



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 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

Cindy Albert will be elected into the Wheeling Central Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame this Fall.

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 1991

Tanya Smigocki is a HR Business Manager II at Enepret Inc.

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.

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.

Michael Traubert, served at the inspector in charge for the WV State Athletic Commission for Amateur & Professional Mixed Martial Arts on July 12.

Class of 2001

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

Jacob Caddy has been promoted to principal product manager at Gravitee.

Class of 2002

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

Steve Vargo works for JazzHR in account management/customer success/relationship management.

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.

Miranda (Jackson) Rector is an acute care adult nurse practitioner.

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

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 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

Cassandra Minder is a development associate, corporations & foundations at Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh. She also serves as the assistant softball coach at Wheeling University.

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

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

Albert Schrimp is a Data Scientist Associate at AEP Energy.

Class of 2022

Former Wheeling University Women's Golfer [Emily Holzopfel](#) qualified for the 2025 U.S. Women's Amateur Championships.

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.

Class of 2025

Ally Cook has been hired as an [Athletic Trainer](#) for the Athletic Department at Wheeling University.

Alumni Obituaries

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

Dr. Samuel Bracken, class of 1960, [passed away](#) on July 30.

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.

Thomas McPherson, class of 1969, [passed away](#) on July 20.

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

Paul Rank, class of 1965, [passed away](#) on July 23.

Stephen Stromp, class of 1959, [passed away](#) on August 7.

Sarah (Muslovski) Wilson, class of 2002, [passed away](#) on July 26.

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

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