



# WHEELING UNIVERSITY

## Classnotes

We invite you to send updates and information to share with the Wheeling University family. Please feel free to email [alumni@wheeling.edu](mailto:alumni@wheeling.edu) with any news.

### *Class of 1975*

**Ed Miles**, who resides in Strabane, Pennsylvania, reports that he is retired.

### *Class of 1976*

**Fred Salancy** is the Director of Philanthropic Strategy at the Knight of Columbus Charitable Fund in Washington, D.C.

### *Class of 1980*

**Matthew Doherty** is managing director of workforce risk management at Sikich

### *Class of 1983*

**Maire (Brosnan) Katavolos** retired as COO of the YWCA of Northern New Jersey. She now runs her own non-profit consulting company.

### *Class of 1984*

**Kathleen Carrigan-Hill**, serves as the liaison between Child Welfare and Juvenile Probation for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

### *Class of 1985*

**Catherine (Hacala) Bridges** is a services Specialist with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

**Tony Eisel** is the Senior Vice President of Bank of America.

**Donald Rice** started a new position as Operations Manager at Rice Real Estate & Appraisal Services.

### *Class of 1987*

**Jackie Kapres** is the owner of Play Again Sports Injury Center

### *Class of 1989*

**Bob Knott** is the founder and principal at Timbre Strategies, LLC in Baltimore. He currently serves on the Wheeling University Board of Trustees.

### *Class of 1991*

**Anna Marie Troiani** is the Executive Director of the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Wheeling.

### *Class of 1992*

**Scott Gallagher** is the Corporate Controller at Mid-Am Building Solutions.

**Keri Alexander Luchowski** is the executive director of the North Coast Athletic Conference.

### *Class of 1993*

**Meredith (Dean) Augustin** was featured in an article by the National Catholic Reporter. [Click here to read the](#) article.

**Chrissy (Sassaman) Findley** is the Associate Dean of Admissions, Athletics and Transfer Students.

**Joe Munhall** is a managing director with Ikaria Capital Group.

### *Class of 1994*

Vincent Ionata, and his brother Richard, own and operate Sarasota Bakery. You can read more about the bakery [here](#).

### *Class of 1995*

**Emily Mueller** has a non-profit *Where Pigs Fly Rescue and Sanctuary*. Mueller rehabilitates pigs in need of rescue. She recently appears on the [Kelly Clarkson Show](#) to talk about this animal rescue program.

**Joseph Young** is a Wheeling Office Manager at May Engineering Company. He will begin a term on Alumni Council in July.

### ***Class of 1997***

**JT Jezerski** is the chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito.

**Michael Pittman** was promoted to supervisor with the Allegheny County Division of Real Estate, which is based in Pittsburgh, PA.

### ***Class of 1998***

**Michael Heinecke** recently started a new position as Technical Program Manager at OpenAI.

### ***Class of 2000***

**Matthew Burnett** is CEO of Legacy Lyfe Ventures of Pittsburgh.

### ***Class of 2001***

**Lesley Kohlmyer** is now the Area Business Manager - GI at Sanofi.

**Jacob Caddy** has been promoted to principal product manager at Ambassador.

### ***Class of 2002***

**Melissa (DiPietro) Myers** is the Global Finance Director, FP&A and Business Operations at Johnson & Johnson

### ***Class of 2005***

**Sara Budacki** is an English Teacher at Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh.

**Tim Haught** serves as Vice President, Administrative and Document Services for Forrest Solutions in Columbus, Ohio.

### ***Class of 2006***

**Jade (Eckleberry) Legg** was named [head coach](#) of Oak Hill High school (WV) girls basketball program.

**Melissa Myers** is a case manager for auto injuries with Morgan & Morgan in Pittsburgh.

### ***Class of 2008***

**Adrienne (Greene) Tharp** is the Assistant Dean of Student Development at Waynesburg University.

### ***Class of 2009***

**Danny Brosnan** is a Major Gifts Officer at the Smithsonian Institution.

**Jill Nizan** is the Director of Conservation Operations at American Humane.

### ***Class of 2011***

**Chelsea (Reyher) Gerrard** is the Director of Communications at Villanova University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**Trent Krupica** is Senior Director, Marketing at Elior North America.

**Chris Rouhier** is the Senior Director of Recruitment and Admissions at Duquesne University.

### ***Class of 2014***

**Donald Luke Kopp** is the Assistant Vice President for Student Well-Being and Housing at Fairmont State University.

### ***Class of 2015***

**Jenifer Leech** is a Case Manager at Russell Nesbitt Services in Wheeling.

### ***Class of 2016***

**Johannes Strauss** (MBA 2018) is a Relationship Manager at First National Bank of South Carolina.

### ***Class of 2017***

**Katie (Campbell) DeVries** began a new position as Manager, Brand Strategy & Growth Marketing at Stanley Steemer.

**Giovanna Loccisano** is the owner of Foxfire & Co. which is located in the greater Columbus (OH) area.

### ***Class of 2018***

**Albert Schrimp** is a Data Scientist Associate at AEP Energy.

**Garrett Emch** began a new position as an analyst for Jazz Pharmaceuticals.

### ***Class of 2019***

**Jack Fitch** is the Sports Director at the Highlands Sports Complex.

**Courtney Rogers** is the graduate assistant for the Wheeling University Softball Team.

### ***Class of 2023***

**Batson Sheets** is the Graduate Research Assistant for the Office of Institutional Advancement at Bethany College. He is completing his MBA in Non-Profit Entity Management.

### ***Alumni Obituaries***

**Please keep these alumni and their loved ones in your prayers.**

**David Bernier**, class of 1993, died on May 11, 2025.

**Ken Costa**, class of 1986, [passed away](#) June 2.

**Kathleen Klueber**, class of 1970, [passed away](#) on June 13.

**Dr. Richard Lepiane**, class of 1976, [passed away](#) on June 13.

**James Mauck**, class of 1963, [passed away](#) on June 22.

**John Millar**, class of 1967, [passed away](#) on July 1.

**Michael Monahan**, class of 1982, passed away April 28.

**Sandra Neilson**, Class of 1966 passed away in April 2025.

**Rev. David Brian (Country) Shoda**, class of 1979, passed away on April 7.

**David Winchester**, class of 1969, passed away in June 2025.

**George 'Ged' Young**, class of 1972 [passed away](#) on June 26.