



# 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 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 1978*

**Paul Tedesco** recently published the paperback version of his book *There's No Place Like (Nursing) Homes - Stories of Dementia, Dying, and Peeing on the Christmas Tree*. The book is available at all standard online bookstores.

### *Class of 1980*

**Matthew Doherty** has launched a new venture, Doherty Advisory. He is serving as president.

**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 Pangalinan** 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

### *Class of 1995*

**John Reasbeck** is Vice President, Community and Ambulatory Services, Administration at UPMC.

### *Class of 1996*

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

### *Class of 1997*

**Michael Plittman** 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*

**Liz Gorman** was awarded Surgical Services Nurse of the year in May of 2025 at Luminis Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. She also received advanced certification as a Meditation Teacher.

**Alison Johnson** is the Head of Content and Program Strategy at National Multifamily Housing Council.

**Sharel O'Connell** 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.

**Rob Kulpa** started a new position in January as Operations Manager with AEP Energy

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

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

### ***Class of 2004***

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

**Christina Richey** received the NASA Exceptional Public Achievement Medal which honors exceptional achievement in founding, developing and leading training workshops that teach proposal writing skills for the NASA research community.

### ***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***

**Eric Ferguson** is a Sales Representative with Siemens in Pittsburgh.

**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.

**Dennis McKenna** was recently named a partner at Ernst & Young in San Diego.

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

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

### ***Class of 2012***

**Peter Brogdon, II** is a trail 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.

**Ben Siefert** is Territory Manager at TW Metals.

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

**Gabriella Guancia** 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.

**Sarah Sleeve** is the Program Director at Female Strong.

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

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

**Michael Gromacki** is a Network Specialist at UPMC

**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 2020***

**Bailey Fredrick** is a sales professional with BSN Sports.

### ***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.**

**Cathy (Adams) Gurley**, class of 1972, [passed away](#) on January 20.

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

**Stephen Meehan**, class of 1969, [passed away](#) on January 14.

**Francis (Panneton) Onaitis**, class of 1964, [passed away](#) on January 14. She is the wife of James Onaitis, class of 1965.

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

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