School’s fifty year history, it will support the addition of two turf playing fields as well as the renovation of the academic wing.

The Dresher Foundation is the largest lifetime donor to the School, having given John Carroll more than $1.5 million over the past three decades. The Dresher, Meoli, and Butcher Families of the Dresher Foundation have been prominent members of the John Carroll community as alumni, parents, grandparents, and Board members stretching back to the 1980’s. Alumni include: Michael Meoli, ‘82; James Dresher, III, ’89 (dec.); Melanie (Meoli) Robinson, ‘90; Amy (Butcher) Parker, ’92; Susan (Butcher) Roarty, ’95; Joshua Dresher, ’97; and Christina Dresher, ’03. Additionally, Anthony Meoli, alumni parent, and Susan Roarty, ’95, are former members of The Board of Trustees. Currently, Susan Roarty is a member of the admissions staff at John Carroll and Joshua Dresher, ’97, is a member of the John Carroll Black & Gold Association that raises funds for student-athletes who demonstrate financial need.

"John Carroll has truly been blessed with the active involvement in the School’s life of all the members of the Dresher, Meoli, and Butcher families," says Richard O’Hara, President. “Their willingness to invest in the Capital Campaign early and generously enables us to plan for the future with great confidence.”

The Lighting the Way Capital Campaign, launched in September 2013, is a two-year initiative to raise 10 million dollars. The Dresher gift provides a strong boost to the Campaign, pushing proceeds to the $3.5 million mark, and helping the School to complete the turf fields initiative in 2014 as well as to begin planning for the academic wing renovations.

In January, the Foundation awarded the School a gift of $100,000 to name a science laboratory in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Anthony and Virginia Meoli. Another $100,000 will be applied in 2014 to the addition of the turf field in both Gerry Gray Stadium and the Women’s Varsity Field.

Knowing that the Campaign will require the active participation of the entire John Carroll community, the Foundation had the foresight to use the remaining $400,000 to challenge alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of John Carroll to give to the fields and to the academic wing renovations. The Foundation will then match each person’s support dollar for dollar.

The John Carroll School community is profoundly grateful for this magnificent support, and thanks the Dresher Foundation for joining in and sustaining our important mission in service of young people.
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