



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 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 1977

Father William Matheny, Jr., will retire from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in June after 30 years of service. He plans to work in a parish in Georgia.

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.

Stephen Simpkins started a new position as a Senior Account Executive with INWSolutions.

Class of 1992

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

Class of 1994

Tony Recinella of Steubenville was inducted into the city's Italian American Honor Guild in April.

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 was chosen to be one of the six members of the USA Boxing National Judicial Committee. His term began in January.

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

Anne Laux is the Field Training Compliance Officer at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission.

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 in Wheeling.

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 Guancia 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 in Morgantown.

Michael McDonald is a project manager at NPK.

Miranda (Principe) Rockhold is a Risk Management Senior Specialist with American Honda Motor Co. in Marysville, Ohio

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.

Giovanna Loccisano is the Owner of County Line Sphynx Cattery, which specializes in TICA/CFA Canadian Sphynx cats. She is also the Owner/Artist at Foxfire & Co. Additionally, she is the Vice President of Operations for Top Shot Drilling, LLC which specializes in underground construction, telecommunications, and fiber optic installation,

Class of 2018

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

Kristen Shimko will begin a new role at the University of Kentucky on May 18. She will become the Prevention Specialist for Hazing, Alcohol and other Drugs, and Gambling.

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.

Class of 2025

Mitchell Park is a police officer in Crossville, Tennessee.

Alumni Obituaries

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

Dr. Michael David Avington, class of 1962, [passed away](#) on April 24.

Shirley Ann (Gentzel) Beck, class of 1998, [passed away](#) on April 14.

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

Sr. Kathleen Dorney, former chaplain at Wheeling University, [passed away](#) May 13.

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

Linda Sue Noland, class of 1991, [passed away](#) on May 15

Roger Perine, class of 1995, [passed away](#) on April 14.

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

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



Friends came from across the country to attend **Cathy Adams Gurley's** (Class of 1972) funeral. Their presence was a moving reminder of the lasting impact of a Wheeling College education. Seated from left are Linda Kellinger Romiti, Debbie Sgroi, Sally O'Schaughnessy, Janet Boyle, Cathy's daughter Meagan Gurley Sulliva, Lynette Pellarin, Carolyn Evosovich O'Neill, Terry Rollo, and Jonni Burke. Standing from left are Greg Sgroi, Jeff Wolfe, Joe Rollo, Tom Corrigan, Dan Bersch, Chic Porch, Frank Calabrese, Rich Pellarin, Tom Sullivan, Ernie Trakas, Jim O'Neill, Lorenzo Romiti, Bill Burke, and Tim Cogan. (Photo by Bill Burke)