

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 1962

Lillian and David '86 Cale, owners and operators of Laurel Caverns in Uniontown, PA., have donated the caverns to the state to preserve it for future generations to enjoy.

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.

John Lewis has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Minority Business Accelerator.

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 1985

Chris Anderholm is Senior Vice President of Penske Transportation Solution.

Class of 1988

Joe Pangalanan is the Assistant Vice President at Grandview Wealth Management, LLC.

Class of 1992

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

Class of 1993

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

Class of 1994

Jeff Britton is the CEO of Ohio Hills Health Centers in Barnesville, Ohio

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

Class of 1996

John Buch started a new position as Client Director at ServiceNow.

Erikka Storch received the AEP 2025 Charles Patton Volunteer of the Year. The company donated \$2,500 on her behalf to the Future of Moundsville Youth Center.

Class of 1997

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

Angela (Pannell) Strickland is the Dean of Health Sciences at Guilford Technical Community College.

Class of 1998

Sharel OConnell is the Service Management Consulting Manager at Capgemini.

Class of 2000

Michael Traubert served the inspector in charge for the WV State Athletic Commission boxing match held January 3 at Linsly's Stifel Fieldhouse in Wheeling.

Class of 2001

Rev. Paul Abernathy is the Chief Executive Officer at Neighborhood Resilience Project.

Stacey Copley has a new position as Imaging Manager at Bon Secours Mercy Health.

Mark Jennings, managing director, head of Capital Introductions at Bite Investments.

Class of 2002

James Puglisi is the Director of Mission Integration at Villa St. Francis Assisted Living Community in Milwaukee.

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

Class of 2003

Melissa (Arnold) Rhoads, Esq. is a partner at the law firm of Tighe & Cottrell, P.A. Her firm provides legal services in DE, PA, MD, and NJ.

Class of 2004

Michelle Helal has joined the [HayMed](#) anesthesia team.

Christina Richey is the Director of Partnerships, Business Development at [SETI Institute](#).

Class of 2005

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.

Erica Tamburin was named City Manager for the City of Wellsburg (WV).

Class of 2006

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

Eric Mena is a senior accountant with Langeloth Metallurgical Co. in Burgettstown, PA.

Class of 2007

Katie Hine is Deputy Athletics Director, Internal Operations/SWA at Towson University.

Gretchen Krumdieck is the Director of Annual Giving and Constituent Development at St. Ursula Academy in Cincinnati.

Class of 2008

Kate Garlick is the Dean of Students at Davis & Elkins College

Class of 2010

Austin Macri is Vice President and CFO of Oriana House in Akron Ohio.

Class of 2012

Peter Brogdon, II is a trial attorney in Atlanta, Georgia.

Tyler Glover is an outside sales representative for Palmer-Donavin.

Class of 2013

Patrick Chadowski is a data and analytics consultant with Erie Insurance.

Kara Hazebaker is a Customer Service Supervisor at Swagelok Pittsburgh.

Tyler Menzler is Principal at 1842 Strategies.

Ben Siefert is Territory Manager at TW Metals.

Class of 2014

Gabriella Guanciale started a new position as Director of Omni Central Planning at Bath & Body Works.

Luke Titus is the Director of Ark Lending Solutions in Australia.

Class of 2015

Brennan Comfort is Senior Vice President, Chief Data & Analytic Officer at WesBanco.

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

Class of 2016

Rachel Keeney is Executive Director of Top of West Virginia Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Mary Meiman is a client assistant at Baird.

Elizabeth (Libby) Sacco Thomas, has a new position as a Grief Clinical Counselor at Aetna, a CVS Health Company.

Class of 2017

Kylie Frizell is the head women's basketball coach at Corban University.

Giovanna Loccisano is the Vice President of Operations at Top Shot Drilling.

Natasha Trott is the Manager –
Restructuring at Interpath.

Class of 2018

Nikki Hillard is as a Product Change
Management Analyst at [HCA Healthcare](#)!

Class of 2021

Jeff Simms, MBA, is the senior manager of
technical training and operator qualification at
Mountaineer Gas.

Alumni Obituaries

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

Michael Bowman, class of 1968, [passed away](#)
on October 29. He was the father of
Wheeling graduates, **Mary, Joseph, Michael,**
Theresa, Martha, Peter, and John.

Eugene “Gene” Delia, class of 1973, [passed away](#)
on November 13.

William ‘Bill’ Floria, Sr., Class of 1964,
[passed away](#) on November 10. He is the
father of **William ‘Bill’ Floria, Jr.**, class of
1984.

Elbert Kuhns, class of 1964, [passed away](#) on
December 6.

Margaret Reehil, class of 1965, [passed away](#)
on October 20.

Carl ‘Chip’ Riccio, class of 1971, [passed away](#)
on December 2.

William Stoeck, class of 1966, [passed away](#)
on November 21.

Michael Stout, class of 1968, [passed away](#) on
October 4.

John Tokarz, class of 1974, [passed away](#) on
December 2.