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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

Jake Reuter, Class of 2022

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## CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

*Sponsored by the Carroll High School  
Alumni Association*

**Saturday, October 2, 2021  
Hilton Garden Inn—Beavercreek**

### Schedule of Evening

**5:00 p.m.**

**Social Reception**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner**

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

Alumni Association Remarks...Chris Youngerman '79, CHSAA President

Benediction.....Sr. Mary Alice Stein, S.C., CHS English Teacher, 1967-2010; 2014 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Honorary Patriot

**7:00 p.m.**

**Ceremony**

Introduction.....Jim Fleisher '85, Awards Committee Chairperson

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

Carroll High School Update.....Matthew Sableski '91, Principal

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

- (1) Thomas Hoefler, Honorary Patriot
- (2) Amy (Menke) Loges, Class of 1965
- (3) Christine Rafalko, Class of 1972
- (4) Stephen Blatt, M.D., FACP, Class of 1977
- (5) Elizabeth Skowron, Ph.D., Class of 1984
- (6) Colonel Urban Gillespie, USAF, Class of 1986
- (7) Michael Sticka, Class of 2000

Induction...Cheryl McHenry '74 along with CHSAA & Previous Inductees

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

*Carroll High School Alma Mater sung by Leaders of the Pats:  
Gerri (Swisshelm) Shane '65 and MaryLou (Swisshelm) Starr '66*

October 2, 2021

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to Carroll High School's 2021 Induction into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. With the ceremony originally scheduled for the fall of 2020, we are very pleased to be here with you for your long-awaited honor!

The Alumni Hall of Fame Display has upgraded to a new state-of-the-art Digital Wall of Fame Kiosk that is easily accessible in Carroll's main gym lobby entrance. 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.

Please realize how much Carroll High School's administration, faculty, staff, and students appreciate each and every one of you and how proud we are 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 2021 honorees Carroll Patriots! They represent the best of what we stand for at Carroll High School and we are thrilled to celebrate this occasion with them as their Carroll family.

Sincerely,



Mr. Matthew Sableski '91  
Principal

## 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.

## 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 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame is sponsored by Carroll High School's Alumni Association and organized by the Awards and Recognition Committee.***

### **Awards and Recognition Committee**

Jim Fleisher '85: Committee Chairperson

Jeannie Heid McManus '66

Suzie Kuntz Roselius '66

Patricia Pier Kretz '68

Kathy Kuntz Heeb '70

Greg Notestine, DDS '71

Cathy Wuebben Jackson '75

Mark Jobe '83

Kim Timm '86

Amy Sableski Wittmann '88

Marc McNulty '94

Julie Hemmert Weitz '94

Julia LeMaster Bey '95

Gwyn Fox Stump '99

Jill Kilby, CHS faculty member

### **Alumni Association Executive Board and Representatives**

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Mike Minardi '75

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Heidi Willhelm Garlow '88, *CHSAA Scholarship Selection Committee Chair*

Mindy & Drew Hilgefard '89, *St. Pat's Fest Event Chairs*

Kelly O'Brien Maxwell '90

Julie Staton Malesko '93, *Athletic Hall of Fame Chair*

Julia LeMaster Bey '95, *Alumni Mentoring Committee Chair*

Gwyn Fox Stump '99

Jack Leopard '01

Rob Walter '02

Nick Wahl '07

Nick Herrin '08

Danny Ogg '09

Amy Gilmore '11

Julie Hemmert Weitz '94, Director of Alumni Relations  
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## Carroll High School's Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Procedure

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 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 September 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.

## 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 Thorner '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.

## 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 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 High School 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.*



The crest of 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 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.

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**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](http://www.carrollhs.org/alumni/distinguished-alumni.cfm).**

## 2021 Ceremony Emcee

### Cheryl McHenry Chabali Class of 1974

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

Since 1991, Cheryl has served as Prime Time News Center 7 Anchor at WHIO-TV.

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 August of 1981.

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 emcees a number of local events including the Dayton Defense Educational Foundation Charity Gala, The Hundred Club which awards police and firefighters for going above and beyond the call of duty, and the Holiday at Home scholarship dinner.

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 three of her co-workers also received a regional 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 their black Labrador, Missy. She is a big sports fan, loves to run and swim, enjoys cooking and relaxing by the pool with a wonderful book. 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.



### Michael Sticka Class of 2000

Michael Sticka is President/CEO of the GRAMMY Museum Foundation, having been appointed in June 2018. In his role, he is responsible for collaborating with the Board of Directors to create and execute the museum's strategy of growth and sustainability as an independent nonprofit arts organization. Since taking helm of the GRAMMY Museum in Los Angeles, California, he has led a team that has accomplished double-digit year-over-year revenue growth in all key areas of its mission, including: attendance, membership, retail, event sales, and public programs. Additionally, he oversees the Museum Foundation's national programming, including its GRAMMY in the Schools, grants for music research and preservation, and its national affiliates.



In his first year, Michael successfully raised more than \$5.5 million in partnership with the Recording Academy and the Latin Recording Academy to launch a multi-million-dollar renovation of the Museum in downtown Los Angeles, building the only gallery dedicated to Latin music in California. An advocate for accessibility, the GRAMMY Museum became the only Museum named as a Certified Autism Center® in California.

Michael also successfully navigated the Museum through more than twelve months of closure, due to COVID. Within five days of closing the Museum, he led the team to create one of the first and most robust museum digital presences anywhere in the country by creating "*GRAMMY Museum at Home*," a collection of virtual exhibits, artist programs, and educational content available free to educators and music lovers worldwide. Building upon the culture of innovation at the Museum, the Museum launched COLLECTION:live™, the official streaming service of the GRAMMY Museum available on all major streaming platforms.

Prior to joining the Museum, Michael spent close to a decade in management consulting for nonprofit organizations and served as Assistant Controller/Director of Accounting at the Recording Academy. He co-founded The Zoot Theatre Company in Dayton, Ohio, which had a successful ten-year run of producing theatre for schools and arts organizations. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Dayton and lives in Los Angeles with his partner, Brian Kim, a urologist, and their dog, Winston.

One of Michael's favorite Carroll memories is being the founder of the Flag Patrol along with Mr. Mike Rakel. He is proud that the Flag Patrol continues to be a symbol of Carroll's spirit of collaboration and support of its students.

## Colonel Urban Gillespie, USAF Class of 1986

In 1990, Urban earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and received his commission into the United States Air Force. His early Air Force career included leadership assignments in the development, test, and operations of advanced reconnaissance satellites where he was awarded the Balkans Service Medal (1997) and the National Reconnaissance Office Medal for Meritorious Service (2003). Twice selected for command, Urban led a space operations squadron in 2008 recognized by the Director of National Intelligence with the Collaboration Leadership Award. Then, in 2012, he commanded the Space and Missile System's Launch Division where he served as mission director for space launches supporting NASA, the Air Force, and the Missile Defense Agency. In 2013, his division was the center's nominee for the Brent Scowcroft Award for excellence in space, and the David C. Schilling Award and Robert J. Collier Trophy for outstanding achievements in aeronautics and astronautics.



Urban is a distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff College (2004) and was the top graduate from the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy (2010). He holds master's degrees from Chaminade University, the Naval Postgraduate School, Air University, and National Defense University, and his military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Urban retired from the Air Force in 2014 and is currently a senior project leader at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Lincoln Laboratory where he directs research in space sensors and develops prototype systems to demonstrate next-generation space capabilities. Most recently, he helped lead the launch of two small satellites to test advanced attitude-control and navigation technologies, and he was the systems architect of a prototype command and control system for military operations in space, both programs recognized by MIT for Outstanding Team Awards.

Urban and his wife, Francie, live in Topsfield, Massachusetts, and are the proud parents of Liam (17) and Ainsley (15). Urban recalls, "My Carroll experience was pivotal in so many ways to my early career and later as a husband and father, and for that I am forever grateful. I credit the encouragement of my science teachers, Mrs. Heim and Mr. Steinmetz, for a lifelong passion of finding interesting problems; Mr. Sens for providing me an enduring example of service-based leadership; and Coach Hemmert and Coach Spoerl for instilling values of commitment, dedication, and teamwork. Carroll was for me then, and remains today, the exemplar of Christian community." Urban's fondest memories of CHS include singing the *Alma Mater* after every football game (win or lose); science fairs in the spring; "winning" the WOL championship in baseball in a frustrating five-way tie; and playing Père Noël at the French Club Christmas party.

## Carroll High School History

Carroll High School is a Catholic, coeducational school located within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Carroll High School 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!



### Original Fight Song

*(retired in the 1970's/1980's)*  
Right in step and full of pep, Proud Patriots are we,  
Roll the drum, unfurl the flag, we're marching out to victory.  
Our heads are high, our hearts are strong, we're really on our way.  
For the Red and White and Blue – Let's go!! Hip Hip Hurray!  
Onward to victory, we pledge our unity, we'll bring fame to Carroll's name,  
We're Patriots and always game.  
Steady in all we do, ready to see it through,  
Reach the stars and ride the sky,  
Let's give three cheers for Carroll High. (Rah! Rah! Rah!)

### Current Fight Song

*(formerly called the Cheer Song)*  
We're the Carroll team  
And we're right on the beam –  
Always fighting right down to the end.  
We're out to gain our high school fame –  
So watch out you (Knights...), Beware!!  
All our fans are true to the red, white and blue  
And all our foes will hear us say  
"Better step aside, we'll do or die –  
Keep your eye on Carroll High!"



## Thomas Hoefler Honorary Patriot

Tom taught 7th and 8th grades for four years at St. Rita School, then was hired by Father Robert Obermeyer in the summer of 1977. A St. Albert the Great and Chaminade classmate of Tom's, Stu Gardner (who was a Carroll social studies teacher at the time), had an opportunity to teach in Germany. As the story goes, it was Stu's job to find his replacement. That is when Tom became a Patriot. It was also the start of the rest of his teaching career. Tom retired from Carroll High School in 2015, after teaching 40 years in Catholic Education.



Tom was a member of the social studies department for the entire 36 years he was at Carroll High School, as well as a senior homeroom teacher. He taught Anthropology, United States History (College Prep, Honors and AP), Psychology, Global Studies, Honors Global Studies, American Politics and Government, and Current Events. He particularly enjoyed teaching Psychology, United States History, and the freshman class Global Studies.

During his time at Carroll, Tom spent many of his years moderating various student activities and clubs. He coached the girls' tennis team for a couple of years. In his words, "We were not real successful, but we had a great time, and we gave it our all." He was also the moderator of the Junior class and Student Council for many years where he planned dances (including the first Mother-Son Dance), pep rallies, talent shows, etc. He enjoyed being involved in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Days, sharing his "Patriot Spirit" with future freshman students.

Tom was always well respected by his peers and colleagues. He was asked to be on several committees such as the Rules Committee, Principal's Advisory Committee, Licensure and Professional Development Committee (Chair), and the Appeals Board during his many years of service to Carroll. Tom also served on the Carroll High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Committee from 2007 until 2016.

To Tom, his family is his biggest pride and joy. His wife, Kay, of 48 years, has been a loyal, loving, wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a primary teacher for 22 years and a stay-at-home mom for 16 years. She authored a book for Early Childhood students and their parents focusing on early skills, expectations, and academic content standards. Tom and Kay have three married children: Tim (Sue), Jill (Eric), and Jenny (Mike), and seven grandchildren, Macey, Anna, Raymond, Josh, Mikey, Brandon, and Julia. Every day, Tom is thankful to God for his family!

## Elizabeth A. Skowron, Ph.D. Class of 1984

After graduating from Carroll in 1984, Elizabeth swam for the Buckeyes and completed her bachelor's degree in psychology from The Ohio State University. She then completed her Ph.D. in psychology at the State University of New York at Albany, where she studied family systems with mentor, Micki Friedlander, Ph.D. Elizabeth interned at the Palo Alto VA Medical Center, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in child clinical psychology at the University of California, San Francisco / Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, where she met her husband, Richard Geiger.



Elizabeth is currently a Professor of Psychology at the University of Oregon, where she directs the Family Biobehavioral Health Lab. She studies how early exposures to adversity shape the development of children's neurobiological regulatory systems, and effect parenting. Together with her students and collaborators, Elizabeth conducts clinical trials to investigate how family-based interventions promote healthy development, safe responsive parenting, and reduce risk for child maltreatment, mental health problems, and chronic disease in children and families. Elizabeth also hosts high school and undergraduate students from across the country for 8-week research internships to provide them with hands-on research training to prepare for successful entry into graduate school.

Elizabeth was fortunate to serve as a U.S. Fulbright Scholar to Ireland in 2009-2010, and serve on the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) Ireland-Netherlands Fulbright Selection Committee in subsequent years. She has served on and chaired several NIH grant review panels, and her own research is funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health and Drug Abuse. She is also a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and serves on numerous editorial boards in her field. Other professional service activities include stints as 2019-2020 President of the University of Oregon Faculty Senate, member of the University President's Senior Leadership Team and Knight Campus Internal Advisory Committee, 2019 Co-Chair of the University Provost Search Committee, and Chair of the University of Oregon Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee.

Elizabeth and her husband, Richard, have been married for 23 years. They have two children: Walt (age 19) and Owen (age 15). They enjoy living in the Pacific Northwest and spend their time trail running, biking, swimming, skiing, exploring, following their children's exploits, and hosting friends and family.

"Carroll provided me with an excellent education and fostered my spirituality and sense of responsibility to others," says Elizabeth. "My parents sacrificed much to provide us with 12 years of Catholic education and I am grateful to them. My time with the teachers, students, nuns, and priests at Carroll, St. Luke, and St. Brigid fostered many of my core beliefs (i.e., leave the world better off than you find it; plant trees whose shade you'll never rest in; and draw the circle big)."

## Stephen P. Blatt, M.D., FACP Class of 1977

Steve has spent his career as an infectious disease physician. He graduated from Notre Dame University and then attended the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine to become a physician.

Early in his career, he had the opportunity to be the primary investigator for the United States Air Force HIV Natural History study and do groundbreaking HIV/AIDS research with the investigators at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that helped define the natural history of HIV infection and the host immune response to this devastating pathogen. These studies laid the foundation for drug trials that have subsequently changed HIV from a death sentence to a manageable chronic illness.

In the mid-1990's, Steve moved back to Ohio and he began teaching internal medicine residents at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati. He has maintained an active infectious disease consulting practice and has focused on the prevention of healthcare-associated infections.

The accomplishment he is most proud of; however, is the work he did in the village of Kabingo, Uganda. He became involved with the Comboni Missionaries headquartered in Cincinnati. Kabingo is a small village that had no running water or electricity when he started working with them in 2008. He helped start the nonprofit organization, Hope for Kobingo, Inc. to support his philanthropic work in Uganda. Through Hope for Kobingo, they have provided education, health care, and economic development in this very poor region of Africa. Their most recent project has been working with Engineers Without Borders to install a water filtration and pumping system to provide safe, clean water to the village and surrounding area.

Steve's favorite Carroll memories include playing cards with the guys in the cafeteria in the mornings while waiting for classes to start; sweating it out in Mr. Sens' Honors Chemistry class (although stressful at the time, it really paid off in college); going to Friday night football games to meet with friends and classmates; representing CHS on the swim team at the Sectionals and District meets; and planning events with the Student Council.

According to Steve, "The world-class education and mentoring by the teachers and staff of Carroll High School provided an amazing foundation for a career in science and medicine. I am proud and honored to call myself a Carroll graduate and to have had the opportunity to serve others in the name of Carroll."



## Thomas Hoefler (continued)

Tom's fondest memories of Carroll High School are quoted in the points below:

- A high school has two kinds of people. First, it has administrators, faculty, and staff. The second kind of people are the students. Carroll High School had high quality at both ends.
- As a teacher, I was always around lots of good people – whether they be faculty, staff, or students. I felt happy to be around people like that. I had 36 years of that feeling at Carroll High School.
- Reflecting on Carroll High School, I always feel there is a lot of goodness in the building. It's not the desks, or the turf field, or the cafeteria. The goodness comes from the people. Everyone that is part of the building is responsible for this goodness.
- I always loved what I was doing every day.
- I always enjoyed the many activities from sporting events (great games, spirit, fun, and excitement), dances, proms, walkathons, yearbooks, spirit days, pep rallies, assemblies, plays, and so many more activities I cherished. Lunch time was always special with my fellow teachers and our wonderful discussions from sports, politics, and a variety of other topics. Someone was always stirring the pot.
- At the beginning of the school year, it was amazing how many students were involved in after school activities, and you could always hear the band practicing over all the excitement.
- It was amazing to see students succeed in class after a lot of hard work.
- It is so great to see students I taught, years later, and hear about their accomplishments and achievements. I was always grateful for being a part of someone's life for a short period and for students sharing in my life for a time.

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## Amy (Menke) Loges Class of 1965

Amy is an entrepreneur. It is in her DNA. Her company is one of the longest operating women-owned businesses in the state of Ohio. She began that drive at an early age. Amy babysat; drove the Mission Sisters of the Sacred Heart to the University of Dayton and worked at Cassano's during high school to pay for Carroll tuition.



Amy's passion and life purpose are to serve others with intention and enthusiasm. She volunteered at the Dayton State Hospital and worked with classmates to help open the Dakota (Street) Center. After high school, Amy joined the Sisters of Notre Dame where she worked with the homeless in Cincinnati, and taught English as a Second Language in Detroit. After the convent, Amy wrote and won a grant for woodworking materials for a Dayton Catholic inner-city school to provide the students a "hands on" opportunity to develop new skills. She and her husband then became original members of the Dayton Priority Board and received a grant from the Girl Scouts of America to provide opportunities for Dayton View teenagers to learn woodworking skills and help senior citizens in their neighborhood renovate and repair their homes.

Professionally, Amy and her business partner developed leadership programs for the United States Army and were actively involved with the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) that helped prepare the military and their families to transition from military to civilian life. Her women's leadership program has been recognized nationally as one of the top five programs for women. Today, she continues to lead and innovate. Her focus is on partnering with American and European companies to help broaden their global lens. Amy has created, developed, and rolled out international programs for Microsoft, United Airlines, Cintas, Grupo Bimbo, and Sodexo. Amy's exciting new challenge is working with women across the United States; listening and encouraging them to "tell their story."

Amy is a proponent of work-life balance. Her husband of 50 years, Tom, as well as her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family, and friends receive her constant joy, energy, comfort, and care.

Amy's favorite Carroll memories include Sr. Malachy's history class and the importance of a world view that 'stuck' with her; Spanish classes that spoke of cultures and people as much as accents and verbs; Fr. Fay's willingness to allow honest questions and exploration of other religions; Chinese Fire Drills; *When the Saints Go Marching In*; the books that **had** to be read before graduation (which she did, thanks to Sr. Christopher); a principal that treated her with respect and held her to higher standards; and friends that were new and old during that time, some moved on, others stayed, but they still have a place in her heart.

## Christine M. Rafalko Class of 1972

Christine is a retired senior finance professional with 44 years of experience in commercial and investment banking with the proven ability to develop and execute strategic initiatives on short deadlines. She concluded her career as Managing Director of Wealth Management at The Bank of New York Mellon.



Christine spent a significant portion of her career in real estate finance, to include financing skyline-defining office buildings and advising foreign investors in US real estate. She received many awards for her excellent leadership, teamwork, flexibility, and professionalism, including the Bank of New York Management Award for establishing a temporary work environment and related recovery efforts in the aftermath of 9/11.

Christine is proud to have given extraordinary philanthropy support to Carroll High School and to have contributed time volunteering at many community organizations, especially Mount Sinai Hospital establishing a volunteer opportunity in the Pediatric Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit and working with committees to provide business management counseling to fledgling arts organizations.

Christine received her Bachelor of Science in Business, majoring in Finance, from Miami University in Oxford. She received her School of Continuing Education, Certificate in Art Business from New York University.

In retirement, Christine remains active with community and extended family activities. She enjoys tennis, needlework and has an interest in antique maps. During the COVID time period, along with supplying fabrics and findings for mask-making, she helped form a relief fund for 150 disadvantaged families. "The longer this goes, the greater the need will be."

Some of Christine's fondest memories of Carroll High School include the warm welcome she and her sister received when they arrived at Carroll; the honor to graduate as Patriot of the Year; working with Student Council and Fr. Neiheisel to chair the Innovative Day Committee and Career Day; the two musicals, *Showboat* and *Carousel*; and, in the final football game of the season, the seniors trading the positions they held on the team leading Carroll High School to victory!