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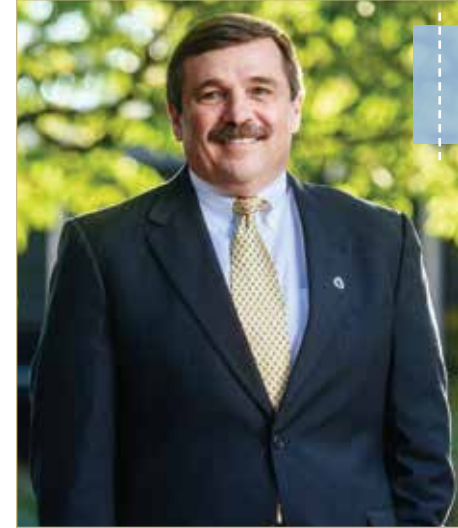
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Message from the President



What makes John Carroll different?

Superior academics, faithful teachers, the coeducational program, a Catholic foundation? Yes. But does that really make us different? We begin our day with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and we end our day around the dinner table, sharing stories and making plans. But the “John Carroll Experience” is the time between these two pillars, where we build the relationships, create the opportunities and make the memories which define not only our school but our students, and our dedicated faculty members. Each day and in every interaction, we pursue the promise of the future and confirm the foundation of God, Country and Family.

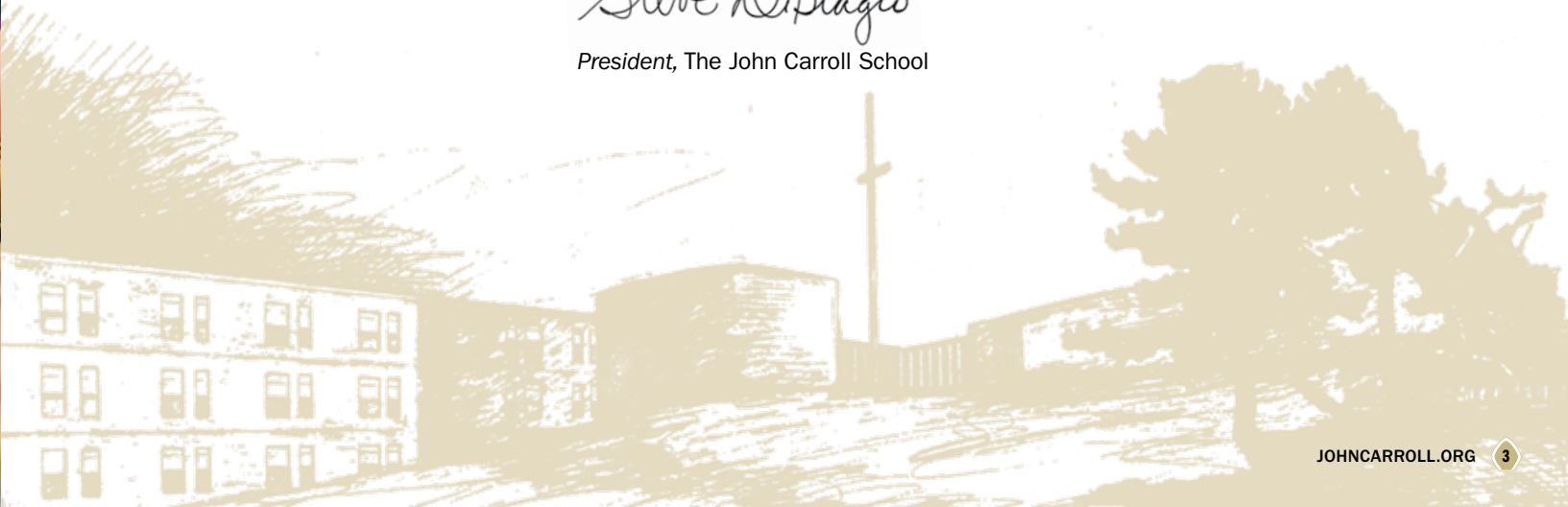
From the first bell to the final whistle, the campus is a vibrant incubator of ideas and a generator of endless energy. Our team of faculty, staff and coaches challenges our students to look forward, innovate and imagine possibilities. Our team is committed to know, value and prepare each student for the challenges at hand and well into the future. Our students demonstrate their quiet confidence and courage in the classroom, stage, studio, athletic fields, community and beyond. Our alumni personify the ideals and benefits of a John Carroll education in their professional accomplishments and personal triumphs. Indeed, the underlying values of “Once a Patriot, Always a Patriot” ring true well beyond graduation. What makes us different? The people — students, faculty and staff — committed to each other.

As we turn the page to a new calendar year and begin the second semester, I would like to express my gratitude and pride in being a part of the John Carroll community and working alongside a remarkable team of professionals. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank our parents, alumni and advocates for your enthusiasm, encouragement and support. I would also like to thank our students for your energy and optimism. Together, let's continue building an exciting and rewarding future for The John Carroll School.

Meet Steve DiBiagio, President of The John Carroll School

- Began career as an English and Journalism teacher and lacrosse coach at Loyola Blakefield
- Worked at PHH/Element Fleet Management from 1984 to 2015, most recently as senior vice president, strategic alliances
- Founder of the consulting firm High Point Business Solutions
- Served on the John Carroll Board of Trustees for nine years
- Alumni parent to Christina DiBiagio Davidson '01 and Jennifer DiBiagio D'Anton '06
- Parishioner at St. Ignatius Catholic Church with his wife, Debbie

Steve DiBiagio
President, The John Carroll School



Ensuring Each Student is Known and Valued

By Joseph L. Schubert, former Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications

New President Steve DiBiagio and new Principal Tom Durkin bring fresh perspectives and new ideas to lead John Carroll well into the future. At the same time, they are keeping John Carroll true to its Catholic roots and traditions. Alumni far and wide know John Carroll as a close community, where each student is both known and valued. DiBiagio saw this firsthand as a parent of two John Carroll alumnae, Christina '01 and Jennifer '06, and as a Trustee for nine years.

As President, DiBiagio bases all his decisions on whether or not the outcome will help each student be known and valued. "A school is a large collection of individuals, and we can never forget that education is about reaching every single individual every single day," DiBiagio says. "It's important for each student to feel that they are known. By known I don't mean just their name. It's what are their interests, what are their passions? Often, students in their high school years underestimate their talent and potential. Our role is to make sure we truly see them and help them see the value they have, the potential they have, the talents they have and help them develop into the person God created them to be."

While the main focus is on the students, both DiBiagio and Durkin know their support of an exceptional faculty is key to the success of the students. "Day in and day out, the faculty are responsible for providing transformative experiences for young people to help them weather the storm of adolescence, but also prepare them for the challenges of life afterwards," DiBiagio states.

Reflecting on his classroom visits and interactions with faculty, Tom Durkin remarks, "The faculty here are absolutely spectacular. I have certainly worked with some very good faculty members at other schools, but this may be the very best faculty with whom I have ever been associated. Just looking at their credentials, well over 60% have advanced degrees. Six faculty members have doctorate degrees. There are extraordinary things happening in the classrooms here. If my kids were still high school age, I would want my kids to come to John Carroll."

DiBiagio has also visited classrooms to witness the faculty in action. He asked the Director of Enrollment, Ed Maynard '93, to pair him up with a freshman, just like an 8th grader would on a visit. "I wanted to see what the students experience every day and to see the faculty at their best," DiBiagio states. "My biggest ah-ha moment was seeing the extent to which technology was being utilized in the classroom. Everything is on the laptop. The ability to



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Steve DiBiagio, President

retrieve information is instantaneous and the collaboration is in real time. I saw that the teachers were no longer the imparters of information, they were the interpreters of information. That changes traditional constructs in the classroom."

In the future, DiBiagio sees John Carroll becoming a digital campus with all the latest technology to support learning. You can get a glimpse of that future when you set foot into the Smart Classroom, which was completed this October. It features a short throw projector where an entire class can work together on an assignment and save it digitally for everyone to access. A high definition television easily facilitates dialogue in the Smart Classroom with students in other countries through Skype. Writeable surfaces on every wall, except the wall of windows that looks out into the Courtyard, and adjustable seating allow for collaboration in small or large groups. Tom Durkin's English 10 class is one of the first to try out the new Smart Classroom. "Being in this classroom gives me the flexibility to be more creative with my classroom assignments," he says. "My students love it." This Smart Classroom is just the beginning of capital investments being made to John Carroll's facility.

While the classrooms may be changing, both Durkin and DiBiagio are committed to maintaining the same Catholic foundation that keeps John Carroll's graduates steady throughout their lives. "Fundamental to all the education here are the Catholic values that are the pillar to everything," explains DiBiagio. "They are the foundation of how we talk to our students, how we guide the students and how we interact with the parents as well."

"It's just as important that our students go to Heaven as it is that they go to Harvard," Durkin adds. "Those values actually matter as much, whether or not the three R's actually sink in. Not only do we want to have excellent *students* graduating from John Carroll, we want excellent *people* graduating from John Carroll. We are not just educating mathematicians and English scholars and scientists and dancers and performers. We are educating people who will become leaders of tomorrow, who will become good mothers and fathers and good husbands and wives. We want them to be grounded in the same values as our patron, John Carroll. If that's what we accomplish, then we're successful."



DiBiagio made it a priority to reach out to all the Catholic parishes and strengthen the ties between the school and the parishes. "This is a formative Catholic institution, and we support the parishes and reinforce the mission of all the pastors," DiBiagio states. "The priests have been incredibly supportive." He has also started reaching out to alumni networks and into the business community, forming relationships and offering help wherever possible. "When I talk to alumni, they are proud of their history and traditions and proud of the teachers they had. They all want to know what's next," DiBiagio says.

To know what's next, Durkin and DiBiagio just need to look at the five-year Strategic Plan, which was completed in the spring of 2017 by a large group of constituents and the Board of Trustees. "Our business plan and our educational plan are in support of the Strategic Plan, and quality of education is the number one priority in that plan," DiBiagio remarks. "So we have a long-term road map, and every single day we work to make sure we are on track and moving forward."

Tom Durkin and Steve DiBiagio are poised to meet the goals of the Strategic Plan and lead John Carroll to a promising and exciting future. While they look to the future, they are careful to never lose sight of the students who are under their wings right now, making sure that each student is known and valued.

Update on Principal Durkin's Goals

Principal Tom Durkin was profiled in the Spring 2017 issue of Connections, where he outlined his goals. The following is an update on those goals.

Meet with all teachers individually to find out what he can do to help each person professionally.

I am in the process of meeting with each teacher. Each person is at a different place in their career journey and in their faith journey, and my goal there is just to be able to touch base.

Get to know as many students as possible by being visible whenever and wherever students are engaged in academics and extracurricular activities.

I try to be out in the hallway every day at least for part of the day. Being a teacher in the classroom helps immensely because my students help teach me about the culture of the school. I have attended plays, basketball games, football games – I try to see every sport at least once. The other thing that has helped me out that came as a suggestion from the students is "Durkin's Donuts." I take donuts in and meet with a different advisory each week. It gives me a chance to sit down with students, have a donut and hear their stories. We have it scheduled so I will see every advisory before the seniors graduate. I ask them, are you getting enough sleep? How are your grades? Tell me what's going on in your life. There are a lot of things that we don't know are going on in the lives of our kids, and the only way to find out is to actually communicate with them.

Complete a comprehensive review of all the curriculum.

I reviewed the last AIMS (Association of Independent Maryland Schools) evaluation and have found that we are practicing what we are saying we are doing. I also worked with our faculty to change our STEM Program to STEAM to recognize what we have already been doing with the arts in STEM. Mike Monaghan (the STEAM Coordinator) and I have been working to improve our offerings in computer science, and with the help of social studies teacher Jake Hollin '92, we have put together a program called the Archbishop John Carroll Scholarship Program. This will be for those students

who are our highest achievers, those scoring in the 90th percentile on the placement test, very strong grades in middle school, very strong standardized test scores and recommendations. They will have to fulfill so many AP courses; two are required but they can take others, and assuming they score well on the AP tests, they can graduate with a distinction called the AP Capstone. It's a very unique program for which we had to be approved by the College Board. There is only one other private school in Maryland that offers it.

Implement a policy that requires all assessments be returned within 72 hours.

The policy has been implemented and we have had very good adherence to this. Immediate feedback is valuable, and that's what all the research tells us. If we take longer than 72 hours to return assignments to students, that's a point of diminished returns, and the assessment no longer has any pedagogical value to the student. I have implemented this policy at other schools and have gotten some pushback from the faculty, but not here. We have such talented faculty here. All you have to do is show them why it's important to the kids and they are already sold. They want to take care of the kids, too.

Begin the development of John Carroll's Writing Program, which will standardize writing assignments across the curriculum.

The development has already started in the English Department with Chair Christine Zurkowski. We have some extraordinarily great English teachers here. I am honored to be a part of their department. They are putting their own touch on the writing program, and I expect

it to be complete this summer. We have already incorporated the college application essay and the letter of recommendation into the junior year curriculum. We want to have the college essays finished and reviewed by an English teacher before students go on summer vacation their junior year. SAT prep is also being incorporated into both the English and Math curriculum.

Develop a John Carroll Transitions Program for ninth graders that will help our new Patriots assimilate into a college preparatory environment, focusing on organizational skills, note-taking skills and study skills.

This was implemented this year with the help of the Counseling Department and Mr. Ireton, who is teaching the class. It covers test-taking, note-taking, study skills, organizational skills and how to prepare for an exam week. It's a lot different in high school than it was in middle school. Students need to discover their learning strengths and weaknesses, and they also need to be on the same ability level in dealing with technology.

Review and examine the possibility of expanding the St. Joseph Program to help our unique learners.

We need to make sure that each student is known and valued, and that has to include the students who learn differently. They are just as important as the valedictorian, and there's no reason why a St. Joseph Program student can't be a valedictorian, but we have to address their needs. We know how to help them because we have learned so much more about how the brain learns. ■



Principal Tom Durkin teaches an English class in the Smart Classroom.

CLASS OF 2017

160
MEMBERS

65
COLLEGES

20
STATES

4
COUNTRIES

\$16.8
MILLION
EARNED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS

18,800
HOURS GIVEN
IN SERVICE



School News



Conference Champions Again

The men's lacrosse team came from behind to take the MIAA B Conference Championship from Gerstell Academy, 16-11. This marked their third straight B Conference Championship, which propelled them into the A Conference for the 2018 season.



Taking the Title

Both varsity and junior varsity men's cross country teams capped off undefeated 7-0 seasons to win MIAA B Conference Championships. Both championships mark the first time since 1989 that the Patriot men have taken a cross country title.



Coming Back Strong

The softball team defeated Mount de Sales, 7-2, to win the 2017 IAAM A Conference title. John Carroll had not won a league softball title since 1999, the year most of the team's seniors were born!



Three Years and Counting

Last spring, the Academic Team emerged victorious in the Harford County Championship Tournament for the third year in a row!

Congratulations to Sahil Menon '18, who was recently named a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Only two percent of students who took the PSAT across the nation achieved this award for their exceptional academic promise.

Meet the Director of Annual Giving & Parent Relations, Caroline Thomey Adolph '01

Caroline Thomey Adolph '01 has been fundraising in Harford County for the last seven years, starting at Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna and, most recently, working for United Way of Central Maryland where she raised more than \$500,000 annually for local programs and nonprofits. She has also been an active volunteer leader of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Maryland and regularly volunteers as a lector at her parish, St. Margaret. In addition to leading John Carroll's efforts around the Annual Fund, Caroline will also be the main staff partner to the John Carroll Parent Association.



Caroline lives in Bel Air with her husband, Greg '01, and their children Louisa, age 7, and Teddy, age 4.

What excites you about this position?

"The people! Some of the names and many of the faces have changed since my time as a student, but the dedication, pride, faith and tradition remain the same. The faculty are a stellar group of educators, the staff work tirelessly for the betterment of the school, the parents are active and generous with their time and treasure, and the students are among the best in the region! John Carroll has always been a part of my DNA – some might say I bleed black and gold – and to be able to use my talent and expertise to set the students and the institution up for success is truly a blessing."

What are your goals as you begin your first year as Director of Annual Giving & Parent Relations?

"My goals are relatively simple – to increase awareness of what the Annual Fund does and why it is so important. Many do not realize that the Annual Fund is critical to the success of the school. It provides scholarship funds, maintains our beautiful campus, supports the performing arts, boosts athletics and so much more to ensure a top notch education for our students.

Additionally, I have enjoyed getting to know the parents, and I look forward to working with this engaged and dynamic group this year to plan social events and fundraisers."

What change(s) have you seen at John Carroll that have made the biggest impact since your experience as a student?

"Without a doubt, senior year. It was always a special year, but there is even more to senior year now. Senior Unity Day, Senior Project, Senior Classroom – it makes the year even more special and the class gets more opportunities to bond and create those lifetime memories. Senior Project is a unique and transformative undertaking where students explore their passions, pursue their dreams, push themselves out of their comfort zones and have life-changing experiences. It is truly an invaluable experience that helps our seniors transition to the next chapter in life. I have found myself thinking what I would do for my Senior Project and what activities I would suggest for Senior Unity Day. It almost makes me want to go back and do it all again – almost!"

How can people get involved with John Carroll?

"Give! And I don't mean just monetary donations (although they are important). Give of your time by helping the Parent Association at the concession stands. Come to the Bull Roast, Christmas Bazaar or Fashion Show. Mentor a student. Connect students with internships at your company. Support our teams by coming to games. Experience one of our award-winning musicals. Network and connect with each other. Walk the campus and simply enjoy it. Most importantly, tell others the awesome things that are happening at John Carroll. It's a great time to be a Patriot!" ■

Spring Recap

2017 John Carroll Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament

Thank you to Dan Lynch '01 and Matt Pipitone '01 for chairing another successful golf tournament! Save the date June 12, 2018 for the next JC Golf Tournament.

Black and Gold Sponsor (\$10,000)



JC Patriot Sponsor (\$5,000)



Feeding the Soul Sponsors (\$3,500)



JC Mitre Sponsor (\$2,500)



Beverage Carts (\$1,500)



Ice Cream Cart (\$1,000)



Winners of the 2017 JC Golf Tournament, the Pipitone Family: (from left) Mike '07, John, Matt '01 and Andrew '07

Alumni Around Town



Alumni networking breakfast featuring alumna and former Trustee, Rachael Rice '88 of Rice Consulting



JC alumni proudly flash their school rings during the Alumni Networking Happy Hour in May, which featured a special guest appearance by Mr. Frank Kelly, designer and originator of The John Carroll School ring. Once a Patriot, always a Patriot!



Alumni Night at Camden Yards was a big hit for JC family and friends!

Ed Miller's Old Timers Lacrosse Game, May 2017



An Evening Under the Stars Gala

At the Gala on Saturday, April 29, 2017, John Carroll's first Medal of Honor was awarded to Mr. Ed Miller for his 40+-year career pioneering the Russian Program, coaching lacrosse and inspiring students to explore the world. The Medal of Honor was created to pay homage to outstanding individuals who have given significantly of their time and talent to The John Carroll School and who epitomize its mission and values.

Lt. General (R) Mark Ramsay '77 presented the award and attributed his success in his own life to having Mr. Miller for a Current Affairs class at John Carroll. "It was Ed Miller who taught me in that one class how to think about a major problem in the world today, look at it from about 10 different angles, and keep asking questions until you get to the right answer," Lt. General Ramsay said. "It's amazing that one class changed my life, shaped my career and enabled me to do what I did."

A humble Mr. Miller accepted the award from Lt. General Ramsay and credited his success to being surrounded by so many good people in his life. Former lacrosse players and members of the class of 1975 presented Mr. Miller with a hand-blown glass lacrosse glove, a tribute to his dedication as a long-standing men's lacrosse coach at JC.



Family, friends, faculty, students and alumni all gathered for this special Evening Under the Stars, honoring a cherished teacher, coach, mentor and friend, Mr. Ed Miller.



Former lacrosse players and members of the class of 1975 presented Mr. Miller with a hand-blown glass lacrosse glove created by alumnus, Daniel Getz '06, a tribute to his dedication as a long-standing men's lacrosse coach at JC.



With the help of the Gala planning committee, more than \$90,000 was raised for the Capital Campaign. From left: Dennise Petronelli, Lisa Hyman Pons '75, Amy Meyerl, Sue Rosaschi, Mike Pons '75, Sue Weller Kutcher '85, Jennifer Tamberino, Susan Butcher Roarty '95, Marci Roberts Hare '87, Lisa Sheehan, Michelle Roberts Wentworth '91

The first-ever John Carroll Medal of Honor was presented by Lt. General Mark Ramsay '77 (right) to Mr. Ed Miller.



Eight past Riepe Award winners were on hand to congratulate Dr. Michael Romanelli '71. From left: Billy Boniface '82, Andy Klein '71, Ralph Romanelli '68, Dr. Michael Romanelli '71, John Correrri '70, Sallie Turner Bunce '71, Dr. James Kaper '70, Lt. General Mark Ramsay '77, Vickie Bands '75

Dr. Michael Romanelli '71 Wins Riepe Award

For dedicating his life to serving children with special needs, Dr. Michael Romanelli '71 received the 2017 Rev. Charles K. Riepe Award, the highest honor bestowed on John Carroll alumni. In his address to the Class of 2017 at the Commencement ceremony, Dr. Romanelli described John Carroll in the late 60's and early 70's as a school with a unique curriculum and innovative instructional models. In an era when many adults and children with developmental disabilities were locked away their entire lives, the John Carroll administration brought these children to school for exposure to society and to learn social interactions and communication skills.

As a student, Dr. Romanelli volunteered for John Carroll's program with children with special needs and reflected on his experience during his Commencement address. "The children were filled with energy and unconditional love," he said. "They smiled and laughed and were grateful for any attention that we gave them. I was very intrigued by their inability to speak and yet we were able to communicate in various ways during our time together. As I participated in the program, I grew attached to the children and they won over my heart. It was then at 15 that I decided that I wanted to major in speech pathology and audiology in college and spend my career working with children and adults with special needs."

God's will for Dr. Romanelli was clear, and he dove into the field of special education for the next 45 years of his life. "Because of what I experienced and learned at John Carroll, I was given the opportunity to have a lifetime of love and charity," he said. "Each day I walked into a classroom, I was able to look into the eyes of children who couldn't talk, walk, feed themselves, toilet themselves or make much movement. Many of the children I worked with as a behavior management specialist kicked me, bit me, punched me and destroyed property. They had no other way of communicating their basic needs. My blessing from God was the gift of looking into their eyes and seeing the eyes of Christ. Although I would go home with cuts and bruises and food and school paint all over my body, I felt so fortunate to have seen the eyes of Christ. The 40-plus years of these blessings were all due to the fact that John Carroll gave me an opportunity to be on the cutting edge of what was to become the deinstitutionalization movement."

One of the many pieces of advice Dr. Romanelli gave the Class of 2017 was this: "My entire career and your career will be judged by the love that you leave behind. Make sure that one person each day is better off because they were in your presence." Even in his retirement, Dr. Romanelli is still leaving love behind, running a thrift shop and donating the proceeds to the Desert AIDS Project, and volunteering to support children with cancer.



Riepe Award winner Dr. Michael Romanelli '71 with classmate and former Trustee Karla Slade-Pope '71, who nominated him for the award.

7th ANNUAL ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017

Class Reunions



Class of 1972



Class of 1992



Class of 1977



Class of 1997



Class of 2002



Class of 1982



Class of 2007

Class of 1987

Class of 2012



Alumni Weekend 2017



Students and alumni played together in the first annual Alumni Field Hockey Game.

Pictured from left: Gary Scholl, Dean of Faculty, Ashlee Kothenbeutel '18, Allison de los Santos Lightfoot '97, Tess Gauthier '71, Emily Gauthier Phillips '01, Hilary Barnes '01, Caroline Volker Roach '07, Molly Housman '05, Helen Kennedy-Butler '20, Gina Hormes '86, Kate Gromacki '20, Alice Puckett '77, Ellie Bruggeman '20, Kate Nicodemus Bruggeman '93

Homecoming Alumni Tailgate



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1. Chris Berger '85, Lisa Dippel '89, Kelly MacDonald '95, Lisa Rosser '81 and Jenn Berger '88
2. Leigh Ann Moran '87, Dan Moran, Patty O'Brien '77 and Craig O'Brien '77
3. Leslie Halloran '08, Rebecca O'Brien '09 and Michele Dobson '84
4. Stephanie Hau, Joseph Hau, Steve DiBiagio, Debbie DiBiagio and Greg Adolph '01



Congratulations to our newest Athletic Hall of Fame inductees!

Pictured from left: Sean Ireton (Coach) – football; John von Paris, Jr. '07 – football and wrestling; Stanley Lampkin '73 – track and field; Mary Beth Hatem '71 – tennis and basketball; Beanie Lund '94 – soccer, basketball and lacrosse; Carrie Dukes '13 – swimming; Chris Ports '04 – soccer; Krissy Flatau '88, accepting the award posthumously for her father, Joseph Rehrmann (Coach) – women's soccer, women's basketball and softball



Alumni Fun Run

Back row, pictured from left: Kayla Stoots '12, Sarah Driver '11, Kristen Russo '10, Rob Torres, Track coach, Ben Pickett '12, Colin Brooks '12

Front row, pictured from left: Amanda Hudak '11, Taylor Battaglia '12, Megan Battaglia '12, Ian Richardson '10, Holly Cook Pickett '12



Patty Ramsay, Mark Ramsay '77, Susan Amato '87, Jim Amato and Pete Sheehan

Special thanks to Archivist Ed Miller for coordinating many of the updates found in this section.

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Class of 1969

Sue Raysinger Ward recently retired after a successful teaching career that spanned over four decades and included teaching opportunities in Baltimore City Public Schools, John Carroll, Susquehannock, Loyola and Calvert Hall. Sue couldn't stay out of the classroom for long! She began teaching Physics at York College this fall.

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David Sedney (photo 1) just returned from Kabul after nearly a year's stint as Acting President of the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF). David, who is a Vice President of the University's Board of Trustees, was asked to go out to Kabul to help the University after two Taliban attacks in August 2016 killed 15 students, faculty and staff and wounded over 100. David's primary task was to work to rebuild and reopen the university through improving security, outreach to the Afghan and U.S. Governments, as well as extensive work rebuilding the university's financial and management systems. On March 25, 2017 AUAF reopened and nearly 1,000 students returned to classes. At graduation, David delivered the commencement address, and the University awarded David an honorary doctorate degree. The revival of AUAF became a family affair when David's spouse of 44 years, **Dr. Diana Lynch Sedney '69** met an emergency need for a chemistry professor and came to Kabul for 10 weeks to teach chemistry to students who needed to fulfill science distribution

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requirements for graduation. Without her contributions, many students would not have been able to graduate. David and Diana are now back at their home in Falls Church, Virginia where David has resumed his role as a Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies as an analyst/commentator on national security. Diana has returned to "full time" retirement which means being an active grandmother, working to renovate her weekend home in Fallston and volunteering with a social services organization in Falls Church.

Class of 1971

Dena Band Snyder (photo 2) retired from Baltimore City Public Schools in 2014 after 40 years of teaching. Dena enjoys time with her stepchildren and three grandchildren and now resides in Parkville. Dena loves to travel and spend time with her extended family and friends, especially in Martha's Vineyard!

Class of 1972

After graduating from JC, **Jim "Reds" Holdridge** (photo 3) continued his athletic endeavors at Towson University, where he excelled in both football and wrestling. Holdridge played offensive center all four years, and was part of Towson's 1974 undefeated team. He captained the 1976 team that played for the National Championship. As a wrestler, Jim finished 10th in the Nation. After Towson, Jim married wife, Connie, and began a 35+ year career in the computer industry as a Regional Director for Unisys, Tandem, Stratus and

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Storage Tech. He also helped to develop two software companies in Texas and Vancouver BC. Jim currently enjoys life in Lewes, DE with his wife of 40 years and feels blessed to have his three boys, their wives and three grandchildren living close-by in Maryland.

Class of 1973

Stanley Lampkin (photo 4) served for 29 years with the Maryland Transportation Authority Police before retiring at the rank of Major in 2007. In 2013, he returned to work as a bailiff at District Court in Bel Air where he still serves. Stanley and his wife, Tina, celebrated their 25th anniversary on May 27. They have two children, David and Martina, and one grandchild, Mikayla. Most recently, Stanley was inducted into the John Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame for his accomplishments and dedication to the track and field team in the 1970s. When he's not working, Stanley enjoys spending time with his family and watching sporting events.

Jane Kinsel, Ph.D., MBA (photo 5) and her husband, Michail (Misha) Sitkovsky, Ph.D., celebrated their 37th anniversary on September 17. They met and married in Moscow during the height of the Cold War when Jane was conducting drug research at Moscow State University. Jane recalls the fun and excitement of being among the first to study Russian in Mr. Ed Miller's inaugural Russian language class. It sparked a lifelong interest in the language, which led her on the path to meet Misha. Their cancer immunotherapy company, RedoxTherapies, founded in 2006 to develop innovative anti-cancer approaches that specifically target the primary protective defense shield of tumors, was recently acquired by a clinical-stage immunotherapy company. Now based in Boston, Jane and Misha travel extensively to build an international consortium of clinical trial sites that will test these anti-cancer therapies.

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Class of 1974

Tom Capallo (photo 6) retired in 2015 after 34 years as a tax CPA/Attorney, practicing both as a partner in a regional CPA firm and later at his own firm in Bel Air. He is currently the volunteer vice-president of the Bel Air Recreation Committee after previously coaching in and chairing their boys lacrosse program. Tom and his wife Debbie, a railroad insurance executive with Aspen Insurance, live outside of Bel Air. All three children have earned bachelor's degrees and work in the Maryland and Delaware area. Three wonderful grandchildren have been added to the family ages two months to eight years old. Tom's dad passed away last year, but the family continues his annual tradition of tailgating and attending a Maryland football game each year.

Dr. Joseph Wiley (photo 7) moved from practice to industry in November 2016 after 35 years as Pediatric Hematologist-Oncologist, Physician Researcher, Leader and Pediatric Department Chair (15 years) at Sinai in Baltimore. He now works in the rare disease field for a small, innovative biopharmaceutical company called Leadiant Biosciences leading the Departments of Medical Affairs (the science of the approved medicines), Drug Safety and Pharmacovigilance (interpretation and reporting to the FDA significant side effect profiles). The company partners with patient and advocacy groups for a handful of rare, life threatening conditions to improve treatments and find a path to cure. As a VP, he is responsible for the clinical research lead in planning new avenues for research. Dr. Wiley still lives in Phoenix, MD with his wife, an accomplished medical technologist and Immunology lab expert. His daughter just completed Law School at Boston University and will begin a career as in-house counsel at Eaton Vance in Boston, MA.

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Class of 1977

Craig O'Brien (photo 8) still operates Fence Masters, Inc. along with four other family members. Fence Masters is celebrating its 35th year in business and is very proud of the successful projects that they have been part of for both residential and commercial clients (including The John Carroll School)! Craig and **Patty Gay O'Brien '77** are also celebrating their 35th year of marriage and note that while many things are still the same – same home, same parish and same vacations at Ocean City – their little family is getting bigger! Daughter **Colleen '03** is married with two children, Amelia and Sailor. Their second daughter, **Jessica '06**, is married to **Jeremy Finck '06** and expecting their first child in March of 2018. **Rebecca '09** is to be married in June of 2018. Patty retired from teaching after nearly 30 years (at St. Stephens, Bradshaw) in 2012. Patty and Craig love the opportunities to catch up with fellow alumni and feel that John Carroll continues to be a great school in preparing students for successful careers as well as instituting strong family values.

Class of 1978

Jack Grimmel (photo 9) is still living in Jarrettsville and enjoys spending time with his siblings **Tom '77**, **Fran '80** and **Richard '85**. Jack had a busy summer with his vending business, but was able to take his girls Kelly, Allison and Dana on vacation to the Dominican Republic. Recently, Jack renewed his interest in cars and car shows, and he bought a Corvette. He always likes catching up with people from JC when he sees them around town!

Class of 1980

Larry Burton (photo 10) has been with the Army Research Laboratory for 34 years as a mechanical engineer and currently is the Associate for Operations of the Weapons &

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Materials Research Group. He is looking forward to retiring in another year or so to dedicate more time doing his various community service activities. Since moving to Darlington 20 years ago with wife Pam, Larry has been an active member of the Lions Club, and in 2015-2016, served as the District Governor for the 800 Lions in Central Maryland. He has founded two community foundations and serves as the organizer of the annual Darlington Independence Day celebration. Larry stays connected with JC by attending sporting events and musical productions. As an alum, he served four years as a JC Trustee, has been an evaluator of Senior Projects, and this past spring was part of a Capital Campaign feasibility assessment committee.

Class of 1981

Marty Perry and **Natalie Schroeter Perry '80** (photo 1) celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on March 30. Marty is a branch chief at the Army Research Laboratory at APG and continues to serve as a permanent Deacon at St. Mark's in Fallston. Natalie is in her 32nd year with Harford County Public Schools, and continues to serve as a speech and language pathologist at Riverside Elementary School in Joppatowne. Marty and Natalie's daughter, **Amy Perry Nash '05** and her husband, **Capt. Joe Nash '04** currently reside in Honolulu, HI with their three children, Audrey, Austin and August. Joe is a meteorology officer with the U.S. Air Force and Amy is currently taking care of the family. Son **Vincent Perry '12** graduated in 2016 with a B.S. in Mathematics and a B.S. in Computer Science from Franklin and Marshall College. He works as a research

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scientist for Parson's Engineering, supporting the Army Research Laboratory. Son **Sean Perry '12** graduated in 2016 from Towson University with a B.S. in Exercise Science. He is currently enrolled in a Doctorate of Physical Therapy program at Alvernia University, with an expected graduation date of 2019. Sean and his fiancée, Heather Litz are planning to marry in June 2018. Daughter **Laura Perry Whitley '07** wed Joshua Whitley on January 7, 2017. Laura is a Project Manager with Booz Allen Hamilton in Belcamp.

Chris Angert (photo 2) lives in Bel Air and works in the Fort Meade area as a Program Manager for a Department of Defense engineering consulting firm. He enjoys as much time as he can with his two beautiful daughters, **Catherine '14** and **Caroline '16**. Catherine is a senior at Loyola University Chicago and Caroline is a sophomore at VCU in Richmond. This summer Chris and his daughters went to Naples, Florida to visit his cousin **Michele Foley '80** for lots of sun and fun!

Class of 1982

Bruce Villard, a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, was admitted as a Maryland attorney in 2012 while working full-time as a Legal Project Manager for IBM (not in-house counsel). Bruce started his own law firm on the side in 2014 and left IBM after 30 years in 2016. He began working for Northrop Grumman in 2016 as a Subcontracts Specialist (not in-house counsel). He specialized in negotiating and developing complex supplier agreements with a focus on intellectual property, cybersecurity, privacy and export, as well as assisting with software IP valuation activities, employee invention disclosure reviews, and terms and

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conditions education and guidance development. His outside activities include volunteering with the Wills for Heroes program through the Maryland State Bar Association, rock climbing and cycling.

Class of 1983

Pat and Deanna (Monahan) Richards (photo 3) are happiest when they're together and spending time with family. Dee is a Speech/Language Pathologist catering to infants and toddlers in Baltimore. Pat leads the Corporate Real Estate function at Laureate Education based in Baltimore with operations in over 25 countries. Pat is also a Commissioner for the Town of Bel Air. Their son Ben is finishing his degree at Stevenson where he played lacrosse and hopes to enter the commercial real estate industry. Their daughter, **Grace '15**, is a junior at University of California - Davis, also playing lacrosse and studying Human Development/Health Sciences.

Class of 1984

Jim DeCoursey (photo 4) and wife, Jane, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 22 at Disney's Vero Beach in Florida. After a year as a Maryland State Police captain, in charge of 139 specialty criminal and narcotics investigators for the counties bordering the Mason Dixon Line (from Cecil to Garrett counties), Jim was named the commander of Agency's Internal Affairs Division - based in Pikesville, MD. When not serving the State, he is an adjunct professor for Cecil College's criminal justice program, teaching forensic sciences. Jim and Jane also enjoy cheering on their daughter, Lauren, on the lacrosse field and are proud of her dedication to help others. Lauren collected

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nearly 75,000 books for students and schools in the wake of a deadly Oklahoma tornado four years ago. Her latest service project is collecting "previously-loved American Girl Dolls" for an all-girls school in Afghanistan.

Class of 1988

Rachael Rice (photo 5) completed nine years as member of the John Carroll Board of Trustees in 2014 and continues to serve on two Board Committees: the Reverend Charles K. Riepe Alumni Award Committee and the Marketing Committee. Rachael founded Rice Consulting, a Democratic fundraising and strategy firm, in 2001. Rice Consulting, headquartered in the historic Archer Building in Bel Air with a satellite office in Baltimore, also works with several non-profit clients, including the Humane Society of Harford County, Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding and the Bel Air Downtown Alliance. Rachael has been proud to have many outstanding Patriots on the Rice Consulting Staff: Laurie Lutche Scannell '88, Kate Magsamen '99, Lauren Karam '01, Jessie Pitts '03, Billy Hughes '04, Aisha Turner '05, Matt Kent '06, Jillian Hughes '07, Nick Temple '09, Jenny Hottle '11, Paige McMillan '11, Becca Miles '11, Martha Schick '13 and Charlotte Haggerty '17. Rachael plays tennis every Monday with fellow Patriot Meg Corbett Montague '90, Melanie Dippel Bianco '91 and Katie Dippel Maynard '95, and frequent subs Erin Marshall Steffes '89 and Brian Yeager '91. Rachael currently serves on the Board of Pets of Wheels of Central Maryland. When she is not walking her dog, Augie, Rachael can

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be found out and about in Bel Air with her husband, District Court Judge David Carey.

Class of 1991

Andy DeMonte is a Captain in the Navy and currently is in the Middle East at the Joint Command Center. He is Navy Air and in electronic warfare. Andy doesn't report much since most of what he does is high security clearance. Andy and his wife, Angie, have three children; Araminta who is in the Army, Jasmine, a sophomore in college, and Nick, a sophomore in high school.

Class of 1995

Anne Romanelli Johnson (photo 6) has opened a new yoga studio, *True Yoga*, in Bel Air, MD (located on the corner of 924 and Bel Air South Parkway). *True Yoga*, "the original hot yoga," is the first Bikram Yoga Studio in Harford County.

Carrie Dannenfels Harney, Meredith Holtan O'Shea and **Susan Butcher Roarty** (photo 7) developed a lifelong friendship and love of travel during their time at JC! This past summer, the trio traveled to Toronto to celebrate their 40th birthdays, adding another destination and more memories to their list of adventures together.

Class of 2003

Ryan McCavitt (photo 8) graduated from Vanderbilt University's Owen Graduate School of Management in May with an M.B.A. in Finance. He now lives in Atlanta, GA where he joined SunTrust Robinson Humphrey as an investment banking associate.

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Class of 2004

Marianne (Ramsay) Ziebell (photo 1) completed her Masters Degree in Nursing Administration as an honor graduate from Frostburg State University in May and married Andrew Ziebell in July. Marianne has been an Intensive Care Unit nurse at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore since 2010 and is now a Utilization Review Nurse. Andrew is an Army Reserve Major and they live in Cockeysville.



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Class of 2005

Julia Apicella Longchamps (photo 2), her husband, Dustin, and big brother, River, welcomed baby girl, Iris Louise, to their family on July 16, 2017.

Class of 2007

Aloha from **Brendon McGill** (photo 3) in Hawaii! He has been living there for the past five years, working for Stanley Black and Decker and coaching high school lacrosse. Last spring, his team, the Honolulu Sharks, won the state championship, The Founders Cup! The Sharks traveled to the Big Island where they challenged Punahou (Barack Obama's alma mater) in the championship game and won the game 11-8 with just 11 players!



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Class of 2008

Congratulations to **Ally Carey** (photo 4) who competed in her second World Cup for Women's Lacrosse last July and helped the US Women's National Lacrosse Team defend their title as the 2017 World Cup Champions!



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Trevor Wade and **Alejandro Molina** (photo 5) recently launched REMESA Coffee to reimagine the coffee supply chain so that producers and consumers are trained, educated and equipped



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Class of 2009

to buy and sell coffee directly. REMESA coffee is farm fresh, roasted-to-order at origin and shipped directly to consumers in seven days or less from the roast date. Farmers are paid at least twice the standard sales price for working to deliver consumers a final product. Learn more at remesacoffee.com.

Class of 2009

William Nagle (photo 6) graduated in 2013 from Towson University with a Bachelor's of Science and continued on to graduate from University of Maryland School of Dentistry as a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS). This summer he proposed to his college sweetheart Stephanie, and will be getting married September 2018. Also, this August he joined Lifetime Dental Care, just down the street from John Carroll, as an associated dentist and looks forward to practicing in Harford County for many years to come.

Class of 2010

Benny Clough (photo 7) is finding success as the lead singer for his band, *The Streams*. This summer, *The Streams* opened for Uncle Kracker and won Hard Rock Café's Battle of the Bands! Find out where they will be playing next at www.facebook.com/TheStreamsBaltimore. Benny is also a composer and recently completed his first symphony for band and choir.

Joe Plumer attended Juniata College in Huntingdon, PA, where he earned his B.A. in Russian Language and Literature in 2014. Additionally, Joe spent one year abroad where he earned certification in Russian from Volgograd State Socio-Pedagogical University



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in 2012-2013. After graduating, Joe moved to Pittsburgh and works with the United States Postal Service. Joe and wife, Melissa, a toddler development specialist in a local preschool, have lived together happily in Pittsburgh since 2014.

Class of 2011

Conor DeVoe is currently sailing on the *Disney Wonder* as a Mainstage Performer for Disney Cruise Line! He is part of three musicals: *Frozen*, *The Golden Mickeys* and *Disney Dreams: An Enchanted Classic*, where he is flying with Peter Pan!

During their summer trip to Disney World, John Carroll Theatre students met up with **Matt Ridge**, (photo 8) who is currently a performer in one of Disney's *Star Wars* shows!

Class of 2016

Kurt Rawlings (photo 9) is the starting quarterback for the Yale University Bulldogs. He lead his team to a 24-3 victory over Harvard to win Yale's first Ivy League Championship in 37 years.



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Do you have an update for Connections?

Email your good news and photos to news@johnncarroll.org to be included in the next issue!

In Memoriam

Please pray for the souls of all the faithfully departed, including these deceased alumni, parents, grandparents and friends.

Michael Albright '69

Gloria Baldauf
Grandmother of Ryan '15 and Kyle '17

George Bosse '71

Husband of Jean Bosse; brother to Joseph '77 (deceased) and Theresa '70

Earnest Boyd

Husband of Natalie Boyd; father of Alan Boyd '75 and Barbara Boyd Ward '76; father-in-law of John Ward '68

Rev. Francis Callahan

Former Trustee

Mary Jo Murtaugh Catlin

Mother of Nancy Misotti '76, JoAnn Driver '78, Margaret Strohecker '81 and Daniel Murtaugh '86; mother-in-law of William Driver '77; grandmother of Kara Driver '05 and Ali '08

Gerard Comen

Father of Jeff Comen '80 and father-in-law of Erin Tenley Comen '84

Annie Niewenhaus Ellis '96

Sister of Kelly Niewenhaus Cullum '94 and Gus Niewenhaus '97

Dr. Jose Gracia, MD

Father of Pilar Gracia '85

Fred Gradishar

Husband of former faculty member Susan Gradishar; father of Dan '94, Matthew '95 and Michael '07

June Violet Grden

Mother of staff member Susan Strawbridge; grandmother of Stanley Strawbridge '07

Phyllis Grymes

Former staff member; mother of Ryan '01; mother-in-law of Meghan Theherne Grymes '03

Lawrence Hetzel '05

Son of Lawrence and former staff member Donna Hetzel; brother of David '03 and James '08

Helen Howell

Mother of Earl Howell '69

Brian Johnston '78

Shannon Kozar '91

Jean Lehnerd

Mother of Rosemary Lehnerd '74 (deceased), David Lehnerd '75 and Susan Lehnerd Etkins '81; Grandmother of Ryan Etkins '11, Jay Etkins '13 and Emily Etkins '13

Mary Ann Schaaf Little '72

Sister of Anna Greenberg '73

George Oliver

Husband of Mary; father of Sean '08 and Kirsten Oliver-Woolfrey '11

Andrew Overacre

Son of Jean Jung Overacre '81, brother of Sarah Overacre '10 and nephew of Mark Jung '83

Francis Pirog, Jr.

Husband of Patricia; father of Francis '05 and Julianne '10

Joseph Roberts

Former Trustee; father of Marci Hare '87, Michelle Wentworth '91 and Meredith Mowry '95; grandfather of Brooke Hare '17, Paige Hare '21 and Luke Wentworth '20

Christopher Rogers '92

Husband of Kari (Lee) Rogers '93

Robert William Smith

Father of Robert "Jay" Smith, Jr. '69, Gregory Smith '72 and Abbey Smith '73

John Welsh

Former social studies teacher, football coach and Dean of Students; husband of Suzanne Welsh; father of Christopher Welsh '81, Shea Welsh '82, Suzie Welsh Thompson '84, Matthew Welsh '85, Maureen Welsh Reid '87, Patrick Welsh '96 and Claire Welsh '96

Audrey Wilson

Mother of Chuck Wilson '70 and Patricia Wilson Phillips '73 (deceased)

Editor's Note: In the Summer 2017 issue of *Connections*, the following relatives of John Wirth '70 were inadvertently omitted: his brothers Joseph Coudon '74, Jeffrey Coudon '75, James Coudon '77 and Jerome Coudon '83. The *Connections* staff regrets the error.

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