

## 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 1970*

**Dr. Ed Younkings**, 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 1985*

**Chris Anderholm** is Senior Vice President of Penske Transportation Solution.

### *Class of 1988*

**Meave Connelly** is a Vice President at US Bank.

**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 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*

**Eric Petho** has been named to the board of directors at Kids' Chance of Ohio.

**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***

**Jeanine Vignjevic-Godbolt** has a new position as Physical Therapy Assistant at Carolina Spine and Disc Center.

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

**Tim Haught** is the director, Administrative Services at Opensity Solutions.

**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.

**Nate Skrzypek** was named principal at Wheeling Middle School.

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

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

**Audra (Macri) Scalfaro** was promoted to IT Project Manager at Progressive Insurance.

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

**Emily Hatfield** is VP of Marketing and Communications at VisitPittsburgh.

### ***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.

**Michael McDonald** is a project manager at NPK.

### ***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.

***Class of 2018***

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

***Class of 2019***

**Jeremy Sagun**, MBA, was named CEO of Northwood Health Services in Wheeling.

***Class of 2020***

**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.

**Timothy Cope**, class of 1972, passed away on March 17.

**Michael McGivern**, class of 1962, [passed away](#) on March 20.

Charles Sorrels, class of 1978, [passed away](#) on March 9.

**Dr. Robert Wolfensperger**, class of 1968, [passed away](#) on March 27.