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ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

*Sponsored by the
Carroll Alumni Association*

**Saturday, September 20, 2025
University of Dayton Kennedy Union Ballroom**

Schedule of Evening

5:00 p.m.

Social Reception

Reception & Dinner Music provided by UD Music Student, Brendan Ash

6:00 p.m.

Dinner

Carroll Alma Mater sung by Isabella Olivas '23

Welcome.....Julie Hemmert Weitz '94, Director of Alumni Relations

Alumni Remarks.....Marc McNulty '94, Alumni Association President

Benediction.....Sr. Mary Alice Stein, S.C., 2014 Inductee

7:00 p.m.

Ceremony

Introduction.....Gwyn Fox Stump '99, Awards Committee Chair

Master of Ceremony...Cheryl McHenry '74, 2008 Inaugural Inductee

Principal's Remarks.....Matthew Sableski '91, Principal

Introduction of Inductees.....Cheryl McHenry '74

(1) Sr. Maryann Bremke, C.P.P.S., Honorary Patriot

(2) Susan Fish Ayers, Class of 1971

(3) Nicholas De Monico, Class of 1972

(4) Steve Popp, Class of 1974

(5) Jeffrey Abell, Ph.D., Class of 1980

(6) Melissa Balsom Fisher, Class of 1983

(7) Jasmine Gonzalvo, PharmD, Class of 1999

Induction.....Cheryl McHenry '74 along with previous inductees

Closing.....Pete Williams '98, Director of Advancement

September 20, 2025

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to Archbishop Carroll High School's 2025 Induction into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

The Alumni Hall of Fame display is easily accessible in Carroll's main gym lobby entrance, displayed in a state-of-the-art digital Wall of Fame Kiosk. It brings to life our school's proudest moments from athletic to academic to artistic achievements and motivates current students to strive for success, following the examples of past, present, and future inductees.

Carroll's administration, faculty, staff, and students appreciate each and every one of you. We are proud to have you in the Carroll family. Your achievements are a testament to the work ethic and dedication that many of you learned while you were students walking the halls of Carroll High School.

Join me in expressing gratitude to the Alumni Association for sponsoring this ceremony. It is important that we also thank the Alumni Association's Awards and Recognition Committee for planning all of tonight's festivities and for creating another moving event that is sure to produce wonderful memories of exceptional faculty and an excellent Carroll education.

Be sure to sit back and enjoy your evening. While you focus on the ceremony, think of other outstanding alumni who could be future hall of fame inductees and nominate those individuals for further consideration. We look forward to many celebrations welcoming our alumni back home and sharing Carroll's excellence with the community.

Today is a great day to be a Patriot because of the extraordinary accomplishments of the individuals being honored here tonight. We are proud to call the 2025 honorees Carroll Patriots! They represent the best of what we stand for at Archbishop Carroll High School and we are thrilled to celebrate this occasion with them as their Carroll family.

Sincerely,



Mr. Matthew Sableski '91
Principal

Archbishop Carroll High School History

Archbishop Carroll High School is a Catholic, coeducational school located within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Carroll was born in concept early in 1960, named after Archbishop John Carroll, the first bishop of the United States. The site was blessed April 8, and the school mascot was chosen in June. Two area eighth graders, Bernard Middleton '65 and Larry Cowman '65, each won a transistor radio for their suggestion that Carroll be the home of "The Patriots" with the colors red, white, and blue. The enrollment of 400 (freshmen only) arrived for Carroll's first registration on August 19, 1961. The first day of school was on September 6, 1961.

Alma Mater

Voices ringing in a pledge of loyalty
To our great Alma Mater, we promise fealty.
All days, always, in the things we do,
We will show your spirit and be true.
Hail, Carroll, to you.

We praise thee, Carroll High,
May you be always blessed.
Your sons and daughters now
Share your happiness.

Voices ringing in a pledge of loyalty
To our great Alma Mater, we promise fealty.
All days, always, bearing cross or crown,
We shall prove our love for God above
And, Carroll, for you!



Carroll's Digital Hall of Fame Kiosk:

Visit www.carrollhs.org for the latest Carroll news!



Archbishop Carroll High School's 2021 and 2023 Induction to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame



The 2021 inductees are pictured above. Left to right are the following: Honorary Patriot Tom Hoefler, Amy Menke Loges '65, Christine Rafalko '72, Dr. Stephen Blatt '77, Jim Skowron '87 (representing his sister, Dr. Elizabeth Skowron '84), Col. Urban Gillespie '86, and Michael Sticka '00.



The 2023 inductees are pictured above. Left to right are the following: Fr. Jim Manning '66, Robert S. Fisher, Jr. '75, Amy Zimmerman '93, Dr. James Evans '66, Honorary Patriot Tom Sableski, Karen Reigelsperger (representing deceased husband, Ron Reigelsperger '66), and James Thomeczek '66.

The Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Carroll Alumni Association and organized by the Awards and Recognition Committee.

Awards and Recognition Committee

Gwyn Fox Stump '99: Committee Chairperson

Jeannie Heid McManus '66

John Buhrman '68

Sharon Schneider Becker '69

Greg Notestine, DDS '71

Cathy Wuebben Jackson '75

Amy Vickers Lee '78

Patty Hattan Buhrman '80

Mark Jobe '83

Amy Sableski Wittmann '88

Marc McNulty '94

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Jill Kilby, Carroll faculty member

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Amy Gilmore '11

Jillian Heigel Chaney '13

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Carroll Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Procedure

Archbishop Carroll High School's Alumni Association established the Awards and Recognition Committee in May 2006 in order to evaluate criteria, research candidates, solicit nominations for alumni sponsored awards, and coordinate the planning and hosting of an awards ceremony. Being named to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame is an incredible honor and is based on post high school achievements.

There are two categories for consideration: *Alumni Distinguished Patriot* and *Honorary Patriot*. The *Alumni Distinguished Patriot Award* honors Carroll graduates (at least 15 years out) who have made a significant impact on their communities and professions. The volunteer selection committee makes nominations and considers those received from alumni and the community. They solicit nominations from diverse backgrounds based on academic excellence, career achievement, Christian leadership, dedicated service, philanthropy, heroism, humanitarianism, and/or cultural enrichment, and then vote for the 'best of the best.' The *Honorary Patriot Award* honors those who are not Carroll graduates who have had a lasting and profound effect on Archbishop Carroll High School, its students, and its community through their commitment to Catholic education and their active involvement, leadership, and support of the school.

Nomination forms must be received by the first day in July to be eligible for induction the following school year. Once candidates are nominated, their nominations remain active in subsequent years.

The committee is given descriptions of each candidate received from actual nominations, newspaper and web articles, or other forms of research. Then, the committee is divided into four sub-groups to discuss and research the nominees further, to place them in one of three categories, to assign a point value to them and determine if they are eligible to be included on the official ballot using the evaluation worksheet supplied to them, and later share their findings with the rest of the committee. Prior to voting day, sub-group recommendations for official ballot names are tallied and announced. A maximum number of 25 Distinguished Alumni Patriot names and a maximum of 5 Honorary Patriot names that received the highest scores of all of the sub-groups are included on the ballot.

On voting day, there must be a two-thirds majority quorum present, and only those committee members present can vote. Voting day should be held at least six months prior to the ceremony. From the official roster (using a secret ballot), each committee member is required to select one Honorary Patriot candidate and five Distinguished Patriot candidates. Votes are then tabulated and the top vote getters become the final awardees. In the case of a tie, another vote will occur on just those tied individuals. Each year, after the votes are tabulated, the committee determines the specific number of final awardees to be selected.

The committee sets no quotas by gender, area of achievement or era, but diversity is encouraged. Members are expected to be unbiased and fair-minded. Also, the committee is sworn to strict confidentiality as to protect the nominees and maintain the highest standard of integrity.

Archbishop Carroll High School's 2016 and 2018 Induction to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame



The 2016 inductees are pictured above. In row 1 (left to right) are the following: Andrew & Michael Osgood '20 (representing their deceased father, Mike Osgood '78), Dr. Cheryl Conley '69, and Honorary Patriot Mr. Joseph Sens. In row 2 (left to right) are: Becky Osgood (representing her deceased husband, Mike Osgood '78), Matt Joseph '90, Dr. Alan Thurman '78, Lt. Col. Charlie Middleton '94, and Michael Neatherton '70.



The 2018 inductees are pictured above. In row 1 (left to right) are the following: Dr. Kathleen (Greaney) Cashman '83, Honorary Patriot Mr. James Hemmert, and Michael Easterling '65. In row 2 (left to right) are the following: Jim Chervenka '66, Dr. Mark Draper '84, Dr. Mike Pleiss '71, and Dr. Richard Campbell '67.

Archbishop Carroll High School's 2012 and 2014 Induction to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame



The 2012 inductees are pictured above. In row 1 (left to right) are the following: Carol Gasper Huber '68, Bill Hess '71, and Tamara Gonzalez '71. In row 2 (left to right) are the following: Thomas Hischak '69, Honorary Patriot Fr. Stanley Neiheisel, and John Timm '89.



The 2014 inductees are pictured above. In row 1 (left to right) are the following: Honorary Patriot Sr. Mary Alice Stein, George Kuntz '65 (representing friend Mike Lofino '65), and Carole Hohl '67. In row 2 (left to right) are the following: Larry Blanford '72, Dr. Mark Stibich '91, Dale Nieberding '76, and Steve Haller '68.



The crest of Archbishop Carroll High School is found on the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame plaques, as well as the awards given to the inductees. The crest of Archbishop Carroll High School reflects both the spiritual and temporal objectives and ideals of the school's namesake, its faculty, and its student body. Surrounding the outside is the laurel wreath, the ancient and modern symbol of excellence both in academics and athletics.

The monogram "M" over the vertical olive branch in the center represents the Blessed Virgin Mary, to whom Archbishop John Carroll was intensely devoted. The slogan, *Via Pacis* (Way of Peace), recognizes Mary as our intercessor with Christ in obtaining that peace which the world cannot give.

The eagle is primarily the symbol for St. John the Evangelist, to whom the school chapel is dedicated. Soaring heavenward, it reminds us that we, too, should lift our hearts above earthly aspirations. Also well-known as an American symbol, the eagle urges us to be strong, to be sure, and to be satisfied only with the heights in both our spiritual and temporal lives.

The torch at the lower right represents the "lamp of learning" as well as the spirit that fired the Patriots of early America to love, to work, and to fight for God and Country. The plow of Cincinnatus identifies Carroll as being an institution within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Overall, Christ's Cross with its open arms spanning the universe, teaches men true freedom and how to enjoy its gift of peace here and hereafter.

Those interested in nominating a distinguished graduate for consideration in future Alumni Hall of Fame Inductions can find full instructions at www.carrollhs.org/alumni/distinguished-alumni.cfm.

2025 Master of Ceremony

Cheryl McHenry Class of 1974

In 2008, Cheryl McHenry Chabali was inducted into Archbishop Carroll High School's Inaugural Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame for her outstanding career achievement.



After graduating from Carroll, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcasting from the University of Cincinnati. As a senior at UC, she was fortunate to have an internship at WKRC radio. Cheryl worked in radio news for three years, with stints at WING radio in Dayton and WCKY in Cincinnati, before landing a job as a reporter at WHIO-TV in Dayton in August of 1981. Cheryl recently retired after a 44 year career at WHIO-TV. A true legend in the history of the Dayton media landscape, Cheryl has reported on every important Miami Valley story to happen in the last four decades.

For much of the 1980's, she covered the Dayton Police/Montgomery County Courts beat, reporting on all kinds of stories from the local criminal justice system. During those years, Cheryl won four Emmy Awards. Three of them were for *Spot News* (now called *Breaking News*), and one for *Investigative News* for a 3-part series on repeat drunk driving offenders (1990). Since 2013, Cheryl has added four more Emmys for four half-hour special reports. One was *Miami Valley Murder Mysteries* (2013); the second was *PTSD: Invisible Wound*, raising awareness for post-traumatic stress among military combat veterans (2013); the third was focused on problems at Veterans Affairs (2015); and the fourth was the latest edition of *Miami Valley Murder Mysteries* (2016). In 2019, Cheryl earned a ninth Emmy for her role in covering the Oregon District mass shooting.

Cheryl also co-hosted the Children's Miracle Network Telethon from 1987 until 2014. She emceed a number of local events including The Hundred Club which awards police and firefighters for going above and beyond the call of duty, and the United Way Big Thanks breakfast which honors its volunteers.

Since 2007, Cheryl was honored twice as Best Anchor by the Associated Press and twice by the Society of Professional Journalists. She was also inducted into the Radio/TV Broadcasters Hall of Fame of Ohio and the Dayton Area Broadcasters Hall of Fame. She and her co-workers also received the Edward R. Murrow award in 2010 for a half-hour special called, *Domestic Violence: Breaking the Cycle*.

Cheryl enjoys spending time with her husband, Bob; their daughters, Christina and Maria and son-in-law Phil; and their black Labrador Missy. She is a big sports fan, loves to hike and swim, and enjoys cooking and reading. Cheryl remains very dedicated to Carroll and has emceed many of its events, including the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Archbishop Carroll High School's 2009 and 2010 Induction to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame



The 2009 inductees and/or representatives are pictured above. In row 1 (left to right) are the following: Kathy McGarry Brewster '70 (representing her deceased husband, Inductee Dr. Robert Brewster '70), Honorary Patriot Rita Kroger, and Peggy Miller Ruhlin '67. In row 2 (left to right) are the following: Leo Dugdale '70 (also representing Dr. Robert Brewster '70), Capt. Tony Tangeman '66, Dr. Greg Notestine '71, Lt. Col. Ed Robbeloth '66, David Seiter '70, Michael Bashaw '67, and Dr. Jim Volz '71. Not pictured is Rick Good '69.



The 2010 inductees and/or representatives are pictured above. In row 1 (left to right) are the following: Sharon Schneider Becker '69, Steve Ries and Charles Middleton '65 (representing deceased Honorary Patriot Fr. Victor F. Ries), and Julie Thurman Thorne '81. In row 2 (left to right) are the following: Lt. Col. Mike Milord '67, Jack Glaser '69, Michael Gaines '86, and Ted Fecke '73.

Archbishop Carroll High School's 2008 Inaugural Induction to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

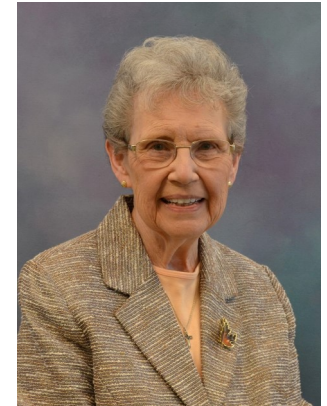


The 2008 inductees and/or representatives pictured above (left to right) are: Kevin Hess '73 (representing his deceased brother, Inductee Lance Corporal Dale Hess '67), JP Nauseef '84, Ann Marie Stieritz '87, David Gasper '74, Diane McGarvey Wright '79, Cheryl McHenry Chabali '74, Steve Bognar '81, US Congressman Steve Austria '77, and Chris Clifford '79 (representing his deceased best friend, Inductee Col. Paul Kelly '79).

Your fellow alumni, the administration, faculty, staff, and students of Archbishop Carroll High School want it to be known that you are distinguished in our midst and shall evermore be remembered as a member of this honored Hall of Fame in which you are recognized and held up as an example of what it means to be a Carroll Alum, a true Patriot for Life, and an example of the ideals of Church, family, country, community, and service. Be it so known. Be you so honored.

Sr. Maryann Bremke, C.P.P.S. Honorary Patriot

Sr. Maryann is a woman of faith, an educator of the highest standards, and a humble visionary leader who lives the mission of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Dayton, then served at Carroll High School from 1979 until 1999. She taught Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Whether it was New Testament Bingo or having a Passover meal for her students, her courses were meaningful, fun, well organized, and used as guidance for other teachers' lesson plans.



During her time at Carroll, Sr. Maryann was the Dean of Academics and chaired the Theology Department. She led with a light-hearted spirit but was dedicated to unity and the shared goal of serving the spiritual growth of the 'whole' student. So much so, that she spearheaded the renovation of the chapel in 1995 to make it a special space of reverence. She modeled more meaningful liturgies for the celebration of Mass, encouraging students to have a more active role. She also prepared beautiful after-school prayer services for faculty members that often ended with a social and a sharing of lives.

Outreach was always at the forefront of her vocation. She encouraged the establishment of the yearly service outreach program to Appalachia, which laid the groundwork for later, more extensive social justice programs. Sister revamped the Carroll retreat program to the 4-year program that still exists today. Because of her dedication and service to Carroll High School and the greater community, she received the Lifetime Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Miami Valley Catholic Education Council.

After she retired from Carroll, Sr. Maryann was elected and served as President of the Sisters of the Precious Blood for eight years. She then co-founded the Brunner Literacy Center on Salem Avenue in 2010 where she co-directs and continues to give of herself to help the less fortunate in the Dayton community. She has helped thousands of people with adult basic education, prepare for the GED, learn English, or pursue continuing education.

Sister Maryann sums up her time at CHS in this way: "My twenty years at Carroll High School were the happiest of my professional teaching career. The faculty and staff were precious and professional in every way. We cared for and loved one another and this spilled over into the lives of the students we taught. The men and women who were my colleagues were outstanding teachers. They gifted students with their excellence. I am so grateful and blessed to have been a teacher and administrator at Carroll."

Susan Fish Ayers Class of 1971

Susan is a celebrated visual arts teacher with decades of teaching experience in Dayton Public Schools. She graduated with a B.S. in Art Education from Wright State University and, mid-career while raising a young family, went to the University of Dayton and received her Master's Degree in Art Criticism, History and Aesthetics in 1992.



Early in her teaching Sue was chosen for the team that wrote Dayton's first art curriculum guide which became a prototype for the Ohio Art Education standards. She garnered many awards during her career, most notably Dayton Public Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year and Ohio Art Educator of the Year, both in 2004. However, she considers her finest achievements to be the works of her students.

Sue is a life member and Distinguished Fellow of the Ohio Art Education Association and served on its board for over 25 years. She serves on the Ohio Art Education Foundation Board which provides scholarships to secure the visual arts experience in Ohio's classrooms. Sue has taught art at Hillel Academy, University of Dayton, and supervised student teachers for Wright State University. She continues to present teacher workshops. She is a longtime member of Delta Kappa Gamma International, serving as Pi Chapter president for several terms, supporting women in education. She trained as a docent for the Dayton Art Institute and continues to make art.

Sue and her husband of six years, Paul Fisher, live in Centerville, Ohio. Sue and her sisters established the Fish Sister Legacy Scholarships at both Carroll High School and Wright State University where they attended school.

Among Sue's favorite memories of Carroll are building Homecoming floats, Showboat (senior musical), Innovative Fridays, playing softball, GAA Bowling, Powder Puff football, cheerleading, Student Council, assemblies, and Masses.

"I loved being at Carroll. I had a wonderful time and learned from some of the best. Sr. Kathleen and Mr. Hemmert were probably favorites. I really had a great English and language background because of them. Ms. Baer, the art teacher, was truly instrumental. When I was in the art room working on prom decorations, she asked me why I didn't take art. When I told her I didn't live here in the 8th grade so I missed the test, she told me she would get me in Art. I was enrolled in Art I but took it with the seniors. Whatever they were doing I got to dabble in since she knew I didn't have the experience. It was truly life-changing since I ended up with the dream job of a lifetime – being an art teacher!"

Jasmine Gonzalvo, PharmD Class of 1999

Dr. Gonzalvo is a nationally recognized diabetes expert. After graduating from Carroll High School in 1999, Jasmine earned her PharmD from Butler University in 2005. While at Butler, she studied abroad in Seville, Spain in 2001 and later earned her minor in Spanish. She obtained her Master's degree in Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in May 2025.



She is currently the Chris and Theresa Dimos Director of the Center for Health Excellence, Quality, and Innovation at Purdue University. She is also a Clinical Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the College of Pharmacy at Purdue and a professor of Public Health. She is also a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Pecar Health Center for Eskenazi Health where she provides cardiovascular risk reduction services to populations who primarily speak Spanish.

Jasmine's research interests relate to community health workers, cardiovascular risk reduction in populations that are medically underserved, integration of the Spanish language into practice and academic settings, and diabetes self-management education and support. She has numerous publications and presentations at the local, state, and national levels.

Dr. Gonzalvo has served on multiple boards for national diabetes organizations. She is active in advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. In 2018, she was appointed to the National Clinical Care Commission charged with evaluating and making recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding federal activities related to diabetes.

Among her many awards and distinctions, Jasmine was recognized by the Indianapolis Business Journal as Top 40 under 40 in 2019. She will also be recognized by the Butler University Alumni Association at a special Alumni Recognition Ceremony next weekend on September 26, 2025.

Jasmine and her husband, Jay Hamm, live in Indianapolis with their two daughters, Polly (12) and Araceli (9). She shares her favorite memories of Carroll High School were while she was on the tennis team and with her friends, many of whom she is still friends with today. She attributes her launch into the field of pharmacy from her chemistry teacher, Mrs. Kathy Keller, who instilled a love of chemistry in her during her years at Carroll High School.

Melissa Balsom Fisher Class of 1983

Melissa is a teacher that lives her faith through her words, service and devotion to God. After graduating from Carroll, she earned a Bachelor degree from the University of Dayton (1987). She then earned Master's degrees in Reading Education (1990) and in Administration (2007), both from UD.



Melissa began her teaching career at Bishop Leibold School and then taught religion at Carroll from 1993 to the present. Melissa obtained the level of Master Teacher with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati over 10 years ago, a level difficult to achieve. She was a finalist for the Lumen Fidei (Light of Faith) Ohio Catholic School Teacher of the Year Award in 2024.

Melissa models a commitment to serve daily in her life. She works tirelessly showing how much she cares for the students through her positivity and interactions in the classroom. Melissa's many roles at Carroll demonstrate her dedication. She spends countless hours in service in the greater Dayton community inspiring the Carroll community to collectively earn over 18,000 hours of service each year. Many times, her husband, Bill, can be found serving by her side. They also have a son, Wesley.

33 family members have attended Carroll, including her siblings: Mic '70, Fae '71, Mark '74, and Marcia '79. While in high school, Melissa was pushed to be the best version of herself through teachers that challenged her to work hard and put forth effort to achieve and dream.

"One of my favorite memories was being part of the Carroll Marching Band for three years. I was not the best musician, but I thoroughly enjoyed being part of this hard-working group. My senior year, we won a championship that enabled the band to go to the Orange Bowl in 1984."

"Teaching at Carroll 30 years has been a joy and something I look forward to each day. Being part of the House System from the beginning has been awesome. Also, being a campus minister has added so much to my life. Volunteering with students is an amazing experience and watching their lives grow to serve others is so impactful."

"At Carroll, I have educated many students who have taught me unforgettable daily lessons. The students are a joy to be around and have helped my faith to grow and allowed my passion for teaching to be enhanced. Carroll impacts me today to continue the traditions instilled to me in high school. The ideas of caring for one another, hard work, and finding the positive in all has helped me as a teacher and a faith-filled person. What a blessing it is for me to give back to the Carroll community that impacted me in so many ways."

Nicholas De Monico Class of 1972

Nick is recognized for his extraordinary philanthropy to Carroll High School, especially his major support towards tuition assistance, as well as his work with educational endowments and charitable foundations.



After graduating from Carroll and earning a Bachelor degree in Political Science from Columbia, Nick received his MBA in Finance/Marketing from the Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He has over 35 years of investment experience in finance careers, first in banking, then in fixed income trading, and finally in asset management. Most of his roles were in management supervising groups of global investment professionals. During the final 13 years of his career, Nick was the Chief Investment Officer of the Commonfund Investment Management Company, as well as the Chief Executive Officer of Commonfund Hedge Fund Investments, whose mission was to help nonprofit organizations improve their investment practices by advising them on investment practices mainly for educational endowments and charitable foundations.

Nick has written numerous papers, appeared in several television interviews, spoken at numerous industry conferences, and encouraged students at the Columbia University Graduate School of Business to seek careers with philanthropic or public service groups.

Since retiring in 2016, Nick has been doing advisory work with start-up investment management groups. He was on the Board of Directors for Nemucore Medical Innovations, a cancer research firm focused on the development of treatments for multi drug resistant, abandoned cancers. He regularly supports various charitable causes, including driving for Meals on Wheels and assisting at the Westport Senior Center.

He coached Little League baseball and participated in church youth programs while raising his three sons. Nick and his wife of almost 40 years, Lee, reside in Westport, Connecticut.

Nick's fondest memories from Carroll High School include a special pride in his senior football season where they went undefeated. His favorite classes were those taught by Mr. Joe Sens, Mr. Jim Hemmert, Mr. George Kuntz, and Sr. Kathleen's Journalism class where the coveted bulletin board existed for new stories every Friday afternoon. He has very special memories of ending his senior year with his acting "debut" in Carousal as the First Heavenly Friend. According to Nick, "I owe my life after Carroll to the discipline I learned in those classrooms and on those football fields. And my best friends are still the guys I stood next to in that huddle senior year."

Steve Popp Class of 1974

Steve Popp, a.k.a. Coach, has made a career out of his passion for the game of soccer. He pursued a degree from the University of Dayton and then went on to be a local radio personality. He assisted in leading the 1980 boys' soccer team to Carroll's first state championship and then coached girls' soccer teams at Bellbrook and Wayne. In 1999 he found his long-standing role at Beavercreek High School coaching girls' soccer. He is considered one of Ohio's coaching legends as number 3 on Ohio's all-time win list with a record of 483-145-64.



During those years, Coach Popp dedicated himself to his vocation. He led his team to the 2018 Division 1 state title with a 24-0-0 record and a state record of 19 shutouts. These achievements in coaching led his team to earn local and state achievements but also the #2 national ranking in USA Today. Moreover, he won the large school national coach of the year from the United Soccer Coaches Association. Steve coached the High School All American game in Orlando in 2019.

Everything changed for Steve in 2007 when he experienced a life altering health crisis. He lived with a pacemaker and defibrillator for years until he received a heart transplant in 2021. Due to overwhelming complications, he experienced a grueling recovery. Despite these obstacles, he returned to coaching later that same year, leading the team through another stellar soccer season.

Steve held a leadership position at the Better Business Bureau, co-founded a local manufacturing company PET Mold Components, and continues to hold briefings at WPAFB. He spends time volunteering for the Goodwill Easter Seals Radio Reading program where he broadcasts the weekly news to those visually impaired. He is also a large supporter of TOPS Special Needs Soccer Camp.

Today, Steve resides in Beavercreek with his partner of 28 years, Jonda. He is also grateful to his parents and siblings for making them a true Carroll family. He felt well prepared for college and Carroll left a true impact on him, especially Coach Jim Spoerl. He also attributes his launch to his successful coaching career to Mike Donohue.

One of Steve's favorite memories was seeing the Torch Runners enter the football stadium at every football game. He believes their significance was ahead of their time. Carrying a lighted torch as the crowd cheered for their arrival was so symbolic of the life lesson of moving forward. Steve believes you should always carry the torch as you progress in life. It will serve you well.

Jeffrey Abell, Ph.D. Class of 1980

After graduating from Carroll, Jeff earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1985 from General Motors Institute (now Kettering University, located in Flint, Michigan). He earned his Master of Science degree (1987) and Doctor of Philosophy degree (1992) in Systems Engineering from Oakland University, located in Rochester, Michigan. He worked at General Motors for over 33 years and recently retired as the Director



of Manufacturing Research & Chief Scientist for Global Manufacturing. In this role, he was responsible for GM's global manufacturing research strategies and activities. His team played a key role in bringing the Chevy Volt's advanced high-power battery to production. These efforts led to Jeff being awarded three General Motors Boss Kettering Awards for outstanding technical innovation, GM's highest technical award for innovation.

Dr. Abell held positions in product development and manufacturing engineering at GM, Delphi, and DaimlerChrysler, including two international assignments. Jeff has developed several industry-first technologies, 23 granted patents, seven patents in production, and eight tool method-secret inventions. He has published over 40 technical papers and given numerous technical presentations and talks. Jeff is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Michigan and has been elected to many leadership positions in professional manufacturing and engineering organizations. After retiring from General Motors, Jeff joined the Mechanical Engineering faculty at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor.

Jeff and his wife, Alice, reside in Rochester Hills, Michigan and have two sons. Jeff's sister (Cheryl "Michelle" Novogradac '68), brother (Joseph '70, deceased), and sister-in-law (Geri Metz Abell '70) are all Carroll alumni.

Among Jeff's favorite Carroll memories are from the Science Fair: being able to think outside the box, try something new and innovative, and discuss new ideas. He is proud of being a founding member of the CHS Key Club and engaging in public service. According to Jeff, the Friday night football games were always a lot of fun, with all of the pageantry of the half-time shows by the CHS band. He also participated in German Club, National Honor Society, and soccer.

Jeff states that, "Carroll's long tradition of faith, educational excellence, school spirit, and community left a deep impression on me and has helped to guide my personal and professional life. I am forever grateful to all my teachers and friends, many of whom helped shape my worldview, and I am thankful for their patience, talent, and support."