1942
Edward J. Scallen, B.Arch.E. 1942 (ENGR), of Annapolis, Md., received the outstanding engineering achievement award for his contributions to the structural engineering profession at the Structural Engineers Association of Metropolitan Washington gala in February. He was an assistant professor of civil engineering at CUA from the late 1940s to early 1950s.

1969 Reunion Year
Bob Sharpe, B.A. 1969 (ARCH), and Gale Benito Sharpe, B.A. 1970 (ARCH), of Crofton, Md., along with daughters Megan, Kate Sharpe Kelley, and Tricia, visited the Sharpe ancestral farm in Glenties, County Donegal, Ireland, in September 2013.

1970
Frank J. Gadek, Ph.D. 1970 (A&S), a synthetic organic chemist, Greenville, Pa., a synthetic organic chemist,

1972
James B. Evers Jr., M.A. 1972 (ARCH), of Jacksonville, Fla., transitioned from higher education after 41 years, where he held executive-level positions in student affairs. He is now an education consultant and youth advocate, and is the tennis coach at Paxon High School. One of his goals is to publish his second book. His first book is *Perspective From Where I Sat:* Essays on Education, Parenting and Teen Issues (Fairway Press, 2005).

1973
Sister Joan Marie Keller, M.S.B.E., M.S.W. 1973 (SOCSV), of Philadelphia, was elected for a second five-year term as general custodian (major superior) of her religious congregation in May 2015. She celebrated her jubilee as a Missionary Servant of the Most Blessed Trinity in May 2012.

1976
Thomas P. Di Chiara, M.Arch. 1976 (ARCH), has joined Gannett Fleming as manager of environmental services for New Jersey, based in the firm’s South Plainfield, N.J., office. He oversees the day-to-day management of environmental planning elements of projects for public and private sector clients.

1977
Sister Mary Matthias Ward, M.A. 1977 (ARCH), of Maple Mount, Ky., celebrated 60 years as an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph. Sister Mary has been a teacher, principal, and campus minister in Kentucky and served as major superior of her religious community for two terms (1988–1996).

1979 Reunion Year
Robert J. Lesko, M.F.A. 1979 (ARCH), a television, film, and stage actor, wrote and performed in the one-person play *B. Franklin* at the Stephanie Feury Studio Theatre in Los Angeles in the spring.

1980
Thomas Favret, B.A. 1980 (ARCH), is serving at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, as the deputy director of the Transition Office. He was recently selected for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service. In August he returned to Washington, D.C., to attend the National University’s master’s program.

1981
Richard Banzer, B.A. 1981 (ARCH), has been named head of Citi Commercial Bank in the United States. A 30-year veteran of Citi’s Institutional Clients Group, Banzer will lead the bank’s expanding middle-market banking business across the country.

Since 2009, she has served as the director of local community life at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount.

Class Notes

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Did you... start a new job? Receive an award? Get married? Celebrate a milestone in your life? Share your news with other Catholic University alumni by submitting a class note to cua-classnotes@cu.edu.

Share Your Milestone?
Submit a brief note about a recent milestone in your life. (Your milestone may be published online and in the magazine.)

Planning Her Class Reunion

Patricia Murphy-Lynch

But there was one problem that came with volunteering. Among their tasks, each committee member is asked to personally call at least 25 classmates to invite and encourage them to attend the reunion. “That seemed easy enough,” says Murphy-Lynch. But then she made that phone call to a former classmate she hadn’t seen since her college days. “Fifty-forty minutes later we were still on the phone. We had so much to catch up on. Imagine doing that 25 times!”

Murphy-Lynch says that Catholic University has had a profound impact on her life. Her parents met while studying at CUA on the GI Bill, and they encouraged her to pursue a career in health care.

“My foundation in nursing, and later my master’s degree, set me on a path to an incredible career. Being a nurse has been not only rewarding, but has afforded me flexibility to raise my three children,” she says.

Murphy-Lynch met her late husband, Mike Murphy, while a student at CUA. She says friendships with their classmates played an important role in their married life, but never more so than when Mike was diagnosed with cancer. “For those two years that he fought the disease, they were by our side. On Mike’s 50th birthday during his illness, we had probably 40 CUA friends at our house in Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) to celebrate his life. “When he passed away seven years ago, I had a few dear CUA friends by my side.”

Mike Murphy received his B.A. and his M.A. in history from Catholic University and had a career in local politics. He enjoyed reading, studying history, and political conversation and debate. Before he died, his alma mater wanted to find a lasting way to honor him on campus, and came up with the idea of a gathering place to be called Murphy’s.

“We all loved meeting at The Rat (Rathskellar) while we were students,” says Murphy-Lynch, who has recently remarried and now lives on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. “Years later when we returned to campus, we would ask, ‘Where do students gather?’”

“Patricia (Morel) Murphy-Lynch, B.S.N. 1980 (SOCSV),” has been appointed by Pope Francis to the Congregation of Religious of the Missions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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I haven’t seen in a while,” she says.

mike murphy’s friends have led the fundraising charge to open a new gathering place in the Edward J. Pryzbyla University Center, and construction is set to begin soon. Although the new space won’t be finished by mid-October, Murphy-Lynch says there will be a social gathering for the Class of 1974 during Cardinal Weekend on the site of the future Murphy’s, where she and her classmates will “relax and talk politics and history in Mike’s honor.” — E.W.
New York’s 26th Congressional district seat.

In 2011, Hochul won a special election to fill the clerk. In 2007, she was appointed county clerk.


Robert, farrell, and his wife, carly, live in luganville, Pa., with their four children.

1987

Julie Bowen, B.A. 1987 (A&S), J.D. 1990 (LAW), of Bethesda, Md., was appointed vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary by the MITRE Corporation. She joined MITRE as associate general counsel in 2006 and is an expert in cybersecurity and intellectual property law.


Kathleen Courtney Hochul, J.D. 1983 (LAW), will be Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s running mate in this year’s gubernatorial election in New York. After working as a congressional aide in the House from 1987 to 1990, he started in summer 2013. The blog/website is at

Robert Schreimler Ed.D. 1982 (A&S), of Birmingham, Ala., recently retired from Samford University after 15 years as professor of pharmacy practice and pharmacy librarian, and was awarded the rank of professor emeritus. He is a retired U.S. Army aviator who served in Vietnam. He initiated an online peer review pharmacy journal and was its editor for eight years. He has published more than two dozen articles.

1983

Omar Dallal, B.E.E. 1987 (ENGR), works with the German medical company Draeger and is enjoying Dubai, United Arab Emirates, where he has been living for the past six years.

Robyn R. De Wees, B.S.N. 1987 (ENGR), received the Corporate Promotion of Education award at the annual Black Engineer of the Year Award STEM Global Competitiveness Conference in February. She is a director of mission assurance for Northrop Grumman Information Systems. She works with organizations to improve STEM opportunities for underprivileged and underrepresented youth and adults, and is active in Northrop Grumman employee resource groups.

Reginald A. Taylor, B.A. 1990 (A&S), of Rockville, Md., completed his third and final term as a member of the Board of Trustees at Gonzaga College High School, his alma mater. He is the director of human resources at the Law Firm of Boies, Schiller and Flexner LLP.


1993

Carey Gann Venditti, J.D. 1993 (LAW), was elected a new shareholder for Winstead PC, in their Austin, Texas, office, where she is a member of the real estate development and investments practice group.

Bishop Bawai Soro, M.A. 1996 (THEO), was named in January by Pope Francis to the Titular See of Forziana for pastoral service in the Chaldean Eparchy of Saint Peter the Apostle of San Diego.

1996

Patrick J. Carfizzi, B.M. 1996 (MUSIC), of Newburgh, N.Y., celebrated a career milestone with his 30th Metropolitan Opera performance, singing the role of Frank in Die Fledermaus at Lincoln Center.

Nicole Lamoureux Busby, B.A. 1995, M.A. 1997 (SOCSV), of North Attleboro, Mass., graduated with her master's degree in nursing as of December 2013 from the University of Cincinnati, and in February 2014 passed her exam to become a board-certified family nurse practitioner.

1999

Reunion Year

Rev. Kyle T. Ingleh, B.A. 1999 (A&S), has relocated to his hometown of Colorado Springs, where he serves as director of the campus ministry for the Diocese of Colorado Springs, working primarily at Colorado College and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

2002

Reunion Year

John Poole Middle School is the 2014–2015 eighth-grade English and reading teacher at Gonzaga College High School, his alma mater. He is the director of human resources at the Law Firm of Boies, Schiller and Flexner LLP.

Anna Bonilla-Galdames, M.S.W. 1997 (SOCWS), of Lorton, Va., is the recipient of the 2014 Social Worker of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers Virginia Chapter. NASWVA presents the prestigious honor to only one individual annually. Bonilla-Galdames is a school social worker at Charles Barrett Elementary School in Alexandria, Va.

John Cuddeback, Ph.D. 1997 (PHIL), chairman of the philosophy department at Christendom College in Front Royal, Va., has a blog called Bacon from Academia, which he started in summer 2013. The blog/website is dedicated to the philosophy of household.

2004

Reunion Year

Barrie Howard, M.S.L.S. 2004 (LIS), of Takoma Park, Md., received the Raymond Von Dran Memorial Award from the CUA LIS Alumni Association during the 24th Annual Stone Lecture on April 4, 2014. Howard is the program management coordinator at the National Information and Infrastructure Preservation Program at the Library of Congress.

2005

Bishop Bawai Soro, M.A. 1996 (THEO), was named the new president of Fontbonne University. He is a teacher in the educational leadership at Notre Dame of Maryland University. He is a teacher in the pastoral ministry for pastoral service in the Chaldean Eparchy of Saint Peter the Apostle of San Diego.

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Pamela R. Green, B.A. 1998, M.A. 1999 (A&S), has been named a partner of the law firm of Parese, Sabin, Smith & Gold, LLP of Pittsfield and Williamstown, Mass. She also has recently published an article for Berkshire Senior and co-authored two chapters in real estate law treaties published by Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc. She is a 2013 recipient of the Boston Magazine “Super Lawyers Rising Star” distinction.
A Musical Entrepreneur

Donald Crafton

A lifelong music lover, Donald Crafton, B.M. 2000, saw a problem when it came time to enroll his children in Catholic school in the Diocese of Richmond four years ago: his children’s school had no band program.

Crafton, who graduated with a degree in music education and performance from CU/A before turning his master’s in bass trombone orchestral performance from the Manhattan School of Music in 2002, had worked previously as a public school music teacher for several years and played with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. He approached diocesan school leadership with an offer: he would start his own band program, offering group lessons and full band rehearsals for local Catholic school students.

“Today, Crafton’s Saint Cecilia Band Program is four years old and involves elementary and middle school students from six Catholic schools. Crafton visits each school once a week, offering group lessons and full band rehearsals. Twice a year, he brings all 180 of his students together for band concerts.”

Crafton said. “I love being my own boss and knowing that the more work I put into it, the more students and parents are very pleased with the program,” Crafton said.

His work in music education also inspired Crafton to start Sight Reading Factory, a website that uses computer algorithms to compose new music to help students practice sight reading.

“Of the true tests of a musician is to be able to sit down and play a new piece of music accurately,” Crafton said. “I thought, there has to be something out there that is collapsible, programmatically flexible, and indeﬁnitely reusable. Next he will lead to Georgia Tech for a master’s program that combines health and design.”

2008

Gregg S. Morrison, Ph.D. 2008 (THEO), has received a 2014 alumni of the year award from Samford University’s Benton Divinity School. He was named the Master of Divinity Distinguished Alumnus. He earned his Benton degree in 1996. Morrison is trustee for McDonald Group, Inc. in Birmingham, Ala. He teaches Sunday school at Shades Mountain Baptist Church and serves on the board of trustees of Judson College in Marion. Morrison chairs the steering committee for Benton’s Charles T. Carter Baptist Chair of Divinity campaign.

2010

Denise Jones, M.S.W. 2010 (SOCSV), has opened a private psychotherapy practice in Washington, D.C., Capitol Hill Center for Individual and Family Therapy, where she provides psychotherapy in the areas of depression, stress, relationship issues, and trauma.

2011

Yousef Busheri, B.S.Arch. 2011, M.Arch. 2013 (ARCH), was selected as one of three architects to be hosted for 10 weeks as residents at the Google Paris Cultural Office. Busheri’s work in the Google Lab involves a type of eﬀectively mass-producible exhibit space that is collapsible, programmatically ﬂexible, and indeﬁnitely reusable. Next he will lead to Georgia Tech for a master’s program that combines health and design.

2012

Kurt C. Nelson, Ph.D. 2012 (A&S), was named the new superintendent of Catholic education for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Nelson has served as president of Aquinas Catholic Schools in LaCrosse, Wis., since 2006. Two of the schools in his system were named Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education.

2009 Reunion Year

Patrick M. Guette, B.M. 2009, M.M. 2011 (MUSIC), was among ﬁve winners at the Metropolitan Opera 2014 National Council Auditions. He represented the Middle Atlantic Region and recently appeared in Philadelphia’s Academy of Vocal Arts. He also served as an apprentice artist with the Santa Fe Opera.

Ryan Hamilton, B.A. 2009, (LAS), of Las Vegas, accepted a position as manager of policy development and communications with the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce.

2013

Sarah Biddle, B.M. 2013 (MUSIC), is returning to the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, playing the lead in Pennsylvania, the Musical. She is one of this season’s acting apprentices. As an apprentice, Biddle joins three other professional actors to create the Touring Outreach Company, which visits schools to share live theater and create an open dialogue about literacy, bullying, nutrition, and diversity.

Rev. Michael Tinker, T.O.R., M.Div. S.T. 2013 (THEO), appeared in a vocations video, Hold Nothing Back, describing what it is like to discern the religious life, for the Franciscan Friars, Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father Tinker resides at Sacred Heart Friary on the campus of Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa., where he works full time in campus ministry.

WEDDINGS


Christina Shaw, B.A. 2009 (A&S), and Samuel Weaver III, B.S.Arch. 2009 (ARCH), were married on Jan. 31. Christine works for VES Global and Sam works for Northrop Grumman. They live in Silver Spring, Md.

Kris Koffman, B.B.A. 2013 (CLAW), and Jessica McFadden, B.S. 2013 (ARCH), were married on March 29, 2013. Jessica is a member of Sideshow Theatre Company, artistic associate and co-director, and wife Emily welcomed daughter Jane Reese on Dec. 31, 2012. They live in Philadelphia.

Glenn Harvey, B.A. 2006 (A&S), and wife Emily welcomed daughter Jane Reese on Dec. 31, 2012. They live in Silver Spring, Md.

Deborah Dubinsky, B.S. 2000 (A&S), and husband Henry Donahue welcomed their second son, James Henry, on Nov. 15, 2013. They live in Garden City, N.Y.

Dennis Wayland, B.A. 2001 (A&S), and wife Emily welcomed daughter Jane Reese on Jan. 22. She joins brother Bradley at their home in Warwick, R.I.

Jessica DePrizio Cole, B.A. 2002 (A&S), and husband Levar welcomed their fourth child, Julia Josephine, on Jan. 10. They join siblings Jonathan, 4, Benjamin, 2, and Nicholas, 1.

The family lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Alexander Pino, B.A. 2005 (A&S), and wife Daria welcomed son Nikolai Tikhonovich on Feb. 27. The family lives in Union City, N.J.

Books


Salvatore V. Didato, M.A. 1951 (A&S), of Ossining, N.Y., a retired clinical psychologist, has written The Art of Secrets (CreateSpace, January 2014). He is also the author of Psychotechniques and The Big Book of Personality Tests (Rowan and Littlefield, 2011), which won the Midwest Book Award.

Gary Boeth, B.A. 1972 (PHIL), of Duluth, Minn., teaches in the Theology and Religious Studies Department at the College of St. Scholastica. He has written Choose Wisely: Practical Insights from Spiritual Traditions (Paulist Press, 2013), which focuses on wise decision-making using common principles from the religions of the world, and Mountain 10: Climbing the Labyrinth Within, with Joe Miega and Tricia Pearce (Mountain Ten Resources, 2013). He also wrote Memori Muscoli: Fletigi Danza (Wildwood River Press, 2011), which won the Midwest Book Award.

Charles A. Shaw, J.D. 1974 (LAW), senior U.S. District Judge of the Eastern District of Missouri, has written Watch Everything: A Judicial Memoir With a Point of View (iUniverse, October 2013). The book demonstrates Shaw’s love for family, hard work, and God, and includes an insider’s view of an often unjust legal system, tales of working alongside some of the best legal minds in the country, and challenges to prevailing concepts.

Steven G. Zorbaugh, J.D. 1982 (LAW), of Dallas, Tex., released his latest book, The Big Book of Personality Tests (iUniverse, January 2014). This debut novel was named one of the Best Books of 2013 by Kirkus Reviews and was shortlisted for the Dundie International Book Prize. His second novel, Away with the Fishes, will be released in July.

Robert Brancatelli, Ph.D. 2002 (THEO), of Broms, N.Y., published Laura Fedora (Blumen Publishing, April 2014), his second volume of the Mercury Trilogy. Laura Fedora is a flashback to the summer of 1976 in Philadelphia where Richard Mercurius, the main character of the trilogy, grew up. Through Richard’s journal, the reader meets Fedora, an Italian girl working with Richard on the school newspaper.


Christopher Mannino, M.A. 2012 (A&S), has written his first novel, School of Deaths (MuckUp Publishing, May 2014). Mannino teaches high school theatre in Greensbelt, Md., and also runs several afterschool performance/production drama groups. His work with young people helped inspire him to write young adult fantasy.

In Memoriam


Jean B. Schertler, who attended the University from 1950 to 1956, of Wisconsin, Dec. 19, 2013.


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Edina, Minn., a retired librarian and cataloguer, wrote Nest in My Library! “Bermanti Bag” Columns from The Unashamed Librarian, 2000–2013 (McFarland, August 2013). The book includes material on book burning, genocide, government secrecy and repression, self-censorship, and free speech for library staff, among other topics.


Faculty/Staff


Jamie Roberts, assistant sports information director and assistant coach of the women’s basketball team, from 2011 to 2014, June 13, 2014.


Remembering Our Loved Ones

Throughout November, deceased Catholic University alumni and friends will be prayerfully remembered at University Masses and at the special Alumni Memorial Mass to be held on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m. in St. Vincent’s Chapel.

To share the names of those you would like remembered, email cua-alumni@cua.edu. To RSVP for the Mass and brunch, call 800-288-ALUM (2586) or email cua-alumni@cua.edu.