

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 1970

Dr. Ed Younkins, Professor Accountancy at Wheeling University, recently published a new essay "Is Character Education Compatible with Individualistic Perfectionism?" To read it [click here](#).

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

Beth Currence started a new position as a molecular imaging specialist at WVU Medicine.

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 1999

Lena Preville is the Senior HR Manager at Greenville Utilities Commission.

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

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 is the director, Administrative Services at Opensity Solutions.

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.

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.

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

Jonathan Bullock-Barrett started a new position as Technical Program Manager with Peraton.

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

Nicole Kryston has been promoted to President of Property Maintenance Services, Inc.

Sarah Sleevi is the Program Director at Female Strong.

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.

Chelsey Ward is a Physician Assistant in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Charleston Area Medical Center.

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.

Ray Benack, class of 1982, [passed away](#) on January 27.

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

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.