1950s

'58 BS Gregory J. Britz celebrated his 50-year reunion from Suffolk University.

'68 BS, MS ’69 William E. Pitcher was inducted into the Genesee Valley Umpire Association Hall of Fame following 50 years of service.

'69 BA Angela G. (Giordano) Evans is the new dean of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas, Austin.

1960s

'74 BA Kevin J. McLaughlin is a new mission advancement officer for Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity in Hamburg.

'76 BA Matthew W. Gorman became a fellow of marketing development and strategy at Canon USA in Melville, NY.

'76 BA John G. Provost received the Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his work as director of the United States Special Operations Command Office at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

'77 MS Peter P. Frensch is marking his 20th year of running Turn the Page Bookstore in East Amherst.

1970s

'77 BA Patrick J. Maloney is a new attorney for Meyers Buth Law Group PLLC.

'79 BA Christopher J. Shields was named to the 2019 Super Lawyers list of top attorneys in Florida. Shields practices real estate law and represents clients in Fort Meyers, FL.

1980s

'81 BA Mark S. Carney is a new special counsel for Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria LLP.

'81 BA Anne E. Duggan was promoted from assistant vice president to vice president of marketing and public relations at Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation.

'85 BS, MBA ’91 Bryan J. Donohue became the new chief operating officer at Freed Maxick CPA. He was senior vice president and chief operating officer at The Buffalo News.

'87 BA, MS ’92 Elizabeth A. (Hackett) Viszt presented an experiential workshop detailing how to encourage student involvement and recognize and inspire adult learners in the setting of a correctional facility for the Correctional Education Association’s Region 1 Annual Conference.

1990s

'88 BS John E. Murphy is the new senior vice president and executive secretary of the Police and Firemen’s Insurance Association. He recently retired as a battalion chief from the Buffalo Fire Department.

'89 BS Jeffrey E. Rohr was promoted from vice president for human resources to chief human resources officer with General Physician PC.

'90 BS Deborah K. (Besant) Cassidy was selected as a member of the Broad Run High School Athletic Hall of Fame in Ashburn, VA. She played for the soccer team.

'90 BA Christine A. Clarke self-published a travelogue, titled Clarke Wanders: The World (or how a very sober, mostly vegan, spinster chef wandered a welcoming world for a year).

'90 BA Diane L. (Morphis) Schlabig was promoted from business account manager to community business unit division leader for LassiterWare Insurance in Leesburg, FL.

1990s

'91 BA Salvatore T. LaDuca was promoted from vice president of product management and actuarial to senior vice president of underwriting, product and actuarial at Merchants Insurance Group.

'91 BS, MBA ’95 Christopher L. Thomas is the new chief revenue officer at Deluxe Corporation in Shoreview, MN. He was senior vice president of solution and commercial functions for DXC Technology in Tysons, VA.

'93 BS Colleen M. Arnold is now a tax manager for Brock Schecter Polakoff CPAs and Consultants. She previously worked as a tax manager for Dopkins & Company LLP.

'95 BS Eric R. Hebert is a new public finance counselor for Harter Secrest & Emery LLP. He previously worked as a senior counsel for Norton Rose Fullbright in Washington, D.C.

'95 BS Darcy M. (Rowe) Norfolk joined the marketing and communications team at Northwood School in Lake Placid.

'96 BS Craig M. Horbinski, MD, PhD, was promoted to full-time professor with tenure at Northwestern University.

Margaret (Werick) Paroski ’76, MD

BA, Biology, Psychology

Career Highlight: Margaret Paroski, MD, is the new chief medical officer for Catholic Medical Partners. The appointment makes her the first female chief medical officer for the organization, which is the region’s largest network of independent physicians.

Career Notes: Paroski is a board certified neurologist who has held various administrative positions throughout her professional career. She is the former medical director at Erie County Medical Center and former executive vice president and chief medical officer for Kaleida Health. Paroski also served as senior associate dean of academic affairs and admissions, interim vice president of health affairs and interim dean at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at SUNY Buffalo.
alumni notes

Canisius College takes pride in its alumni, and joyfully shares the news of their lives and achievements. Supportive of our Catholic Church’s teachings, publication of announcements provided to us by our alumni does not necessarily imply an endorsement by Canisius College.

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"07 BS, MS '11 Amanda M. Janosky was named director of athletics for Villa Maria College. She will continue to serve as the head coach for the women’s soccer team.

"08 MSED, MS '12 Mark D. Weber is the new assistant dean of alumni affairs and development for the College of Architecture, Art and Planning for Cornell University. He previously served as director of the annual fund for the Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management.

"09 MS Lesley L. Graham is the new girls’ lacrosse coach for Holy Spirit High School in Absecon, NJ.

"09 MS Matthew Kowallis was named Rotarian of the Year for the Rotary Club of Montecito, CA.

Michael J. Vavonese '80
BA, Political Science

Career Highlight: Michael Vavonese, an attorney and counselor at Vavonese Law Office, received the Thomas J. Pirro Family Memorial Award from the Columbus Monument Corporation. The award annually recognizes Italian Americans for their professional and civic contributions to the community.

Career Notes: Vavonese is a top rated criminal defense attorney in Syracuse, NY. In 2011, Super Lawyers recognized him in its annual magazine, for his work in the area of criminal law in Upstate New York. The National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys also honored Vavonese for his excellence in that field of practice.

2000s

'01 BS Kari A. Brossard Stoos, PhD, was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the School of Health Sciences and Human Performance at Ithaca College. She also received the prestigious Ithaca College School of Health Sciences and Human Performance Dean’s Award in recognition for her excellence and productivity in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service.

'03 BA Michelle J. Scott is the new controller for Bergmann Architecture & Planning in Buffalo. She previously served as director and corporate controller for HealthNow Inc.

'04 MBA Thomas Halter became the new vice president and senior commercial banker for Five Star Bank. He previously was director of finance for R.W. Dake Construction in Rochester.

'05 BS Peter J. Rizzo was promoted from sales and service director to assistant vice president at GEICO Insurance Agency.

'05 BS Matthew M. Vinc, of the Buffalo Bandits, was named Goaltender of the Year by the National Lacrosse League. This marks the seventh time in the last decade that Vinc has been named the league’s top goaltender.

'06 BA, MBA '12 Brian M. Sas became the new director of development at The Jacobs Institute Inc. He previously was director of international education programs and public relations for Sino do Vale in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

'07 BS Stefanie Alexander completed an MD/PhD program at Baylor University and is enrolled in a medical residency program for psychiatry at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, TN.

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'Margaret M. Eberl '95, MD
BA, Biology

Career Highlight: Margaret Eberl, a primary care physician and partner with Mobile Primary Care, authored a children’s book titled A Snow Day with Summer. The book tells the story of a dog named Summer enjoying a snow day with her best friend, a young boy named Ben.

Career Notes: In addition to Mobile Primary Care, Eberl is medical director for the Schofield Residence, an independent, nonprofit, long-term care organization in Kenmore, NY and for The Brothers of Mercy Wellness Campus, a Catholic provider of adult residential, healthcare and rehabilitation services in Clarence, NY.
**Clive A. Bentick ’01, MS ’06**

**BA, Management/Marketing**  
**MS, Sport Administration**

**Career Highlight:** Clive Bentick was promoted from assistant coach to associate head coach for men’s basketball at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY. He is entering his 13th season at the school and is considered one of the top up-and-coming college basketball coaches.

**Career Notes:** Bentick has 18 years of Division I basketball experience, including four seasons as a standout point guard at Canisius College. He previously served one year as an assistant coach of men’s basketball at Le Moyne College and two seasons coaching at Canisius (2004-06), under former Griffs head coach Mike MacDonald.

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**’09 MSED Heather E. McCarthy** is the new assistant principal at St. Mark School. She is also on the board of the non-profit For Every Little Handprint.

**’09 BA Sarah A. (Blarr) Michalek** joined Berardi Immigration Law in Buffalo as an associate attorney. She previously was an associate attorney for Gross Polowy LLC in Williamsville.

**’09 MS Nicholas J. Suchyna** became the new assistant principal and athletic director for Williamsville East High School. He was a school counselor.

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**2010s**

**’11 BS, MBA ’12 Matthew J. Aldinger** was promoted from senior accountant to manager at Brock Schechter Polakoff CPAs and Consultants.

**’11 BS Vincent J. Scarsella** was promoted from financial analyst to manager at Brock Schechter Polakoff CPAs and Consultants.

**’12 MS Laura E. Masse** joined the Office of Alumni Engagement at the University at Buffalo as the new assistant director of young alumni and student programs. She previously was the senior associate director of alumni relations for Rochester Institute of Technology.

**’12 BS, MS ’14 Scott M. Moser** is the new assistant men’s hockey coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. He was an assistant coach at Canisius College.

**’12 BS, MBA’16 Jeffrey D. Rinus** joined Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP as a new staff accountant.

**’12 BS, MBA ’13 Zachary D. Shroyer** was promoted from financial officer to assistant athletic director of finance for the University of Texas at Austin Athletics Department.

**’16 MS John F. George,** a senior accountant for Lumsden & McCormick LLP, successfully completed the requirements to practice as a certified public accountant.

**’16 MS Robert Merkle** became the new director of career and technical education for West Seneca Central School District. He previously was principal for Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaragus Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

**’13 BA Cory D. Adamczak** joined SAS Inc. as a new marketing and communications specialist. He was a marketing development specialist for Ingram Micro.

**’13 BS Abigail A. Formella** is the new associate director of digital brand communications at University Prep in Seattle, WA. She was the communications coordinator for The Chapin School in New York, NY.

**’13 BA, MS ’14 Robert E. Novak** was promoted from financial officer to assistant athletic director of finance for the University of Texas at Austin Athletics Department.

**’16 MBA Alexandra J. West** joined the marketing and communications agency FARM Buffalo as a new retail marketing project manager. She previously worked as a category assistant manager for baseball at New Era Cap.

**’17 BS Nicole J. Regels** studied radio tracking, cheetah conservation and ecosystem management as well as the design of school and community programs through Miami University’s Earth Expeditions global field course in Namibia, in southwest Africa.

**’18 BS, MBA ’19 Matthew A. Mernan** is a new staff accountant at Brock Schechter Polakoff CPAs and Consultants.

**’18 MS Daniel L. Roberts** is the new event management and equipment services coordinator for the Athletics Department at Alfred State College.

**’19 BS Rachel L. Bowman** is a new educator for the Aquarium of Niagara.

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**Makayla A. Santiago MS ’17**

**MS, Communication and Leadership**

**Career Highlight:** Makayla Santiago is the new development and communications coordinator at the Center for Elder Law & Justice in Buffalo. She previously worked as a development associate for the Mark Morris Dance Group in Brooklyn, NY.

**Career Notes:** Santiago is a former board member for the Friends of Hispanic Arts of Western New York and Neglia Ballet. She holds a BS in business with a concentration in the music industry and a BA in arts administration, both from SUNY Fredonia.
IN MEMORIAM

Nancy M. (Willits) Helfter ‘39
March 27, 2019

Marilynn M. (Milligan) Propis ‘42
June 24, 2019

Arlene R. (Ebert) Nuwer ‘44
July 17, 2019

Roger J. Goergen ‘46
May 17, 2019

Nicholas R. Marfino ‘47
September 8, 2019

John R. Connolly ‘48
June 16, 2019

Janet (Uebelhoer) Lamparelli ‘48
July 13, 2019

Monroe W. Frank ‘49
June 19, 2019

Rev. Leon M. Neu ‘49
August 7, 2019

Ralph L. Pignataro ‘50, MS ‘67
June 4, 2019

Richard F. Schindler ‘50
June 23, 2019

Paul J. Terhaar ‘50
September 3, 2019

James H. Egan ‘51, MS ‘58
July 13, 2019

Paul F. Gorman ‘51
July 9, 2019

Robert H. Bahn ‘52
May 5, 2019

George E. Bittar ‘52
May 31, 2019

Robert J. Lisowski ‘52, MS ‘63
September 19, 2019

Edwin F. Chmielewski ‘53
May 3, 2019

Edwin R. Wilecki ‘53
July 7, 2019

Thomas J. Caulfield ‘54, MS ‘62, PhD
July 11, 2019

Charles J. DiVencenzo ‘54
April 4, 2019

George P. Kreuz ‘55
April 6, 2019

Kevin J. Gorman ‘56
June 12, 2019

John J. Ryan ‘56
July 7, 2019

Charles P. Cavaretta ‘57, MD
May 17, 2019

Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Dowdell ‘57
May 23, 2019

Edward E. Willick ‘59
August 21, 2019

Gary F. Kelchlin ‘72
August 16, 2019

Leonard J. Brown ‘75
July 23, 2019

George E. Karalus ‘76
May 26, 2019

Margaret A. (Callahan) Sidfords ‘78
May 5, 2019

Ronald W. Wessel ‘78
July 17, 2019

David R. Paulus ‘80
August 12, 2019

Andrew B. Craig III ‘81
May 24, 2019

Paul J. Malone ‘65
June 7, 2019

Ronald J. Failla ‘66
June 22, 2019

Albert G. Zalocha ‘66
May 23, 2019

James P. Callahan ‘67
August 24, 2019

William E. Diehl Jr. ‘69
June 21, 2019

Eugene S. Nawotniak ‘69
May 12, 2019

Eugene E. Torpey ‘69
May 5, 2019

Ronald R. Dukarm ‘70
June 30, 2019

James D. Miller ‘71, ’81
April 25, 2019

Theodore J. Zawada ‘71
August 21, 2019

Sarah N. (Zawadzki) Carroll ‘12
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a son, Owen Leonard, born October 26, 2018

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a son, Griffin William, born April 11, 2019

Debra D. Sevillian-Poles ‘82
May 23, 2019

Deborah L. (Tracy) Rich ‘84
June 28, 2019

Harold A. Landahl Jr. ‘85
May 4, 2019

James M. Kluge Jr. ‘86
August 9, 2019

Barbara V. (Golonka) Rackley ‘91
June 17, 2019

Kevin J. Gorman ‘92
August 17, 2019

Edward J. Harmon ‘93
April 13, 2019

Phillip M. McCann ‘94
September 21, 2019

AnneMarie (Kapron) Micoli ‘98
July 9, 2019

Joseph W. Chisholm ‘99
August 15, 2019

Michele G. May ‘02
December 15, 2018

Crystal A. Richards ‘03
September 15, 2019

Julie A. Ho ‘04
March 4, 2019

John A. Raczynski ‘11
June 5, 2019

T H I S  I S S U E ’ S  F E A T U R E D  B A B Y  G R I F F

Eleanor Kalina
a daughter, born May 15, 2019 to
Elizabeth A. (Pohl) Bidjov ‘05, MBA ‘06 and George K. Bidjov ‘05

babygriffs

Alexandra C. (Leberer) Asis ‘10 and F. Ryan Asis ‘09, MS ‘12,
a son, Rhys David, born December 21, 2018

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Weddings

Anne M. Continetti ’14, MS ’16 and Joseph A. Mecca ’10, June 22, 2019*

The newly-married couple is pictured here with nearly 35 current and former Canisius students, faculty and staff who attended their wedding.

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Jane E. Bednarz ’13 and Rick Whittington, July 7, 2018
Mary K. Bongiovanni MSED ’15 and Tyler Stevens, July 27, 2019
Regis P. Cleary MBA ’14 and Rebecca R. Buttaccio, June 15, 2019*
Autumn L. Cloyd ’15 and Thomas A. Makin ’14, July 19, 2019
Stacie J. Golebiewski ’18 and Patrick E. Freeman, August 2, 2019*
Rachael E. Harvey ’10 and Nicholas J. Ponichtera, June 29, 2019*
Adam M. Hayes ’10, MBA ’13 and Karrie A. Jones, August 9, 2019*
Mariel E. Klein ’13 and Capt. Jordan A. Mayle (U.S. Army Reserves), July 14, 2019
Julia A. Kuczmar ski ’09 and Jesse Thomson, July 28, 2018
Megan E. Lankes ’10, MSED ’12 and Kurtis M. Fisher, June 15, 2019*
Bryanne M. LaVigne ’10 and Anthony J. Gullo ’10, May 11, 2019*
Kathleen A. MacLeay ’13 and Kyle Wesolowski, May 18, 2019
Elyse C. Mangano ’12 and Gregory J. Feather, July 13, 2019*
Chloe D. Opp MS ’17 and Brandon Ketteman, June 15, 2019
Marissa B. Pontello ’11, MS ’13 and Anthony J. Limina ’08, MBA ’15 July 13, 2019*
Andrew L. Russo ’11 and Carolyn E. Schaus, June 1, 2019*
Christine E. Shepherd ’15 and Edward S. Zirnheld ’15, MS ’17, May 25, 2019*

*Indicates married in Christ the King Chapel