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A Recent Graduate's Journey

**DRIVING INNOVATION,
EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY**

*Carroll University Moves Closer
to Its Transformative Goal*

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*Exploring Greece in 2024 and Counting
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"Live your life and your career with purpose. Do it with meaning and passion. Make the world a better place than you found it."

- Michael Martin '82, Undergraduate Commencement Speaker



We welcomed a little over 750 graduates into our alumni family in May! With nearly 8,000 guests visiting campus over the two-day period, we are extremely grateful for all the families who supported their students, the dedicated faculty who challenged students in their learning and the staff who helped make the celebration a day to remember.

Pictured (L to R):
President Gnadinger,
commencement speaker Michael
Martin '82 and Dr. Mark Blegen,
Provost and Vice-President for
Academic Affairs as President
Gnadinger and Dr. Blegen present
Michael with an honorary doctorate.



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FIRST Magazine tells the stories of pioneers, of Wisconsin's first university and of the resolute, creative and fearless men and women who push it forward—the alumni, students, faculty and staff of Carroll University—through truly pioneering content and design.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We continue to celebrate our achievements and milestones, underscoring the vibrancy and dedication of the Carroll University community. In May, we welcomed over 750 graduates into our alumni family. With nearly 8,000 guests visiting our campus during this two-day celebration, it was a memorable tribute to the collective effort that has guided these students through their academic journey.

Among these new graduates is Thomas Robertson, whose journey exemplifies the spirit of lifelong learning at Carroll. At 73, Tom earned his second bachelor's degree, embodying continuous education and personal growth. His story is a testament to the notion that education is a lifelong endeavor, inspiring us all to pursue our passions relentlessly, regardless of age.

Our commitment to sharing the unique Carroll experience reached new heights in May when we proudly debuted on The College Tour. As Wisconsin's first featured private school, this episode is available on various platforms, including Amazon Prime TV. Through engaging segments, we aim to inspire prospective students and showcase the exceptional opportunities Carroll offers. Please share with someone you know!

Earlier in the spring, the 2023-24 Carroll University Women's Basketball team brought unparalleled excitement to our campus. Despite an unexpected end to their season in the NCAA Tournament's first round, their record-setting performance ignited passion and pride among students, faculty and alumni. This success story highlights how sports teach invaluable life lessons, foster community and significantly benefit universities through increased revenue, exposure and enrollment. Find out how they impacted one alumna on page 14.

Carroll University has a rich history of pioneering education. Offering degrees from associate to Ph.D. levels, we have introduced innovative programs such as the Master of Science of Pathologists' Assistant and Aviation Science and Drone Technologies. As we navigate demographic changes, our legacy of resilience and innovation remains a source of immense pride, propelling us confidently into the future.

Carroll University was excited to launch its Ph.D. in Leadership and Organizational Development. This innovative program is designed to cultivate visionary leaders equipped to navigate and transform complex organizational environments. It promises to foster scholarship, research, and practical skills, empowering leaders to approach challenges with respect, compassion, and resilience.

As we reflect on our past and anticipate our future, Carroll University remains steadfast in its commitment to excellence, innovation, and community. Our achievements are a testament to the dedication of our students, faculty, staff and alumni. Together, we continue to build a legacy of learning, service and leadership that will inspire generations to come.

First, Foremost, Forward,

Cindy Gnadinger
President

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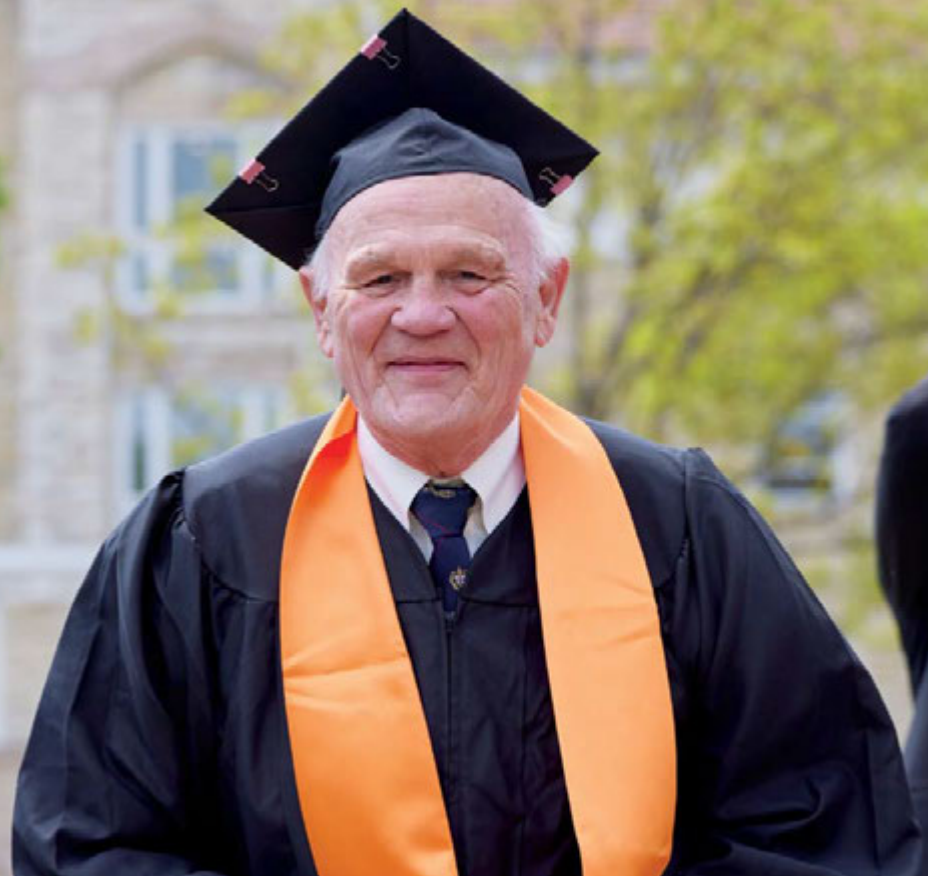
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THE EPITOME OF LIFELONG LEARNING

By Kelsey DeMarais '07



The journeys we take over a lifetime can be vast and vary in length. That is the essence of how Thomas Robertson, an endearing and thoughtful Canadian, came to graduate from Carroll this past May with his second bachelor's degree at the age of 73.

You read that correctly. Tom is the embodiment of lifelong learning.

You could say Tom's venture to the classrooms of Carroll began when he was just a lad in the halls of his Canadian high school. A precocious student in nature but immature at the time, he was more about finding success on the football team and playing bridge than devoting time to his studies. Everything came easy for Tom, who could have gotten into the likes of Stanford or Harvard but preferred to float at that time in his life. Additionally, he was a "keeper" on the field. One of his teachers divulged that they could have graduated him, but they wanted him to play football one more year, so they held him back. That year they won the championship.

At the age of 16, his father died and not five years later his mom passed away. While Tom isn't one for apathy, he recognizes now that the family who took him in then would be the change agent for his life many years later. Tom found a mentor and surrogate father in his bandmaster, Dr. William Robert Lorimer. Dr. Lorimer's family, including his wife and four daughters, took Tom in and gave him a home for many years. During that time music was a passion for Tom, but he

chose not to pursue it any further after high school because the requirements at the Royal Conservatory required piano skills that he did not have. "It was the easy out to stay with physical education and varsity football," reflected Tom.

Tom ultimately could not continue his Phys Ed studies, so he signed a contract with a Canadian football team and owned a welding supply business. It was only after a short time of applying for other jobs and getting turned down that he decided to return to school. In 1986 he earned his bachelor's in business administration from Bishop's University and in 1989 he earned his master's in marketing and statistics from Concordia University in Montreal. He began pursuing his Ph.D. at Concordia while teaching a full course load as a professor of marketing at Bishop's and raising a family. During this time, he and his first wife had three kids: Marc, Emilie and Andrew. He recalls that this was a busy time for him since there were over 100 kilometers between the two institutions where he was teaching and earning his doctorate.

He stopped pursuing a doctorate and his journey took a turn when he had an opportunity to coach hockey in France for a few years. After that, there were many options before him, but he decided to go to Wyoming to coach the hockey team there. He was eligible to live in the United States through a one-year renewable TN1 Visa. Because of his degree, unique skills and ability to grow the sport of hockey he was able to



stay under the free trade agreement. It wasn't without its hoops to jump through – from the requirement of showing diplomas from high school and college to being well-coached by lawyers to stay. In that time, he learned so much about the pros and cons of the U.S. immigration system, which he is still passionate about today.

It was in Wyoming where Tom met his current wife, Cyndi. At the time he was offered a job in Milwaukee but wasn't allowed to work because his visa had expired. It was only a short period before he and Cyndi got married and his permanent residence application was approved.

Fast forward a few years when one April night Tom has a vivid dream in which his beloved bandmaster (Dr. William Robert Lorimer) exhorts him to reconnect with his long-lost family. He woke up and knew immediately that he needed to listen to his dream. Through Facebook, he found one of the four daughters and found out that Dr. Lorimer had died only two months prior.

That year around Christmastime, he reconnected with his first family. His “ma,” Joyce, told him, “Tommy, I’m so glad you’re back. You were my son before I had a son.” As they sat together, she shared that his mentor had a Tuba Bass Trombone and Trombone. Tradition would have been to give them to the Salvation Army, but Tom felt the need to buy it from them. His mother said they didn’t need to worry about the price, but they would sell it to him under one condition: it must be played.

So, after a 50-year hiatus from music and playing the tuba, that February Tom picked up his new tuba and began to learn music in bass clef. He also went back to the Salvation Army and back to church.

Through those relationships, he learned of the Milwaukee Festival Brass, an award-winning brass ensemble comprised of volunteer brass and percussion players from all over Southeastern Wisconsin. After relearning the tuba for 6 months, he decided to audition for the group. Much to Tom’s surprise, the band director Mark Taylor disregarded his age and highlighted his zeal as the main reason for bringing Tom into the band.

As someone who puts his mind to something and then does it, Tom wanted to perform at a higher level, so he sought lessons. Dr. Brett Keating, a fellow band member and faculty member at Carroll, was integral to Tom finding Carroll’s campus. It was in Shattuck that Tom held lessons with Brett. They spoke long about what brought Tom back to music. When Brett asked Tom, “Why don’t you do a degree?” Tom’s response was “Why don’t I!?”

That was four years ago. On May 11, 2024, after many more ups and downs, Tom earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music Performance.

If you ask Tom what’s next, he’ll say he won’t stop learning.

Tom truly is the epitome of his life mantra: “You don’t stop playing when you get old, you get old when you stop playing.”



Tom in 1970s with the Lorimer family



Tom at his recital with Dr. David Spies



Tom at graduation with his wife Cyndi



Tom at his recital with accompanist Rhonda Kwiecien

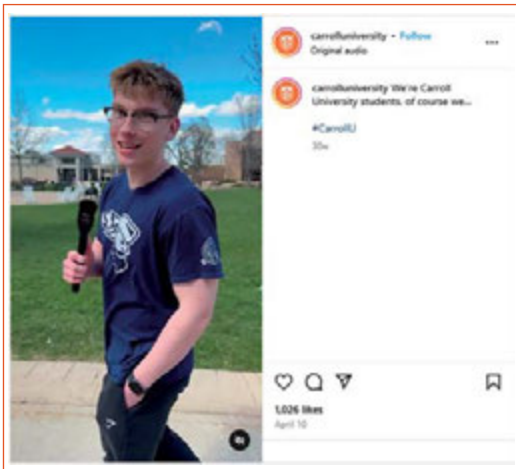
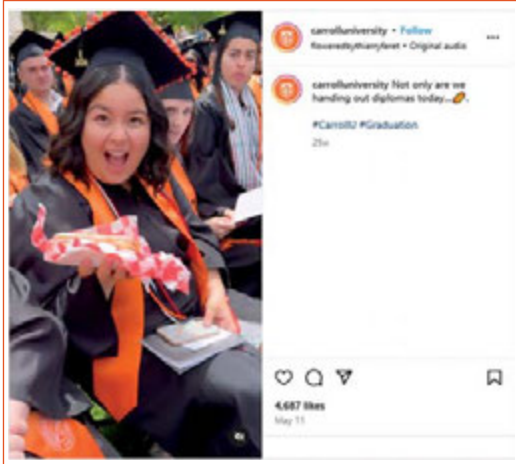


Tom at graduation with Dr. Jeremiah Cawley



Tom with mentor and friend Dr. Mark A. Taylor, who attended Tom's recital

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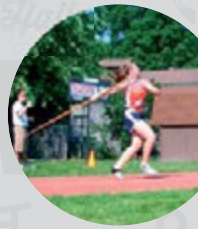
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PIONEER DRIVEN THE CAMPAIGN FOR CARROLL



Pioneer Driven: The Campaign for Carroll

As of June 30, 2024

Funding Goals

Capital Projects\$55M

The Sullivan School of Business and Technology \$35M

Van Male Field House Renovation/Addition \$15M

Capital Renovations \$5M

Endowment.....\$20M

Student Scholarships \$16.5M

Faculty and Staff Positions \$2M

Program Support \$1M

Unrestricted Endowment Support \$500K

Operating Support\$25M

Current Unrestricted Support \$13M

Current Restricted Support \$12M

CAMPAIGN GOAL
\$100,000,000

Received

Capital Projects\$23M

The Sullivan School of Business and Technology \$14.5M

Van Male Field House Renovation/Addition \$5.5M

Capital Renovations \$3M

Endowment.....\$17.6M

Student Scholarships \$14.6M

Faculty and Staff Positions \$1M

Program Support \$1.6M

Unrestricted Endowment Support \$401K

Operating Support\$24M

Current Unrestricted Support \$12M

Current Restricted Support \$12M

CAMPAIGN TO-DATE
\$63,000,000

In October of 2023, Carroll University embarked on the public phase of a \$100,000,000, multi-year comprehensive campaign to significantly advance the University’s mission through several initiatives, including capital projects, endowment growth, and growth in general support to sustain the University’s core health and well-being.

The main capital projects identified include a state-of-the-art physical space for The Sullivan School of Business and Technology, a significant renovation and addition to Van Male Field House, and the renovation and repurposing of several recently acquired buildings and previously owned facilities on or adjacent to the campus.

Endowment projects include garnering resources to support faculty-endowed positions and scholarships, student scholarships and growth in endowed funds to support key programmatic objectives.

PIONEER DRIVEN

THE SULLIVAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE DEAN



Tim Sullivan '75
Dean of The Sullivan
School of Business
and Technology

Q: You have been the Dean of the Sullivan School for a year. In that time, what have you learned about the business program and the needs of the broader business community?

A: I spent the first several months getting to know the business faculty and making calls on local businesses in Waukesha and Milwaukee. Waukesha County has an extremely high proportion of manufacturing firms and while all of them need HR people and accountants what I discovered is they really need engineers. They told me that they often don't think about Carroll grads when hiring because we don't produce "what they need." Engineers!

Q: So how has that informed the forward movement of The Sullivan School?

A: Well, the full name of the school is The Sullivan School of Business and Technology. We have really emphasized the "and Technology" piece.

Q: How so?

A: First of all, we learned that the businesses in our area need mechanical engineers and industrial and systems engineers. In collaboration with the faculty, the president and the provost, we determined we would sunset our applied physics major in favor of two new majors in engineering and we would make the Aviation Science and Drone Technology program into a major (it had previously been only a minor). In addition, we redesigned the second floor of the new building for which we are raising funds and co-located all three of these programs with The Sullivan School. We think this will better serve industry in our region and will allow us to deliver on our promise of finding meaningful internship opportunities and jobs upon our students' graduation.

Q: That's a lot of forward movement in a single year. What's next?

A: Our focus now must be on raising scholarship funds for both business and engineering majors and completing the funding for The Sullivan School of Business and Technology building that is part of the campaign. Having a state-of-the-art facility where both business students and engineering students study side-by-side will be a game changer for Carroll and our local community. Our students will have hands-on experiences in their chosen major that will position them for future success, and Carroll will be able to attract high caliber students by making a Carroll education possible through attractive scholarships. It is a win, win, win for students, Carroll and the local business community.

Q: How can alumni and friends help?

A: Support Carroll! We hope many people will be excited about helping us get this building out of the ground. Seriously, there is no better investment than the students who come to Carroll. These young people are talented, driven and eager to make a difference in the world. Gifts to scholarships allow students to take advantage of all the great things Carroll has to offer!



THE CAMPAIGN FOR CARROLL

The new building will feature a dedicated drone and engineering space, promoting hands-on learning.

Students will innovate in design, robotics and technology, shaping future industries.



The front entrance will include collaborative spaces for meeting and networking, fostering connections among students, faculty, and industry professionals in a vibrant environment.



Proposed plaza in front of The Sullivan School of Business and Technology.

PIONEER DRIVEN THE CAMPAIGN FOR CARROLL



CREATING A COMPETITIVE EDGE AND ENSURING WELL-BEING FOR THE CARROLL COMMUNITY

A much-needed addition and renovation of Van Male Field House is anticipated to accommodate a rise in the number of student-athletes on campus. Originally built when the number of students participating in intercollegiate athletics at Carroll was approximately half of the 630 student-athletes who compete today, Van Male needs an expansion to meet our present training requirements. This addition will include two multipurpose courts consisting of netting that can be lowered from the ceiling to accommodate activities like batting and pitching practice for baseball and softball while allowing for indoor practice court space for men's and women's tennis, volleyball and basketball. In addition, a state-of-the-art weight training facility and aerobic exercise facility will be added. While all these spaces will be used by student-athletes, these facilities will also be open for intramural use and use by the general student population, faculty and staff. Additionally, some renovations of other spaces in the building are anticipated, including a new Alumni Suite that will be available for alumni gatherings during basketball and football games and for entertaining prospective students and their families.

There are several naming opportunities in this project that will help the University complete the renovation of this facility.



Carroll Expands Academic Offerings into High-Demand STEM Fields with Two New Engineering Programs

Carroll University and The Sullivan School of Business and Technology are excited to announce the launch of two new market-driven bachelor's degree programs in Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) and Mechanical Engineering (MEE), set to begin in Fall 2025. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 12% growth in industrial and systems engineering jobs by 2032, significantly outpacing other professions, with more than 38,000 new positions expected. Wisconsin, alongside states like Minnesota and Illinois, ranks among the top for ISE employment concentration, making Carroll's program particularly relevant to the region's workforce needs.

"Throughout our long history, Carroll has been intentional about analysis of market trends and career opportunities for our graduates in this region and beyond. We have used this data to ensure Carroll's academic programs change to meet workforce needs and ensure our graduates are competitive in the job market," said Cindy Gnadinger, president of Carroll University. "The launch of these two new majors is the most recent example of our commitment to this practice and ensures Carroll's continued success."



Local corporate leaders in these high-demand fields are already expressing interest in Carroll engineering students and have helped provide input into the university's engineering programs, which will offer more than just technical education. Potential employers will get early access to future engineers as they will gain early and consistent

exposure to real-world applications through project-based learning and internships with local companies.

"Branching into the engineering side of STEM is an essential step for Carroll as we work to grow in strategic areas that address market demands and serve the evolving needs of students," said Tim Sullivan, Carroll's Dean of The Sullivan School of Business and Technology. "The addition of these programs also enhances our reputation, opening doors to partnerships with industry leaders, research opportunities and potential donors."

Engineering is more than just a program expansion—it is a strategic investment in Carroll's long-term success and the university's commitment to serve the region with high-quality employees who will be positioned to exceed industry and employer standards. These new offerings represent a bold step in expanding the university's mission and providing critical pathways into rapidly growing STEM fields. The initiative has already sparked significant support as well, with a \$200,000 commitment for student scholarships.

"Engineering at Carroll is designed to be accessible and equitable, with direct-entry admissions ensuring that students who want to pursue engineering are afforded the opportunity," added Mark

Blegen, Carroll University Provost. "We are not just creating degrees; we are investing in future industry leaders and the long-term health of our university."

Alongside technical skills, students will also develop essential skills such as teamwork, communication, and critical thinking—qualities that make them highly employable in today's competitive job market. ISE students will also be eligible to sit for the exam for the Lean Six Sigma White Belt, equipping them with specialized skills in process improvement, a high-demand area for regional employers.

Carroll University invites prospective students, employers and the community to stay tuned as we prepare to launch these groundbreaking programs in fall 2025. For additional information please refer to the program pages for Mechanical Engineering and Industrial and Systems Engineering.



SAVE THE DATE

Monday, Aug. 4, 2025

The Legend at Merrill Hills Waukesha, Wisconsin



Registration opens: April 1, 2025
Early Bird Discount Closes: April 29, 2025

Carroll Women's Basketball

A Historic Season 50 Years in the Making By Tim Muma

As the 2023-24 Carroll University Women's Basketball team kept setting school records, they fueled unmatched excitement and passion throughout the campus and the community. Though the season ended abruptly on their home court inside the Van Male Field House in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the squad's impact had already been felt by countless Carroll students, supporters and alumni.

But like most accomplishments, people and events helped create the opportunity for this year's team to write its own story. Sports teach valuable life lessons for athletes, coaches and even fans, while also bringing joy, entertainment and a sense of belonging to everyone involved. The effects of athletics are nearly limitless.

Many studies show successful collegiate sports programs create additional benefits for the universities they represent through added revenue, exposure, awareness and enrollment. But for decades, the focus on athletics at this level heavily featured men's sports. That limited how much women's sports could be promoted in their schools as they were left fighting for their place on courts and fields.

Then in 1972, the tide changed and sent women's athletics flying into the future. The creation of Title IX boosted the potential for female athletes to thrive. Carroll University Athletics Hall of Fame member, Amy (Vanden Langenberg) Wick '86, witnessed the impact of Title IX firsthand as her basketball squads of the early-to-mid 1980s attained unprecedented prosperity.

"The passage of Title IX was absolutely huge for women's sports as we had so little," said Wick. "Women faced discrimination, racism, homophobia, prejudice and ridicule. This gave women a chance to demand more resources and opportunities."

Of course, Title IX was not only about athletics. Its influence encompasses all aspects of education by demanding gender equality across educational programs and activities, including academic opportunities, financial aid and admissions processes. Without these areas being a part of the law, female athletes would have continued to face greater struggles than their male counterparts. Instead, women have surpassed men in attending college (56% female) and earning degrees.

Even still, Wick acknowledges there were still enormous challenges for her and her teammates in the 80s, as new mandates take time to fully infiltrate historical precedents on

top of navigating the life of a student-athlete.

"You are trying to balance your life as a student, as well as an athlete. I was worried about the financial commitment of attending Carroll

and being accomplished in academics and athletics," Wick added.

But the prevalence of Title IX helped to give Wick and all female athletes a voice and a place at the table to speak up for what they wanted and needed to raise their games – on and off the court – to the next level.

"When I arrived at Carroll in the spring of 1982, we were still a little bit in the dark ages," Wick reminisced. "There were these awful uniforms from the 70s, budgets were lacking, facilities needed improvements and the men were provided with equipment that women didn't get to use."

If that didn't motivate the Pioneer women to take action, another key decision from the previous year helped spur their efforts. In 1981, the NCAA approved a plan to include women's athletics within its overall structure, giving female athletes another level of support. But changes on Carroll's campus needed further action, so Wick and her teammates put on a full-court press by meeting with Carroll's administration, faculty and staff, and the local media.

"We pushed. We questioned. We dreamed. We pounded the table for something better," said Wick. "We created our own sports information process and media releases, and we recruited amazing women."

That fire to improve their athletic experience at Carroll was the driving force behind the women's basketball teams of that time, as they remain among the most accomplished squads in school history. From 1984 to 1986, the Pioneer women's hoops team posted three consecutive 20+ win seasons, earned three straight NCAA Tournament berths, won a conference championship and hosted first and second-round NCAA Tournament games for the first time in Carroll history.

"We were very fortunate to build a winning culture and therefore had great support from the faculty and students," Wick said. "It was so much fun to be a part of this special time!"

Wick saw many parallels between her team and the 2023-24 group which made the women's basketball team's run extra special for her. This season's group captured everyone's attention and certainly made their mark in Carroll's history.

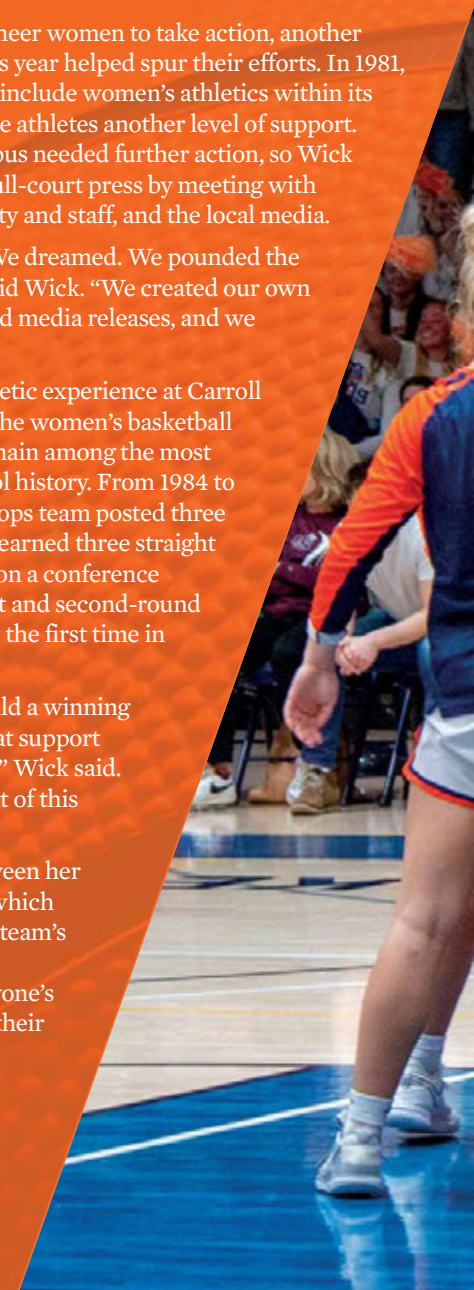
A program-record 23 wins

- Ranked 13th in the country in NCAA DIII, the highest ranking in program history

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Amy (Vanden Langenberg) Wick shooting around in Ganfield in 1984





Left to Right: Lauren Soyke, Natalie Palzkill, and Olivia Rangel at the first-round game of the NCAA tournament



Chloe Halverson making her way down the court



Pio Pete with the student cheer section at the first-round game



Amy (Vanden Langenberg) Wick (#42) going for a layup



Amy (Vanden Langenberg) Wick pictured center (#42) with the 1984-85 Women's Basketball Team

ATHLETICS ROUND UP

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Carroll's women's basketball had a historic 2023-24 season, winning a program-record 23 games with a 23-5 overall record and a 14-2 mark in the CCIW, which included a pair of nine-game winning streaks. That helped the Pioneers win the CCIW regular season championship for the first time in program history, marking the program's first conference championship since winning the Midwest Conference in 2006. For the first time in program history, they won the CCIW Tournament and were ranked 13th in the D3hoops.com Top 25 poll for the final seven weeks of the season, which marks the program's longest such streak. That helped them earn hosting rights for the NCAA Division-III Tournament for the first time since the mid-1980s.

Junior guard Olivia Rangel was a force for the Pioneers this season, as she was one of two unanimous First Team All-Conference selections. She became just the 17th player in program history to score 1,000 career points, reaching that milestone midway through the year, currently sitting in eighth place all-time with 1,148 career points. Also a First Team All-Region and Fifth Team All-America selection, Rangel finished the season ranking third in the CCIW in scoring (18.5 ppg), which also ranked 54th in Division III. Carroll won both games they played against Millikin, with Millikin being ranked in the top 15 in the country each time the Pioneers earned the win. That includes a 101-98 overtime thriller against the Big Blue in front of frenzied fans at Van Male. Rangel also received a selection on the CSC Academic All-America team, becoming the 17th Pioneer to earn that honor, while becoming just the third Carroll women's basketball player to achieve the feat.

Carroll finished the season ranking second in all of Division-III in 3-point shooting (.378), while ranking third in scoring (79.9 ppg), fifth in assists (18.5 apg), third in field goal percentage (.479) and 21st in scoring margin (+17.2 ppg). Individually, sophomore Emilie Wizner led all of Division-III in 3-point shooting (.486), while Rangel finished the season ranked 23rd in the nation in assists (4.8 apg) and 26th in total points (518).

As a team, Carroll set several school records this season. In addition to the most wins in program history, the Pioneers set new marks for single-season points (2,236), scoring average (79.9 ppg), scoring margin (+17.2), assists (519), field goal percentage (.479) and defensive rebounds (789)

Joining Rangel on the All-Conference team were sophomores Natalie Gricius and Wizner, who earned First and Second Team honors, respectively. Gricius also joined Rangel on the All-Region squad, receiving Second Team

recognition. Rangel and fellow junior Chloe Halverson earned Academic All-District honors, while Halverson also won the CCIW's prestigious Elite 26 Award, given to the student-athlete who excels academically and athletically at the conference level in each of the CCIW's 26 sponsored sports.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Carroll's men's basketball team progressed well throughout this season, finishing with an overall record of 14-12 and 7-9 in the CCIW, clinching a spot in the conference tournament for the first time since the 2016-17 season. The Pioneers defeated the second and third best team in the conference. The Pioneers finished the season ranking eighth in all of Division-III in 3-point percentage defense (.285). They also ranked 59th in the nation and second in the conference with 15.6 free throws made per game. Junior Kobe Simpson earned the team's lone All-Conference nod, while seniors Justin Steinike and Tyler Miller each earned a spot on the CSC Academic All-District team.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

The College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) proudly announced the selection of the Scholar All-American Team for the fall 2023 semester, with both Carroll's men's and women's swim team earning a spot on the list, coached by Guy Gnietczynski. The Pioneer men's team, consisting of nine members, finished the fall semester with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.20, while the 17-person Carroll women's swim team boasted a GPA of 3.18.

Josie Peterson set two school records this season, one in the 100 freestyle with a time of 53.08, and another in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:58.17. She won the conference championship in the 50 freestyle for the second consecutive season, while earning All-Conference honors in the 50 and 100. Edward McConnaha also set a school record for the men's team, breaking Carroll's mark in the 100 IM with a time of 55.67. Anina Lee, Chopper Ceshker, Nicole Johnson and Peterson each earned a spot on the CSC Academic All-District team.

WOMEN'S BOWLING

Carroll's women's bowling team qualified for the CCIW Tournament this season as the number four seed. Freshman Ava Butt was named Second Team All-Conference, making her the second student-athlete to earn that distinction in the four year history of the program. Fellow freshman Kelsey Aviles earned the program's first-ever CCIW Student-Athlete of the Week award in the final week of the regular season.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Vanessa Uitenbroek earned the CCIW Outdoor Performer of the Meet award for women's field at the 2024 CCIW Outdoor Championships. In that meet, Uitenbroek won the discus with a new conference-record throw of 50.88m. In addition to that school record, Uitenbroek set a school record in the shot put with a toss of 14.83m, which was good for second place in that event. She qualified for Outdoor Nationals in three different events (shot put, discus, hammer), earning First Team All-American honors in the shot put for the third consecutive season with a third-place finish. She also earned Second Team All-American honors in the hammer throw, bringing her career All-American total to six. She was named North Region Women's Field Athlete of the Year at the conclusion of the season, while earning All-Region honors in both the discus and shot put.

Other women qualifying for outdoor nationals were Maria Falk (shot put) and Cate Gudaitis (discus). Carroll's other All-Conference performers this season included Rebekah Buboltz (800 meters), Falk (shot put and weight throw), and Grace Kelly (weight throw) during the indoor season, while the team's outdoor All-Conference performers were Gudaitis (discus), Buboltz (800 meters), Falk (shot put and hammer throw) and Grace Tinder (pole vault).

On the men's side, grad students Steven Hermsen and Jimmy Hinkley each qualified for outdoor Nationals, with Hermsen doing so in the discus and shot put and Hinkley doing the honors in the hammer throw. Both student-athletes earned All-American status. Hermsen, who was vying to become the first-ever person to become a four-time National Champion in the discus, finished second in the event, marking the seventh career All-American performance of his storied career. Hinkley earned his first career All-American performance in the hammer, finishing eighth in the event. Both also earned All-Region honors in those respective events.

In the CCIW Outdoor Championships, Nathan Raatz earned All-Conference honors with a second-place finish in the 800 meters, while Hermsen earned All-Conference honors in both the discus and shot put. Peter Marra, Will Campbell and Ethan Zilsch also earned All-Conference honors in the 110 hurdles, shot put and high jump, respectively. Hinkley won the outdoor hammer throw to earn All-Conference honors, while Hermsen and Spencer Kirstatter also earned All-Conference in the hammer throw and 10K, respectively. Hinkley and Campbell also each earned All-Conference honors in the indoor weight throw. Raatz and Brady Reusser earned All-Conference recognition in the indoor 800 and shot put, respectively.

MEN'S TENNIS

The men's tennis team finished 3-0 during the fall 2023 season. One highlight of the season came at the ITA Midwest Regional Tournament where the duo of Daniel Ezcurra, a junior from Bilbao, Spain, and Adrian Gomez, a junior from Logrono, Spain, delivered an inspired effort by advancing to the semifinals, marking the first doubles team in program history to advance to the semifinal round of the Regional Tournament.

In the spring 2024 season, the Pioneers went 9-7, including 4-3 in conference, giving Carroll the fifth seed in the CCIW Tournament, which the Pios hosted in Waukesha. Gomez and Ezcurra were both named to the All-Conference team, earning First and Second team honors, respectively. That marks the most All-Conference honors the program has received in one season since 2018. As a doubles team, that duo broke a school record for the highest winning percentage as a team in a single season, going 15-2 (.882) on the season. Ezcurra also went 14-2 (.875) in singles play, the second-highest singles winning percentage in a single season in program history.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Carroll's men's lacrosse team set a new program record for single-season victories in 2024, going 6-10 on the season, while also setting a new school record for longest winning streak (3 games). In addition, the Pioneers broke the program's single-game scoring record in back-to-back games, defeating Concordia-Chicago 16-2, before besting that score with a 20-5 win against Centenary. Freshman Brady Conwell broke school records for both single-game goals (6) and single-game points (9). Conwell also set the program's single-season record for both assists (21) and points (44). The Pios shattered the school record for goals in a season, scoring 147, which is 61 more than the previous high. They also set new school marks in assists (54) and points (201). Sophomore Goalkeeper Jake Gehl broke a single-season school record with 636

saves, nearly 400 more than the previous. Gehl's six wins also set a new single-season school record.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Carroll's women's lacrosse team had another strong season in 2024, qualifying for their sixth consecutive CCIW Tournament with a program-record 14 victories. The Pioneers finished with a 14-4 mark in a season that started with them winning their first four games and 10 of their first 11. The Pioneers also set a new school record for single-season goals (245). The Pios saw several individual records fall in 2024, as freshman Elizabeth Wang burst onto the scene with 78 goals, 86 points, 4.33 goals per game and 112 shots on goal, which all set new school marks. Freshman goal keeper Sydney Everett also established a new school record for goals against average (6.33). Sophomore Rebecca Hallman tied a single-game record with nine goals in a blowout win over North Central (IL).

Wang was joined as a First Team All-Conference selection by teammates Ariana Cullam, Samantha Hurd and Grace Tumilty. Tumilty also was named CCIW Defensive Player of the Year, marking the second time in the last three years that a Carroll player has received that honor.

As a team, Carroll finished eighth in Division III with a conference-best free position percentage of .570. They also finished the season ranking 29th in the nation in caused turnovers per game (13.0), 22nd in ground balls per game (24.22), 24th in scoring defense (7.89 gpg), 43rd in shot percentage (.484) and 47th in scoring margin (+5.72). Individually, Wang led all of D-III in free position percentage (.846), while ranking 13th in the nation in goals (78), 22nd in goals per game (4.33), 16th in free position goals per game (1.22) and 61st in points (86).

BASEBALL

The Pioneer baseball team finished the 2024 season with a 17-23 record, including 7-13 in the CCIW. The Pios finished the season ranking

59th in Division-III in stolen bases (91), 68th in stolen bases per game (2.28) and 76th in doubles (83). Individually, sophomore centerfielder Joey Appino finished 24th in the country in stolen bases (30) and 29th in runs scored (53). Lake Scott was eighth in D-III for sacrifice flies (7), while Connor Nolen was 16th in the nation with a league-best six saves as a relief pitcher.

Appino and Nolen were each named to the All-Conference team after the season, earning First and Second Team recognition, respectively. Appino shattered school records for single season runs scored (53) and stolen bases, swiping 30 bags in 31 attempts. Nolen also put his name atop the program's single-season record book with six saves and 21 appearances, while his 58 strikeouts rank second in program history. Nolen also broke his own school record for highest strikeout rate per nine innings (16.73). Outfielder Casey Mir and Pitcher Brett Buzzelli were each named to the CSC Academic All-District Team.

SOFTBALL

Carroll's softball team finished the 2024 season with a 12-26 record, including a 5-11 mark in the CCIW. The Pioneers received a pair of All-Conference selections, as Senior catcher Madison Palasz and Sophomore outfielder Abby Curtis each made an appearance on the All-CCIW Second Team. Curtis broke her own school record for single-season stolen bases with 24, a record she set last year. Her 45 career stolen bases rank second in program history, after just two seasons, just three shy of the top spot.

Curtis finished 75th in the country in stolen bases, while also ranking third in the conference. She led the team with a .357 batting average from her leadoff spot in the batting order. Carroll's pitching staff was led by Senior Andrea Kuhne's 3.13 ERA, to go along with a 7-9 record and 66 strikeouts through 100 innings of work. Kuhne earned Carroll softball's lone weekly conference award, as she received the CCIW's first Pitcher of the Week award of the season on February 26.

2024 PIOS AWARDS Ceremony Honors Student-Athletes

Student-athletes, coaches, teams and even administrative staff and an alumnus were honored in spring of 2024 at the fifth annual PIOS ceremony. Started in 2020, the PIOS celebrates the year-long success of Carroll University student-athletes. Student-athletes are nominated for these awards by their head coaches and then voted on by head coaches and athletic administrators. Nominations for the awards include the prior spring season and the current fall and winter seasons.

Athlete of the Year in a Female Sport
Olivia Rangel, Women's Basketball

Athlete of the Year in a Male Sport
Steven Hermesen, Men's Track and Field

The Kilgour Award
Katrina Hardin, Women's Lacrosse

The Buschkopf Award
Josh Raby, Football

Rookie of the Year in a Female Sport
Rebecca Hallman, Women's Lacrosse

Rookie of the Year in a Male Sport
Joey Appino, Baseball

Comeback Athlete of the Year
Rebekah Andreae, Volleyball

Play/Performance of the Year
Jimmy Hinkley, Men's Track and Field

Game/Meet/Match of the Year
Women's Basketball winning the CCIW Tournament Championship Game at #12 Illinois Wesleyan

Team of the Year
Women's Basketball

Distinguished Alumni Award
Bill '70 and Amy '86 Wick

Staff/Faculty Member of the Year
Karen Buckley

Intensive, Flexible Doctoral Program Begins at Carroll

Carroll University proudly launched its Ph.D. in Leadership and Organizational Development this fall, designed to empower visionary leaders and change agents. The innovative program is committed to fostering the highest levels of scholarship, research and practice. Currently awaiting accreditation, the program aims to cultivate leaders who are equipped to navigate and transform complex organizational environments with respect, compassion and resilience.

The Ph.D. in Leadership and Organizational Development offers a sophisticated understanding of leadership dynamics, organizational behavior and the strategic skills necessary to address the complexities of contemporary workplaces. This professionally focused degree maintains the rigor of a traditional doctoral program while preparing leaders for various organizational contexts.

Unique to this program is the opportunity for students working in K-12 systems to complete three additional courses, leading to licensure as a District Administrator/Superintendent in the state of Wisconsin, as approved by the Department of Public Instruction. This specialization positions candidates to effectively step into leadership roles within educational settings.



Fast Facts:

- Credits: 54-credit program, including a dissertation based on original research.
- Duration: Can be completed in as little as three years, with typical completion time ranging from 4-7 years.
- Cohort Model: Unique cohort model starting each fall, designed to support and encourage students throughout the program.
- Hybrid Coursework: Combination in-person and online format with weekend classes to accommodate working professionals.
- Target Audience: Designed for organizational leaders, executives, educational leaders, government and non-profit leaders, among others.
- Specialization: District Administrator License Specialization available.

This interdisciplinary program is designed to foster innovative thinkers who can lead with a deep understanding of organizational dynamics and a commitment to ethical and effective leadership. For more information about the Ph.D. in Leadership and Organizational Development at Carroll University, please visit our website or contact our admissions office.



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iRespectYou CAMPAIGN

The “iRespect You” Campaign at Carroll University epitomizes our institution’s Ethos (Respect, Integrity, and Stewardship) rooted in the goal of being a socially just organization. It seeks to cultivate a culture where every individual continues to know they are valued, celebrated, and seen. By promoting understanding and dialogue, the campaign not only enhances campus life but encourages students, faculty, and staff to know that we rise by lifting others.

Building Bridges Abroad Through Care, Compassion and Service

By Tim Muma

When students attend Carroll University, they are quickly enveloped with the spirit of service and the encouragement to learn about and engage with diverse cultures. Sometimes it's in their backyard and other times it's in another country.

Dr. Cynthia Jones-Nosacek '77 and Dr. Jeffrey Champion '82 are a pair of alums who have gone above and beyond to make a difference for those in need. Both were inspired while attending Carroll to help the underserved, whether it be locally or with a global mission in mind.

"My plan was to work in underserved areas as a physician, and I was told that Carroll had a great reputation of getting students into medical school," Dr. Jones Nosacek said. "In fact, everyone in my class who applied was accepted."

"I loved the convocations at Carroll, because they made me think more on a global scale," said Dr. Champion. "I aspired to do some sort of global mission besides a private dental practice. This was instilled in me by Dr. Bud Hudson."

Both Carroll alums have accomplished a great deal in their careers, but it has been their commitment to giving their time and talents graciously to international communities that precede them.

Dr. Jones-Nosacek's Intercontinental Alliance

The relationship between the Saints Peter and Paul parish in Milwaukee and the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Padibe, northern Uganda, is a testament to the power of international solidarity and the human spirit's resilience. Padibe is in a region that endured the horrors of the war between the Ugandan government and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Many families had to choose between this terror and life in government camps, such as the one in Padibe, where malnutrition and violence were common.

Early Beginnings and Growth of the Partnership

The partnership between the parishes began around the time the war was ending. Over the years, it has expanded significantly, touching various aspects of life in Padibe. Initially, the support focused on education, directly assisting over 20 students from primary school to university. As parents started earning income from projects initiated by the partnership, the number of supported students grew to over 100.

Several key projects have been pivotal in transforming the community. These include the construction of a sunflower press, which now exports sunflower oil worldwide, providing a significant source of income for many families. Additionally, cassava planting projects have been implemented to reduce food insecurity in the area.

Support for SS. Peter and Paul Medical Clinic

A significant portion of the partnership's efforts has been directed toward the SS. Peter and Paul Medical Clinic, run by the Sisters of Mary Immaculate. The clinic has seen substantial improvements, including the construction of a new inpatient and labor and delivery unit. Over the past six years, a dedicated individual from the partner parish who wishes to be unnamed has been visiting the clinic one to two times a year and staying for up to a month each visit.

This person's primary goals are twofold: assessing and addressing



the clinic's needs and providing medical education. One significant achievement was raising funds for a portable ultrasound machine and training a midwife to use it. They also work closely with the clinic's medical officer, seeing patients together, although they hold a license to practice medicine in Uganda independently.

Challenges Faced by the Clinic

"I have two main goals when I'm over there. First is to assess the needs of the clinic and help where possible," Dr. Jones-Nosacek said. "My other goal is to teach, working with the resources they have. I often work with a medical officer to see patients together."

The clinic faces numerous challenges, particularly supply chain issues. Essential items like suture scissors and first-line antibiotics are often unavailable. For instance, during a recent stay, there were no antibiotics to treat a hand infection from a human bite, necessitating improvised treatment without the ability to perform cultures. Additionally, the clinic's centrifuge is broken, and there are no funds to replace it. Financial difficulties are a constant issue for the clinic. Staff salaries are often delayed for months. Despite these challenges, the staff performs remarkably well with minimal



resources, sometimes working without pay.

"One of our wonderful success stories is David Ocan," Jones-Nosacek added. "David is one of the students we supported through dental school. His is only one of two dental officers for the district with contains over 150,000 people."

Mission in the Dominican Republic

Meanwhile, Dr. Champion's choice to provide help in the Dominican Republic (DR) stemmed partially from travels into Puerto Rico and Mexico, the latter as part of Carroll's New Cultural Experiences Program (NCEP) when he was a student. As noted, Dr. Champion was inspired by Dr. Bud Hudson; specifically, his NCEP to Mexico's healthcare program, which left a lasting impression.

Dr. Champion's mission work in the DR began as an opportunity to join a 30-year-old eye program in the country, to now add dental services. The DR's healthcare system struggles with inadequate services for most citizens and poor dental hygiene exacerbated by a high-sugar diet. The team's screening processes often uncovered other health issues like high blood pressure and diabetes.

"The DR citizens are part of our global family and deserve equal care," said Dr. Champion.

Challenges and Successes in the Dominican Republic

The mission faced numerous logistical challenges, including language barriers, dietary issues, and transporting equipment. Bureaucratic hurdles and corruption also posed significant obstacles. Housing varied greatly, with some locations lacking basic amenities. Even the food and drinks created potential issues.

Despite these difficulties, the clinical treatment provided was highly successful and appreciated by the DR patients and their families, who expressed their gratitude through affectionate gestures and celebratory activities.

Reflections and Unfortunate Circumstances

Unfortunately, due to logistical difficulties, loss of local support, an aging volunteer staff and other increasing challenges, the combo dental/eye mission in the DR was discontinued after 35 years. Nevertheless, the experience demonstrated the profound impact of humanitarian efforts and the resilience of those who serve.

"We hope that everything we accomplished over 35 years demonstrates that even with significant challenges, humanity can persevere and do good to help others," Dr. Champion said. "Maybe others will see our efforts and follow suit."

Both Dr. Jones-Nosacek and Dr. Champion expressed that their experiences at Carroll, including the friendship and support of students and professors, helped direct them into the people they ultimately became and the service they provided.

"One of my fondest memories at Carroll was when I found out I was accepted into medical school," Dr. Jones-Nosacek explained. "Everyone cheered for me as I entered the classroom."

"The relations I created at Carroll stand out. All my friends in Steele Hall and some fellow biology buddies that remain today," Dr. Champion said. "And now becoming a Carroll legacy family with my children becoming Carroll alumni, it makes lifetime memories and ongoing friendships into eternity."

The journeys of Dr. Jones-Nosacek and Dr. Champion, from Carroll University to international mission work, reflect a life dedicated to service and compassion, fostering global connections and transforming lives across continents.





Amy Wick (#42)
speeding past an opponent

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH McCORD

FOR CHRIST AND LEARNING

For Christ and Learning is the English translation of
"Christo et Litteris," Carroll University's motto

Alma Mater Reflections

"Thus says the Lord: As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you" –Isaiah 66:13a



REV. McCORD

At our most recent commencement celebration, the Rev. Dr. Deboarh Block, chair of our Board of Trustees, playfully quizzed graduates on their Latin. "What does 'alma mater' mean?", she asked. "Nourishing mother." Carroll, their Alma Mater, formed and fed them to become the graduates they are now, and their "Nourishing Mother" will continue to be a place of homecoming, a source of care and wisdom in a life-long relationship.

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- Had a program-best seven consecutive weeks ranked in the top 25
- The first time the program won the regular season CCIW conference title and the conference tournament championship in the same season

Wick, and her husband, Bill '70, have always been avid supporters of Carroll athletics. They soaked up everything they could this season, attending several regular season games, being on campus for the televised NCAA selection show and snagging front-row seats for the opening round of the NCAA Tournament, which Carroll also hosted for the first time since Wick's team did it in 1984.

"We are so very proud of this team. The atmosphere for the NCAA Tournament game was electric! The students came out in waves, and I loved how much support this team received. The future is bright!"

Who knows what the present or future would have looked like without the historical passing of Title IX more than half a century ago. It has allowed women's athletics to play a significant role in pushing universities like Carroll forward. Success on the court or field can lead to many ancillary positives across a campus.

"This administration has had a greater focus on athletics. President (Cindy) Gnadinger has been an amazing leader with a vision to promote and enhance athletics," Wick added. "The renovations on the horizon for the Van Male Field House are very exciting, much needed and will benefit all students and the community."

People love a winner, and Wick is hoping this is just the beginning. While Title IX was not solely designed with athletics in mind, it has allowed women's sports to make an invaluable impact across universities nationwide.

"It's been inspiring to see the long-term effects and incredible strides in women's athletics. A winning team raises the profile of a school, and in the end, success breeds success in all aspects of the university!"

Two months later I went for a sunrise hike at Hungry Mother State Park. Named for the creek running through it, Hungry Mother is where I was raised in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains of Southwest Virginia. Though it had been decades since I last hiked the Lake Trail, I still knew it: the curves around the shoreline, the smell of the forest and the sound of my shoes padding against the dirt and shale path. I breathed in my connection. I remembered where I came from, the mountain slopes that seemed to have formed the very shape of my small feet and stretched my bones into their current frame.

Two days later, in another mountain town, we honored my mother's life with a memorial service. She had passed away earlier in the summer. She, too, called the hills of Southern Appalachia home and was so happy to have moved back to those mountains just a few months before her death. Guests who had known me since childhood commented on how I had come to look more like her. It's true. The older I have gotten, the more I have noticed her eyes, sitting atop round cheekbones, in my mirror. I am reminded that even in death, my mother is still with me, still in me, still reflecting at me with love.

As the wise Rev. Dr. Block said to me, the loss of a mother is primal. Our mothers are quite literally our place of origin. We may journey far from our mothers. Time, the busyness of life and changing relationships may create many kinds of distance between us. Still, there is no denying where we come from. Our form reflects that of our birthmothers, just as our spirits reflect the many strong, nurturing forces that shape us throughout life. No matter where our pathways lead, these many "nurturing mothers" shine out into the world through us.

I like to think that our graduates will look at their aging faces and be struck by who returns their gaze in time. I hope that gaze is gentle and affectionate, appreciating each well-deserved wrinkle. I hope in turn when they look outward into their lives, they see an undeniable resemblance to their Alma Mater: the care of its people, the values of its ethos, the kinship of its community. May our graduates bear forth the best of what Carroll has given them into the world and may each of us walk our path with humble gratitude for all our nourishing mothers. After all, they are with us always.

THE COLLEGE TOUR

10 Students Featured in Show Highlighting Carroll



Check out the full episode and individual segments on our website by scanning the QR code or visit www.carrollu.edu/about/college-tour.



Carroll University made its debut on The College Tour in May 2024, marking a milestone as Wisconsin's first featured private school. The episode premiered on The College Tour's website and various apps including Roku, Apple TV, and Android platforms. Host Alex Boylan engaged with President Gnadinger in "Coffee with the President," and also spoke with Dawn Scott about "Navigating Financial Aid" and Jillian Groskreutz for "Ask Admissions."

Additionally, the episode joined The College Tour's 11th season on Amazon Prime TV starting May 28, 2024. We're excited to showcase Carroll University through this global television series, aiming to inspire prospective students with our unique campus experience and student stories.



ISA TOBERMAN

As a junior in the aviation science and drone technologies program, Isa has been able to conduct environmental research while exploring new technologies within the drone industry.



MJ SAUSSOL

An international student studying musical theatre and communication, MJ has been able to explore the variety of student groups on campus and continues to feel supported by the community.



VICTOR NUNEZ-VALADEZ

As a non-traditional student, Victor has found a home at Carroll, studying information technology and working on campus as an admission student ambassador.



WILL CAMPBELL

Will is a multi-sport athlete and business management major who is on track to complete his bachelor's and an MBA in four years as part of the direct admit program.



ELENA DONLEY

A transplant from the West Coast, Elena is thriving in the animal behavior program while making time to perform in theatre productions and staying involved in student groups like Funny Bone Mafia.



HAILEY CHERONE

Hailey has experienced firsthand the supportive community that defines Carroll and has renewed clarity and passion about her future.



JILLIAN STOEKLEN

Jillian is a nursing major who chose Carroll for its prestige in nursing. She has taken advantage of supplemental instruction – just one way that Carroll is dedicated to every student's success!



MICHAEL FLYNN

Carroll checked all the boxes for Michael, including a direct admit physical therapy program that will allow him to complete an undergraduate and doctorate in just six years.



AIMEE KORANTENG

Aimee has been able to experience American culture while sharing her own culture, too. She has further loved exploring the Waukesha area and taking advantage of academics and athletics.



ANNA CLARE MILLER

Anna Clare, a junior studying sports administration, has found a family at Carroll, especially within athletics.

CUTTING-EDGE NMR MACHINE GIVES STUDENTS AN EDGE

This is what gets students jobs!

Those were the words that stood out most upon learning about Carroll University's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) instrument the College of Arts and Sciences utilizes in hands-on labs with students. The purchase of the \$500,000 piece of equipment was made possible in part by the generosity of university donors, making Carroll one of the few schools of its size to own this invaluable instrument.

An NMR machine uses the principles of nuclear magnetic resonance to analyze molecular structures. It is the top instrument used to analyze the makeup of compounds and determine what resides in items like food and drinks. On a larger scale, NMR machines can help us understand what additives are in foods, isolate chemicals in items to see their impact on humans and even determine where in the world something originated. But this isn't all just for fun.

Access to an NMR machine facilitates undergraduate and graduate research projects. Students can conduct original research, contributing to scientific knowledge and preparing for advanced studies or careers in research and industry. They are not limited to chemistry departments, either. NMR machines are useful in biology, materials science and even medicine. This versatility allows students from various disciplines to benefit from the technology.

Like many who give with a purpose, those donating to Carroll's field of chemistry are passionate about this area and want to make an impact on advancing the work of the chemistry department. Universities like Carroll are blessed with many contributions from alumni, and the gifts to acquire the NMR machine included the same generous variety. Unrestricted donations by alumni, designating their gifts for chemistry

Of course, these donations and the acquisition of the NMR machine are a long-term investment in the future success of Carroll. Students gain practical experience with cutting-edge technology which is critical for understanding theoretical concepts and developing technical skills. Students can apply the classroom knowledge immediately to real-world scenarios, an advantage Carroll learners have over the majority of their peers who don't have access to such equipment.

An NMR machine is a crucial tool in modern scientific research and education. Proficiency with NMR technology gives students a competitive edge in the job market. Many industries, including pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals and environmental science, value employees with experience in NMR spectroscopy. Knowing how to use vital instruments and analyze the data as you would in the field, immediately upon entering the workforce, will put Carroll students at the top of many recruitment lists.

THE CARROLL FUND

The Carroll Fund supports all of the things that our students love most about Carroll University:

- Community
- Academic Excellence
- Campus Experiences
- Traditions
- Support and Resources
- Athletics and Activities
- Innovation
- Overall Affordability
- Career Impact

What do you love most about Carroll University?

Email your answers to philanthropy@carrollu.edu by December 31, 2024, for a chance to win Carroll gear!



Q: How long have you worked at Carroll?

A: **ALICIA:** I have been at Carroll since June 2019 when I started with Barnes and Noble. I became an “official” Carroll employee in April 2023 when Carroll took over the Pioneer Shop.

JULIE: 3 years on July 21st---started with Barnes and Noble and got re-hired last year.

Q: What is one task that most people don't know you do?

A: **ALICIA:** I do all things textbooks and since there is not a physical bookstore on campus, it is a task that flies under the radar. I am always thinking ahead by a semester or academic year. I work with departments to collect textbook information from faculty and coordinate with our Virtual Bookstore partner

to make sure the information is listed and available to students on the website by registration for the next semester.

JULIE: Keep customers, students and staff laughing so they enjoy their time in the Pio Shop and come back.

Q: It's 5 p.m., and you are headed home for the day. What are you likely doing?

A: **ALICIA:** Singing loudly and poorly in my car, probably stopping to go shopping before heading home to put on pajamas and hang out with my husband and fur-kids.

JULIE: First, I feed the birds and the squirrels and then I sit on the back deck and enjoy the weather with my husband.

Q: What is one piece of advice for people if they do not visit the Pioneer Shop often?

A: **ALICIA:** We try to constantly change out the items, designs, and colors we carry so there is always something new in the store, so check back often. Secondly, if you see something you like, grab it - it might not be there the next time you stop in!

JULIE: Stop in so I can show you something new you can't live without.

Q: What is one word that comes to mind when you think of your role on campus?

A: **ALICIA:** Pride. We help students and alums show their Carroll pride, incoming students proudly show off their next big adventure and families show pride for their students and their accomplishments. Over this past year, my staff has shown great pride in shaping the store and merchandise selection now that we are Carroll-owned and operated.

JULIE: Goodwill. I make an effort daily to impact the lives of everyone I come into contact with. That is literally my life motto.

Q: What is one thing about you that surprises most people?

A: **ALICIA:** I have worked in higher education for more than half of my life. I started as a student worker in a campus bookstore

JULIE: I owned my own retail shop in Madison for 20 years before meeting my husband and moving to Waukesha.

When you're on campus, stop by the Pioneer Shop and meet these two! Please note that hours change depending on the time of year. If you're looking to order Pioneer gear any time of year, visit pioshop.carrollu.edu and order two of everything!



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2024 Distinguished Alumni Awards



Pictured: John Harris '86, David Melvin Molthen, M.A. '63, Joe Zvesper '76, Douglas Klingberg, J.D. '63 and Betty Jo (Jaggard) Klingberg '63, Sandra Johnston Tracy, Ph.D. '68 and Samantha L. González '20

Douglas Klingberg, J.D. '63 and Betty Jo (Jaggard) Klingberg '63
 2024 Pioneer Service Award

The Klingberg's loyalty to Carroll is evident in their student recruitment, hosting regional alumni events, and serving as class fundraising volunteers. They organized the Wausau alumni phonathon, made matching gift donations, and contributed as OMS Executive Committee members. Betty Jo served on Carroll's Board of Trustees, Alumni Council, and Parent Council, and both led reunion committees, including their 60th Reunion. They also established the Class of 1963 Endowed Scholarship Fund and two additional scholarships. Doug and Betty Jo met at Carroll, where they were active students and later continued their support as alumni. Their legacy continues with their children, also Carroll alumni, completing three generations of family at Carroll.

John Harris '86
 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Service

John Harris is dedicated to environmental stewardship and social equity. Harris studied communication and business at Carroll, later co-founding a5 Branding & Digital with his wife, Clarice Osiecki Harris '88. They specialize in branding, marketing and communications to create healthy, sustainable communities. Harris' commitment to the environment is evident in his work with GreenTown: The Future of Community, a sustainability experience to connect public and private sectors to develop strong, renewable areas. Harris also helped launch the Oak Park Homelessness

Coalition, a 50-plus member working group whose goal is to end homelessness in Oak Park. Additionally, he and his wife established a scholarship for first-generation students at Triton Community College in Illinois.

Joe Zvesper '76
 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement: The Sullivan School of Business and Technology

Joe Zvesper, known for his strategic thinking and ability to motivate employees, became CEO of American Appraisal in 2004. After starting his career at PwC, he joined American Appraisal in 1993, leading a management buyout and expanding the firm's global presence. Under his leadership, the company grew its revenues by 525% and increased its international operations. After its sale to Duff & Phelps, now Kroll, Zvesper continued in executive roles and serves as a principal at Jacsten LLC. Elected to Carroll's board of trustees in 2013, he funded a major challenge grant and is recognized for his thoughtful leadership and significant contributions to alumni engagement.

Sandra Johnston Tracy, Ph.D. '68
 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement: School of Education & Human Services

Sandra Johnston Tracy, was the first female president of Alma College, serving for nine years and retiring in 2010. Her student-centric leadership led to a new mission statement, enrollment growth, a successful fundraising campaign, and enhanced

marketing. She also developed the Student Services Center and improved campus facilities while maintaining a balanced budget. Before Alma, Tracy was vice president of academic affairs at Mount Union College and held various academic leadership roles. With numerous publications on leadership and performance assessment, she later worked as a consultant for AGB Search. Tracy has a B.A. from Carroll, a M.Ed. from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Ph.D. from Purdue University.

James R. Starling, M.D. '65

2024 Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement: College of Health Sciences

James R. Starling, M.D., has dedicated his life to surgery and teaching future surgeons. He studied biology at Carroll and spent a year abroad at the American University of Beirut. After earning his medical degree from the University of Rochester in 1969, he completed surgical residencies at the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina. Starling served as a surgeon and professor at the University of Iowa, then at the University of Wisconsin, where he became chief of surgery. He has authored over 140 publications, received numerous awards, and participated in major surgical societies. In retirement, he has conducted 12 medical missions to Palestine, Panama, Haiti and Ecuador.

David Melvin Molthen, M.A. '63

2024 Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement: College of Arts & Sciences

David Melvin Molthen, M.A. '63, dedicated his career to advancing student learning and theatre education at Carroll. After graduating in 1963, he taught English, speech, and drama at Waterford Union High School and directed 12 productions. In 1970, he became a theatre arts professor at Carroll, later chairing the department for 20 of his 34 years there. Molthen led the creation of the Otteson Theatre and directed 35 mainstage productions. He internationalized Carroll's theatre program with exchanges and tours. Molthen was also involved in establishing high school teacher certification standards in Wisconsin. After retiring in 2004, he was granted professor emeritus status and received several awards for his contributions.

Samantha L. González '20

2024 Graduate Of the Last Decade (G.O.L.D.) Award

Samantha L. González is a pioneering healthcare professional and community activist. At Carroll University, she majored in Spanish and nursing, minored in psychology, and participated in various extracurricular activities. Upon graduation, she worked in a COVID ICU, specializing in cardiopulmonary medicine, and became a nursing lab assistant at Carroll. Currently, she is a pediatric nurse at Children's Wisconsin Hospital while pursuing a Master of Science in nursing to become a neonatal nurse practitioner. A first-generation Mexican-American, González is active in the National Association of Latino Healthcare Executives and has received numerous awards for her leadership and advocacy. Her dedication to healthcare equity and social justice underscores her impactful career.

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Greece 2024

Between May and June, 42 alumni and friends traveled to Greece for a 10-day excursion of Athens, Mykonos, and Santorini.

President Cindy and John Gnadinger joined one of the trips, and the group was able to gather with 28 Carroll students who were traveling abroad for their Cross-Cultural Experience.

The highlights included connecting with other alumni, the beauty of Santorini, touring the Acropolis and Delos, a special catamaran tour, fresh Greek salads (not to be duplicated here in the U.S.) and seafood.

Be on the lookout for other alumni trips in 2025 and beyond!





Janet Grant '74 Includes Carroll in Estate Plan to Help Others Enjoy the Benefits of a Small College



When I dearly wanted to attend Carroll in 1970, my farmer dad wasn't sure we could afford it. Ultimately, I was able to convince him that with the scholarships and loans I'd receive, it would cost no more than if I went to a state college. The affirmation of Carroll's financial aid package gave me the confidence to be involved in many activities of campus life and to

get good grades. I continue to have happy memories of faculty and staff I got to know inside and outside the classroom. As an early student in the Communications Department, Dr. Hemmer served as my advisor; Dr. Williams and I co-chaired the January Term program; Dr. Buzza encouraged me in the challenges of being a resident assistant; Mr. Van Ess showed me what a good supervisor could be when I worked the library front desk—and so many memories.

For the past 50 years I have continued to work in nonprofits and in education, having just retired as a hospital chaplain. With my family tradition of thriftiness and excellent opportunities over the years, it is a privilege for me to be able to include Carroll in my estate plan. Maybe another farm kid will be able to attend, enjoy the benefits of the small college, and have as good a life as I have enjoyed.

—Janet Grant '74



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CLASS NOTES

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The following updates were received between Oct. 21, 2023 and May 15, 2024.

1960s

Ernie Hopp '61 was recently honored by Rockport United Methodist Church, in his hometown of Rocky River, Ohio, for 15 years of dedication, expertise, and service to its Endowment and Finance committee. He has shared his experience and knowledge with his faith community to steward and manage the congregation's financial wellness and position. Congratulations Ernie on your retirement!



James Didier '69 and his children, Jason and Paula, pointing out James' photo on the Wall of Honor at the Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, TX. James served in the Air Force from 1969-1973.

1970s

Jim DeJong '73 was recognized as a Wisconsin Super Lawyer. Out of over 15,000 lawyers in Wisconsin, just 5% are selected to appear on the Wisconsin Super Lawyers list. Jim is the Chairman Emeritus at O'Neil Cannon Hollman DeJong & Laing S.C.

Debbie (Cleveland) Cassettari '75, Pat (Metzger) Wickert '75, Kris (Simonis) Luecht '75, Lura (Balsom) Bonzelet '75, Karen Johnson '75, and Kathy (Andes) Wojs '75 had a summer get-together. They are looking forward to their 50th Reunion Celebration at the 2025 Homecoming and Reunion Weekend!



After four years retired from being Dean of Library Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, **Terrance Burton '74** serves on the University of Oregon Libraries Advancement Council and teaches marching bands in Texas.

Bruce Deadman '76 received the Distinguished Conservationist Award from the Boy Scouts of America. This award honors adult Scouters who have rendered distinguished service to natural resource conservation over at least 20 years, emphasizing their impact on youth and educational programs. Mr. Deadman, an Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver award recipient, has volunteered with Scouting for over 20 years, serving on Wisconsin's Bay Lakes Council Boards. Active with Ducks Unlimited since 1982, he led efforts for a national agreement between DU and Scouting and served on the Board of Directors of DU's Mexican affiliate, DUMAC.

At the American Heart Association Annual Sessions in November 2023, **Dr. Elfriede Pahl Schuette '79** received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pediatric Heart Transplant Society. Dr. Pahl Schuette is a former Carroll trustee and recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Alumna Award for Professional Achievement. She retired from Northwestern University as a Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics and now does part-time research consulting. She spends her time exploring new hobbies, traveling with her husband, and visiting her three daughters and new grandchild.

Barb (Hoops) Geiger '79 is excited to announce the upcoming publication of her most recent book, *Mississippi Meanderings*, a collection of 30 river poems, widely available on July 26, 2024. Learn more about Mississippi Meanderings and Barb's other work on her website, barbgeiger.com.

1980s



Dr. Jeff Champion '82 recently received the Community Outreach Award on behalf of the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA)

in recognition of his local and international volunteer service.

James Drought '82 is a Professional Hydrologist and Managing Director of the Wisconsin Operations of GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc., a national geotechnical and environmental consulting firm.



James swims competitively, and completed

an open water swim race in Sydney, Australia with 1976 Olympic Gold Medalist Jim Montgomery, in December 2023.

1990s

Brian Fricker '92 has been included in Marquis Who's Who. Fricker is the president of Staffing Partners Inc., which has been recognized by the Wisconsin Business Journal as a Top-Ranked Staffing Company in Wisconsin.

Andrew Hysell '93 of Sun Prairie, WI, announced his bid for the Democratic nomination to represent the newly drawn 48th Assembly District.

Tanya Atkinson '93, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, was invited to be Congresswoman Gwen Moore's guest to the State of the Union address on March 7, 2024.

Rebecca S. Wiesner-Hawkins '94, DNP completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Walden University in December 2022. Her doctoral abstract was selected to present at the 2024 Sigma Theta Tau Creating Healthy Work Environments International Conference in March, 2024, in Washington D.C.

Joel Herbst '96 and **Claire Rhode '20, DPT '22** are working on the North American tour of the Broadway show, Beetlejuice. Herbst is the company manager, and Rhode is a physical therapist.

Frank Juárez '97 has been named the new SchoolArts Magazine Editor-in-Chief and the incoming National Art Education Foundation (NAEF) Vice-Chair.

2000s

The Sheboygan County Museum has hired **Brett Lobello '01** as its new executive director following a national search.

Jim Hershey '01, Founder and Executive Director of GEM Academy, was on a research team that created an abstract presented by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), University of Minnesota, and Arizona State University, focusing on weight loss in adolescents with obesity without bariatric surgery or medication.



Rev. Christina Schoenwetter '02 was ordained into Christian ministry with the United Church of Christ, and has been called as the Associate Pastor of Engagement at St. John's United

Church of Christ in Monroe, WI.

The public finance team of Colliers Securities

has added **Aaron Schroeder '02** as a senior vice president based in Milwaukee.

Eighth grade math teacher at North Shore Middle School, **Jim Vento '02, M.Ed. '08**, and creative writing teacher at Arrowhead Union High School, **Elizabeth Jorgensen M.Ed. '09**, were nominated for the LifeChanger of the Year Award. This award celebrates a K-12 teacher or school employee making a difference in students' lives.

The Women & Girl's Fund of Waukesha County has elected **Lauren (Radonski) Ruff '07**, Marketing Director of Ixonia Bank, to its Board of Directors. Lauren began sharing her marketing knowledge with the Women & Girl's Fund as a member of the Marketing Committee. Now, as a new board member, Lauren is excited to support women and girls even more - and will work to increase awareness.

Brittainy Cherry '09, author of many romance novels, announced that one of her books, *The Air He Breathes*, will become a film sponsored by Passionflix. The two main characters of her book will be portrayed by Kelcie Stranahan as "Liz" and Ryan Carnes as "Tristan." Learn more at bcherrybooks.com/books.

Elizabeth Jorgensen M.Ed. '09 has published four books within the last few years: *Gwen Jorgensen: USA's First Olympic Gold Medal Triathlete*, *Sijo: Korea's Poetry Form*, *Hacking Student Learning Habits: 9 Ways to Foster Resilient Learners* and *Assess the Process Not the Outcome*, and *Go, Gwen, Go: A Family's Journey to Olympic Gold*. More information on these books are available at lizjorgensen.weebly.com.

2010s

Ross Bukouricz '12 joined the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County as controller.

Kyle Jones '12, MBA '15 has been named Simpson College's 24th head men's basketball coach. Jones was a four-year starter for the Pioneer men's basketball team, spent eight seasons coaching Pioneer men's basketball, and has spent the last three years as the top assistant coach at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Aras Promotions, a Mequon-based promotional staffing agency and project management services firm, announced that **Maddie Ziemann-Otto '12** has been named chief operating officer.



Six CU alumni celebrated the birth of their children. From left to right: Jack Rasmussen, born in November 2023 to **Kevin '13 and**



Megan (Rosenberg) '15 Rasmussen, Leland Eggert, born in July 2023 to **Nate '12 and Jennie (Fisher) '13 Eggert**, and Riker Dabson, born in June 2023 to **Seth '13 and Jenna (Scudder) '14 Dabson**.



Alison (Vander Pol) Drabek '14 and her husband, Troy, welcomed Alaina Louise to their family November 7, 2023.

The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators has named **Jeffrey (Allen) Taeye M.Ed. '14** as its 2023 Wisconsin Associate (AP) Principal of the Year. Taeye has served as assistant principal at Butler Middle School in Waukesha for the past seven years.



Chris '14, DPT '16 and Alicia (Limberg) '16 Pynenberg were married on April 15, 2023, and welcomed their son, Elliott Jon, on January 10, 2024.

Mike '15, DPT '17 and Angela (Sondalle) '15, DPT '17 Thoreson welcomed Theo Thomas Thoreson to their family on November 10, 2023.



Carroll University Alumni Council member **Abbie (Bottom) Van Ess '16, MBA '18** married Alex Van Ess on October 14, 2023.



Rachel (Gibson) Stern '19 welcomed a baby boy to her family on May 20, 2023.

Nursing alumna **Jordan Paterson '19** will be starting school this fall at Milwaukee School of Engineering for her Masters in Science in Perfusion. There were over 200 applicants for a class of eight. Jordan attributes a lot of it to her nursing degree and professional relationships with staff at Aurora St Luke's as a big reason to why she was selected. "I hope to gain experience to one day work as a pediatric perfusionist to give back in honor of my late nephew Maxwell Riley Paterson."

2020s

Shannon (Affelt) Freeman '19 wed Joe Freeman on April 14, 2023, in Delavan, Wisconsin.



Ilan '19, DPT '21 and Sarah (Koeppel) '20 Davies were wed on November 11, 2023. Ian and Sarah met during their Cross Cultural Experience course in Spring 2018, where they traveled to the Appalachian Mountains with Professor Jon Gordon and 12 other students.

Holding six NCAA All-American honors, two-time CCIW Men's Student Athlete of the Year, **Steven Hermesen '22, DPT '24**, was interviewed by TMJ4 News to talk about his goal of making the Olympic Trials in discus. "He'd be the first one, at Carroll," Assistant Track and Field Coach Shawn Thielitz said. Hermesen earned his Doctor of Physical Therapy at Carroll in May 2024.

Samuel Brickley MPAS '23 recently joined the Essentia Health-West Duluth Clinic, specializing in family medicine

Mary Hoynacki '11 wrote and published her first children's book, *The Groovy Blube*. This tale unfolds around Gerry, a spirited blueberry with an aspiration to play the saxophone in a New York City jazz club. Gerry teaches kids the joy of music, the power of determination, and the importance of following their dreams. Learn more on Youtube, @TheGroovyBlube.



Carroll Faculty and Staff



Josh Hughes, videographer and photographer, and his wife, Alli, welcomed Shannon Hughes on November 19, 2023.



Joelle Curry, senior supplemental instruction coordinator, and her partner, Darvell, welcomed beautiful daughter Alani Elizabeth on October 25, 2023.

IN MEMORIAM

The following updates were received between Oct. 21, 2023 and July 15, 2024.

1940s

John G. Davies '48 passed away on Jan. 26, 2024. John is survived by his daughter, Nancy Davies. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joan (Beer) Davies '49; brother, Paul Davies '49; and sister-in-law, Patricia (Kraus) Davies '48. John's father was the Rev. Zac Davies '14 and Professor Emeritus of Bible (Religious Studies) for his entire career.

Richard "Dick" H. Walter '48 passed away late on the evening of May 25, 2022, in Las Vegas, NV at the age of 96. Richard is survived by his sons Rick, Greg and other family members.

At the age of 95, **Gordon Samuel Mann '49** went home to the Lord and to his wife Barbara (Chapin) Mann '50, on June 26, 2023. He leaves behind two children, six grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

1950s

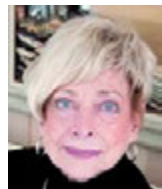
Donald M. Moncher '50 of Phoenix, Arizona, peacefully died on June 15, 2024, at the age of 98 surrounded by his family. A devoted husband and father, he was most proud of his family and considered them his greatest blessing. At Carroll, Don met the love of his life, Bette (Johnson) Moncher '53, whom he was married to for 61 years before she passed in 2013. Don was inducted into the Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984, as is his son, Tim Moncher '76, who was inducted in 1990.

Eugene "Gene" J. Bertacchini '50, age 96, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2024, at AngelsGrace Hospice in Oconomowoc, WI. Gene was drafted while in college to serve in the U.S. Army. Due to the G.I. Bill, Gene returned to Carroll, where he earned his degree in Business Administration. He was active in Greek life as a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, and Chair of the Student Senate. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 31 years, Wendy Barber Bertacchini, and his children, Sandra, Tom and Jeff.

Marguerite "Marge" B. Goetsch '50, age 97, of Neillsville, WI, passed away peacefully on Sept. 3, 2023, at her home. Marguerite is survived by her daughters, Susan Pavlovich,

Lisa (Thomas) Nagel, and Debbie (Mike) Perkl, and other family members.

William J. Poulos '51 passed away on Oct. 29, 2023, at Whispering Pines Assisted Living in Plover, WI at age 94. Bill is survived by two daughters, Carrie (Gene) Hancock and Cynthia (Gery Glodowski).



Alice Jean (Crofts) Morava '52 passed away peacefully on Mar. 7, 2024, after a brief illness at Aurora Zilber

Family Hospice in Wauwatosa, WI. Carroll was a central part of Alice's identity. She was the first of her siblings to go to college. Her Presbyterian minister in Fond du Lac, along with her mother, chose Carroll for Alice. Her sister Shirley '54, and brothers, Sidney '60 and John '67, would follow. Four Crofts children with Carroll degrees—a legacy of which Carroll and Alice were most proud.

Alice was a history major with a minor in elementary education. She was a member of Beta Chi Theta and a founding member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority in 1952. She served in student senate, Associated Woman's Society, and was the prom queen in 1951. Most notable of her time at Carroll, she met her husband, Bob Morava, also from the class of 1952. Together after graduation, they built the business, Stuart W. Johnson & Co., in Lake Geneva, Wis., an equipment and supplies company to the food and dairy industries.

She served on the Carroll Board of Trustees from 1990-2018. Alice was especially instrumental in helping to secure the lead gift of \$5 million from her fellow classmate and friend, Michael Jaharis, class of 1950, helping make the Michael and Mary Jaharis Science Laboratories a reality. She also was extremely proud of her investment in the Crofts Morava Pavilion, which connects and bridges the east side of campus to the west reflecting the architectural integrity and preservation of historic value of Wisconsin's first college. She is survived by her two children, Robert and Catherine.

Dianne L. (Miller) Benishek '54 age 90 of Sturgeon Bay, died Oct.

7, 2023. In 1954, she graduated from Carroll College and married fellow graduate Charles Benishek on Aug. 21, 1954. Dianne is survived by daughters Anne (Roger) Gentz, Beth (James) Eberle, and son Robert (Mary) Benishek.

Donna (Johnson) Ihrcke '54 passed away on Oct. 14, 2023, at the age of 91. Donna attended Carroll where she majored in sociology. She joined the Alpha Xi Delta sorority and developed lifelong friendships. These women regularly met for lunch for over 50 years. While at Carroll, she also met and fell in love with Irl, who was three years her junior. They married while she was still a senior in college and were married for 67 years.

Suzanne M. (Saubert) Schaefer '55 a longtime resident of Waukesha, was born to eternal life on July 6, 2024, at age 90. She earned a double major in psychology and early childhood education, was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority and met her husband, Ernst H. Schaefer '54 while attending Carroll. She is survived by children Lee Ann (David) Overman, Tom (Michele) Schaefer, Barbara, Kim, Dawn and Rob (Annie) Schaefer.

Carl A. Nell '56 passed away at the age of 90 on June 30, 2024. While attending Carroll, Carl met his wife Arline of 68 years. He was an elementary school teacher and principal with Milwaukee Public Schools for 36 years. He has three children, two of whom also attended Carroll: Sheri, Lori '86 and Paul '83. His granddaughter Emma currently attends Carroll.

Marjorie "Midge" Jean (Glass) Pinkerton '56, at the age of 89, with her loving family by her side, passed from this earthly life peacefully on Nov. 28, 2023, to reunite with her husband and eternal heavenly family. Marjorie is survived by son Steven (Audrey) and daughter Kathryn (Mark).

Robert L. Schmitke '56 passed away peacefully on June 27, 2024, in Sarasota, FL. He lived a long and prosperous life for 90 years and 3 months, Bob grew up in Peshtigo, WI and attended Carroll University.

Donna J. (Feggstad) Offerdahl '57, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on Jan. 25, 2024, at her residence

in Oak Park Heights, MN at the age of 88. She was active in many Carroll activities, including student council, drama, choir, baseball and volleyball and was named Homecoming Queen and Chi Omega President. Donna earned her bachelor's in elementary education and was immediately hired after graduation by the School District of Waukesha at Whittier School. That same year, on June 14, 1957, she married her college sweetheart, Phillip John Offerdahl. Donna is survived by her six children; Sonya (James) Gindorff, Julie (Richard) Enger, Kari (William) Weber, Eric Offerdahl, Nelson (Abbie) Offerdahl, Leif (Lorri) Offerdahl as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and Offerdahl nieces and nephews.

Patricia R. (Teshnow) Tellefson '57 was born to Eternal Life on Jan. 17, 2024, at the age of 88. She is survived by legacy family members: daughter Amy A. Surprise '88, son Tom G. Tellefson '84, daughter-in-law Sandra L. Tellefson '83 and grandson Ryan C. Surprise '17.

Herbert Cy "Herb" Wong, Sr. '58 died peacefully on Jan. 26, 2024, at age 93 at Wynwood House, State College, PA. Herb served with the United States Marine Corps. He fought in the Korean War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He then graduated from Carroll with a bachelor's of science in Biology. While at Carroll, he excelled in football as a guard and linebacker. Herbert is survived by children Susan M. Wong-Luchesi, Herbert C. (Barbara) Wong, Jr., Denise C. (Douglas) Wong Kelly, and David C. (Maggie) Wong.

Robert J. Krause '58 passed away on Mar. 27, 2024, in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 88.

Edward H. Hall '59 passed away on Oct. 1, 2023, at the age of 86. Edward double-majored in Business Marketing & Psychology while attending Officer Candidate School for the US Marine Corp. He later served in and received an honorable discharge from the Marines. He is survived by his wife Sherry, sons Mike and Jeff, daughter-in-law, Sandy and other family members.

Gerrit J. Lawrence '59 passed away on Nov. 18, 2023.

Judith "Judy" M. (Raye Morey) Gardner '59, formerly of Genesee Depot, died on Dec. 8, 2023, at the age of 86, joining her beloved husband Robert M. Gardner who predeceased her only days earlier. Judy is survived by her children: David (Monica) Sanderson, Kathy (Mark) Andrews, Bob (Sawako Nishikawa) Sanderson, Lisa (Joel) Cox and stepdaughter Rachel (Keith) Bridges.

1960s

Gerald A. Gehl '60 of Chippewa Falls, WI, passed away peacefully at home at the age of 84 on Sept. 5, 2023, with his wife at his side. Gerald's greatest recreational pleasure was travel shared with his wife, Carol, who along with daughters, Holly Sue (Tim) Reiter and Sara Louise (Scott) Eidam, survive him.

Sharon K. (D'Andrea) Melendes '61 left this world peacefully on Feb. 29, 2024, in Summit, NJ, at the age of 85, leaving behind a legacy of community service, love, and cherished memories. After obtaining her bachelor's degree in education from Carroll, she dedicated her life to the service of others, first as an elementary school teacher and then as a beloved substitute teacher. Sharon is survived by her husband, Robert J. Melendes, children Stephen (Marcy), Chris (Monica) and Joseph (Sofia) Melendes and other family members.

John S. Budde '63 passed away on June 15, 2024. John majored in business administration and was known for his athletic accomplishments while at Carroll, specifically in basketball. He was inducted into the Carroll Hall of Fame in 1973. He is survived by his wife, Kathlyn G. (Meccia) Budde '62, and siblings, Peter Budde '66 and Kathryn Budde-Jones '74.

Nancy A. (Weideman) Phelps '63, lawyer, mother, opera lover, and Bucks fan, died at her home in Milwaukee, on Aug. 31, 2024, after a valiant battle with cancer. She was 82 years old. Nancy graduated from Marquette Law School in 1972 and practiced law for over 50 years. She was named Best Civilian Practitioner by the Milwaukee Bar. She is survived by children, Dr. Lori Phelps, Libby (Bob Stueber), Melissa McGee and other family members.

Barbara A. (Crooks) LaMere '64 passed away peacefully on June 26, 2022, at the age of 80. Barbara

is survived by her son Keith (Jane) and daughter, Michelle (Ryk) Paradis, and other family members.

John Everett Colburn Jr. '64 peacefully passed away at home in Columbia, MD on Oct. 13, 2022, surrounded by family and friends. John is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Conley Colburn, children, John Kevin Colburn (Erika), Carrie Simon, Kathy Colburn, and other family members.

Described as inimitable and beloved, **Kaaren L. (Andersen) Nowicki '64** died of colon cancer on Feb. 22, 2024, at home, surrounded by loving family. While attending Carroll she met her adoring husband, Steve. Kaaren is survived by husband Steve, son Andy (Jenny), brother Jason, sister Patricia (Mark) Bromley, and other family members.

V. Kirt Fiegel '64 loving husband and father, successful businessman, civic leader, philanthropist, and great friend, passed away in Elkhorn, WI on July 26, 2023, at the age of 81, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Kirt is survived by his wife, Dixie, daughters Andrea, Laurie (Jason) Matesevac, and brother, Todd.



Dr. Richard "Dick" J. Watkins '65, professor emeritus of chemistry, died at AngelsGrace Hospice in

Oconomowoc on Jan. 22, 2024, at the age of 82.

Personally, and professionally, Carroll played an integral role in the life of Dick. He majored in chemistry and was active in a multitude of activities and organizations, including the independent men's club, orientation and homecoming committees, "C" club, dorm counselor, Kappa Delta Pi, and member of the men's basketball and tennis teams. Watkins also met and was married on Carroll's campus to his late wife, Roberta (Illingworth) Watkins '65. After graduating from Carroll, Dick was awarded a PhD in Chemistry from Indiana University in 1969. He taught 31 years as a Chemistry Professor, seven at Cornell College in Iowa and 24 at Carroll University, nurturing and developing young scientific minds. Watkins was known as the guru of organic chemistry, teaching

the full-year sequence of Organic I and II, Advanced Organic, and Instrumentation.

Memorial contributions to the Richard J. Watkins Endowed Scholarship in Chemistry Fund at Carroll University are appreciated.

Sara (Martin) Potthast '65 of Woodstock IL, passed away at 80 on Nov. 7, 2023, in her home. Sara graduated from Carroll with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. She worked for Harris Bank, Chicago (now BMO) from 1965 - 2005, rising to vice-president before retiring to work alongside her husband at his law office. Sara is survived by her husband James, step-daughters, Lara Coler and Jolie McGuigan, her brother Bruce Martin and other family and friends.

Ann D. (Klug) Musche '66 passed away, obituary could not be found.

Beverley A. (Vetter) Letcher '67 of Durand, IL died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Nov. 12, 2023, at the age of 78. Beth was a lifelong educator. To know her was to know the kindest soul who loved deeply and served humbly. Beverley is survived by her husband, George, children Kathy Letterman, Andy (Krista LeBaron) Letcher, Amy (Jeff) Wasil and David (Alyssa) Letcher.

Calvin "Cal" Henry George '67 of Santa Fe, NM, passed away at 77 in April 2023, from complications of cancer. Cal received his BA from Carroll College and MA from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He founded the Community HealthCorps, a federal AmeriCorps program to improve the capacity and effectiveness of community-based health care delivery designed to increase medical care for the underserved and improve patient self-management. As National Director, he grew the organization to a country-wide program. A lover of all the arts, Cal was an incredible photographer with a minimalist approach and had photos displayed in Santa Fe galleries. He is survived by his wife Pat, daughter Karen Tiliakos, son Mark Steven Tiliakos, sister Catharine Margaret Bailes (Keith), and other relatives and friends.

Margaret D. (Staley) Truesdale '67 passed away on Sept. 11, 2023, at the age of 77. She is survived by her husband Carl Truesdale, whom she met while at Carroll, son Thomas, daughters Marie and Carla, and six grandchildren. Margaret was an avid bird watcher and outdoor enthusiast. She became a talented

gardener, developing her yards into havens for a wide variety of birds.

Nathan B. Clow '67, age 78, passed away on Dec. 3, 2023, in Allure of Pinecrest, Mt. Morris, IL. Nate loved gardening, golfing, casinos, and his dogs. He is survived by his 5 step-children, Mike, Nick (Dawn), Tom (Teresa), John (Nancy), and Deb (Kevin) and other relatives.

On May 5, 2024, **Terry A. Berger '68** of Englewood, FL died suddenly and unexpectedly several days post-surgery at the age of 77. In 2008, Terry was recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Professional Achievement. Terry is survived by his wife of 51 years, Leslie Candance Berger, daughter, Blair Kristen Berger and other family and friends.

Jerelyn (Zweifel) Dybdahl '68 passed away on Jan. 19, 2023, at the age of 77. Jerelyn graduated from Carroll with a bachelor's in education. She was the beloved wife of 51 years to Dolan, loving mother of Brendon (Debra) and David (Emily), cherished grandmother and dear sister-in-law. Further survived by other relatives and friends.

Judith "Judy" Ann (Wikle) Ottman '68 died at age 77 on Mar. 12, 2024. She is survived by her husband of 56 years Richard "Dick" Ottman whom she met at Carroll. Judy is also survived by her sister, Maren Ray, daughter Gerda Ottman (Wade Eckhoff), daughter Kaarin Ottman (Isaac Larson), her grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

David A. Powell '68 passed away on June 28, 2024, at the age of 77. David earned his bachelor's in art and art education. He studied under Wis Guthrie who had a strong influence on David's development as an artist and use of found objects in his own artwork. A respected artist and art teacher, he is survived by his wife Diane B. Powell '68 and son Joshua A. Powell.

1970s

Gail L. (Perlewitz) Jacobs '72 passed away, no obituary could be found.



Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Reigle '73, age 72, of Kewaskum, WI went to his heavenly home on Nov. 22, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Jeff

IN MEMORIAM

The following updates were received between Oct. 21, 2023 and July 15, 2024.

earned his business and economics degree from Carroll where he met his wife of almost 50 years, Jean (Schaller) Reigle '73. Jeff served as President & CEO of Regal Ware from 1992-2021. He served on the Carroll Board of Trustees from 1995-2004. He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, Matthew (Meghann), Ryan (Katie), and Scott (Ashley); six grandchildren; father, James; siblings, Jenny (Peter) Zack, and Doug Reigle and many other family and friends.

Kenneth W. Koprowski '73 of Pewaukee, passed away peacefully at his home on Jan. 9, 2024, at age 72 after a courageous battle with cancer for 7 years. Kenneth is survived by his wife, Cynthia, children Ashley (Randy) Behnke, Craig (Emily) Koprowski, his grandchildren and siblings Carol (Donald) Fanning, Donna (Richard) Gales, and Sandy (Roger) Erdman. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Thomas J. Flanary '73 passed away at the age of 70 on Mar. 27, 2021, after a lengthy illness. Tom is survived by siblings, Michael, Timothy, Patrick and Kelly Ann.

Carol Jean (Harms) Brooks '75 of Post Lake, WI, passed away unexpectedly at age 70 on May 26, 2024, at her home. Carol is survived by her husband Ken, children, Steve (Nichole) Brooks, Laura Brooks, Ryan (Claire) Brooks, and four grandchildren.

Ross D. Milbrath '75 a retired elementary school teacher for Waukesha public schools, passed away at the age of 69 on July 1, 2023. Ross is survived by his sister, Dianne Engel, and other relatives and friends.

William J. Laubenheimer '75 died unexpectedly on July 19, 2023, at the age of 67 while traveling in Winnipeg, Canada. William is survived by his wife of 23 years, his siblings, their families and other relatives and friends.

Following an arduous and valiant fight against cancer, **Michelle "Shelly" Elizabeth (Zakrzewski) Busby '76** passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Aug. 21, 2023 at the age of 69. Shelly was a loved and respected educator. She received several honors during her tenure including Counselor of the Year in Kansas City and the

Kindest Kansas Citian award. She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Steve, her daughter Sara (Al) Ralston, her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



José A. Olivieri '78, an accomplished attorney and devoted civic leader, died on June 9, 2024, from cancer.

José was a pillar of the Hispanic community and an esteemed Managing Partner at the law firm Michael Best and Friedrich, where he worked for over forty years.

Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, he was recruited to Carroll where he met Jeanne (Nikolai) Olivieri '79. The two were married in 1978, and they made a home, a family, and a legacy in Milwaukee. He received his juris doctorate from Marquette University Law School in 1981 and joined Michael Best as an associate that same year.

José was no stranger to service serving on the boards of a long list of organizations that strive to make the greater Milwaukee community a better place to work and live. He was someone who brought vision and leadership to the many organizations with which he was associated. He was the recipient of the 2000 Carroll University Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Service.

He served on many boards through greater Milwaukee including the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Public Library, Latino Arts, Milwaukee Urban League, La Casa de Esperanza, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Hispanic Economic Enterprises, University of Wisconsin Board of Regents, and United Community Center. He was instrumental in the growth of the UCC and was a leader in the joining of the United Community Center and the Bruce Guadalupe Community School under one roof.

He served on the Carroll Board of Trustees from 2009-2019 and was Board Chair. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne '79; his three children, Elisa, Lucas and Elena; and his sister-in-laws, Beth (Nikolai) Heyrman '80 and Mary (Nikolai) Kollmansberger '82.

Eileen A. Fesco '79 passed away unexpectedly at OSF St. Francis Medical Center at age 66 in Peoria, IL on Oct. 28, 2023, following a vehicle accident. Eileen is survived by her father, Dr. Edward Fesco and siblings, John, Nora, Carol and Beth. She was preceded in death by her mother, Anne and sister, Mary.

William "Bill" E. Richards '79 of Downers Grove, IL, died suddenly of heart failure on Apr. 2, 2024, at age 69. He met his wife Sandra L. Wegner-Richards '79 at Carroll with whom he established the William E. '79 & Sandra L. Richards '79 Endowed Scholarship. He was also a member of the Business Advisory Council from 2013-2018. William is survived by his wife, Sandy, and children Victoria (Jay) Maxwell and Beckett Richards.

1980s

Joseph B. Horn '80 of Longmont, CO, passed away at 63, on Jan. 16, 2022.



Diane K. (Dwyer) De La Santos '81, beloved founder of City on a Hill-Milwaukee, passed from

this earthly life into her heavenly home, on Jan. 18, 2024, at the age of 72, after a courageous fight with cancer. Diane was awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award for Community Service by Carroll in 2016. She is survived by daughter, Adela, son Daniel and siblings Debra (Dan) Nordquist, Mark (Barbara) Dwyer, Karen Dwyer and David (Miranda) Dwyer.

Dr. George P. Rooney '82 of Glasgow, KY passed away on Jan. 22, 2024, at age 64 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Dr. Rooney is survived by his wife, Lilly; his daughter, Katherine Klein and other family members.

Ehrick "Eric" V. Long '84 passed away on Feb. 29, 2024, at 62. Ehrick was offered a full, four-year scholarship to a prestigious undergraduate school, but chose Carroll based on its music program and offerings (his concentration was the keyboard and clarinet). Ehrick is survived by his mother, Earnesteen, sisters Amy and Amina (Robert) Wilkins and other family members.

David J. McCormick '85 a resident

of Mesa, AZ entered eternal rest at age 76 on Feb. 8, 2024. David is survived by his wife Annette (Fernandez), daughters Jennifer Murphy, Alison Schmidt (Gary), brothers Scott (Robin), Terry (Cathy), Steve (Nadine), and other family members.

1990s

Kriss A. (Handeland) Loftus '90 of Carol Stream, IL passed away on July 5, 2024 at the age of 66. Kriss is survived by her husband, Tim Loftus, her daughter, Tara Jade Pietz and partner Alex Mharcei, step-children, grandchildren and siblings, Jack, Jill and Tom and ex-husbands, Mark Sankey and Michael Pietz.

Michele F. Reed-Hudson '90, age 55 of Cecil, passed away on Oct. 21, 2023. She graduated from Carroll with a bachelor's in criminal justice and worked as a dispatcher for the Menominee Tribal Police Department, as Menominee County Clerk, and at Maehnowesekiyah Wellness Center. Michele is survived by her parents Philip and Janice, siblings Lowell, Jolene, Heather (Donnie) Trainor and other family and friends.

Thomas Burton Weaver III '94, beloved husband, father, and coach, passed away on Apr. 9, 2024. He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in human services. Throughout his career, he advocated for children and adults with disabilities, working to help them set and reach specific goals that would contribute to an improved quality of life. Thomas is survived by his wife, Keri Davis-Weaver, children, Blake, Ethan and Eliana, brother, John and other family members.

2000s

Yvonne Maria Akoth Ochilo '05 passed away on Mar. 22, 2024 at the age of 42.

2010s

Todd D. Wallschlaeger '14 passed away at the age of 41 on Dec. 28, 2023. Todd graduated from Carroll with a bachelor's in religious studies and went on to receive his Master of Theology from St. Leo University. He is survived by his

father, David, and his sister, Amy.

Danielle L. Czyzewski '17 known to her loved ones as Dani, passed away peacefully on Dec. 3, 2023, in Shiloh, IL, at the age of 28.

Jason M. Schroedel '18 died unexpectedly on Mar. 22, 2023, at home in Eugene, Oregon. He earned a master's degree with honors in Occupational Therapy.

Faculty and Friends of Carroll

Jeanne Louise (Zoellner) Grosskopf passed away at Wausau Manor on Mar. 7, 2024. Jeanne is survived by children, Kelly (Barb) Grosskopf, Kurt (Anita Wobst) Grosskopf and other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Kevin and wife, Laura. Jeanne was married to Quinten Clark Grosskopf, professor emeritus, who passed away on Mar. 9, 2024.



Quinten C. Grosskopf associate professor emeritus of mathematics from 1966-1995, passed away on

Mar. 9, 2024, at Wausau Aspirus Hospital.

He graduated from UW-Stevens Point Teacher's College in 1956 and began his teaching career at Stratford High School teaching Mathematics. It was while in Stratford he met his wife, Jeanne Louise Zoellner and they had 3 children; Kelly (Barb) Grosskopf, Kevin (Laurel) Grosskopf (both deceased) and Kurt Grosskopf.

He then completed coursework at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Northern Iowa, University of Iowa, and the University of Missouri.

He graduated with a master's in mathematics and began to teach college math at Keokuk Junior College in Keokuk, IA from 1961 to 1966. Always the teacher, he then accepted a position as an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Carroll University.

While in Waukesha, he was active in his church, enjoyed bowling with friends and wife, and supporting his 3 children's activities. His vegetable garden in Waukesha was always a place to relax, get some exercise and share its spoils with friends and neighbors. He remained at

Carroll until his retirement in 1995, retiring as an Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

After retirement he and his wife Jeanne moved to Rib Mountain to be closer to both sides of the family. He enjoyed time with family and friends, gardening on the the family farm in Bowler, traveling to his son's various duty stations. He was an avid Civil War and opera buff, always reading and listening to a variety of opera music when he could.

Nancy Halloran Cuppage, age 90, died peacefully in her dreams on Dec. 4, 2023. Beloved mother of Michael (Cindy) Halloran, Pamela (Sidney) Adema and stepmother of Meredith (Scott) Sawyer, Carolyn Cuppage and Janet Cuppage.

Donna Joy (Franke) Hupe of Sister Bay, died peacefully on Mar. 27, 2024, surrounded by her beloved family. Born on Nov. 16, 1938, Donna lived a life marked by family, community, and a variety of interests. Donna served as a librarian at Carroll after obtaining her master's degree. She is survived by husband, Don; daughters, Dawn (Gary) Klein, Cheryl Hupe-Hoefert (Eric) and Margaret Hupe; sister, Roberta Bataaldan (Gary) and other family and friends.

Elizabeth "Betsy" (Danielson) Janssen, on Apr. 9, 2024, surrounded by family, peacefully entered eternal life at age 83. Betsy is survived by her husband, Leon; children, Jodi (Jim) Jacobson, Jay (Barb) Janssen and David (Jen Kolesar) Janssen and other relatives and friends.

Dale A. Knutson of Waukesha, WI, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2023, at the age of 91. Dale is survived by his wife, Gay, children Laura (Joe) Koenig, Richard, Julia '88 (Tim) Rupnow, Marcia Kafura '91, brother Robert (Marge) and other relatives and friends.

Judith A. Lichucki passed away, no obituary could be found.

Barbara (JoAnn) Payne peacefully departed this world on Dec. 6, 2023, surrounded by cherished loved ones at home. JoAnn was a 35-year dedicated employee at Carroll, retiring in 2015. Her nurturing spirit and genuine kindness created a welcoming atmosphere wherever she went. She is survived by her son, Stephen (Sandy Anderson-Payne), siblings, Richard (Phyllis) Erickson, Beth (Monte) Cole, Alan (Jeanette) Erickson and other family members.



Paul Alan Roys professor emeritus of physics from 1961-1989, a dedicated professor and esteemed

chairman of the physics department, departed from this world on Oct. 24, 2023, at the remarkable age of 97. Paul's life was a testament to a deep love for the pursuit of knowledge, a commitment to education, and a profound sense of family. He left an indelible mark on the academic community and the countless students he mentored. Paul's legacy as an educator, a mentor, and a loving family man will continue to live on in the hearts and minds of all those he touched.

James "Jim" A. Sewrey passed away on Jan. 20, 2024, at the age of 96. James became an internationally known Percussion Educator, Music Director and Percussion Instructor. He was a charter member of American School Band Directors Association (ASBDA) and founding member and author of Percussive Arts Society. Jim was a recipient of the Milwaukee Civic Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award and the Al and Gladys Wright Lifetime Achievement Award. He also received ASBDA's highest honor - the Edwin Frankel Goldman Award. His is survived by his children, Jacques, Robin, James L., Bridget (John) Rohde, Heather and other family members.

Monica Anne (Sramek) Traversone passed away on Jan. 19, 2023. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Ken Traversone '70, daughter Amy Traversone-Kalkwarf (Ben) and many other relatives and friends.



Dr. Glenn A. Van Haitsma, professor emeritus of English from 1958-1993, passed away on May 2, 2024, at the age of 97.

In 1958, Glenn accepted a position in the English Department at Carroll where he would remain for his teaching career. Glenn became a highly respected member of the faculty, serving as the first Faculty President, pioneering a core curriculum of interdisciplinary studies, and launching the popular NCEP (New Cultural Experience

Program) inter-term courses that have been formative for many Carroll students.

Glenn and his wife, Ruth, were active in their Waukesha community. Founding members in 1962 of the Waukesha Council on Human Relations (now the Equal Opportunity Commission), they organized a city-wide fair housing campaign and helped establish groups that continue to serve Waukesha today, including La Casa de Esperanza, Hebron House and Plowshare. In his teaching, Glenn introduced the first Black, Chicano, Native American and Third World Literature courses at Carroll, and he led students in immersive cross-cultural learning experiences to the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation, Rust College in Mississippi, and the Ecumenical Institute in Chicago. Glenn was active in several regional academic groups that fostered incorporating ethnic studies and social justice into teaching, and he and Ruth were involved in the Society for Values in Higher Education for many years.

Glenn's conscientious teaching style meant many late-night hours preparing for class and reading hand-written student papers. He team-taught several Wilderness Studies courses that included canoeing in the Boundary Waters, and he portaged canoes as handily as students a third his age. Glenn particularly loved mountain-climbing, and at age 71, he was the eldest of an inter-generational group of Carroll students and faculty who trekked the mountains of Nepal. He is survived by many relatives and friends.

Rochelle "Shelly" E. Wisner passed away on Oct. 12, 2023, after suffering from ovarian cancer. With her keen sense of color, she became an impressive artist using mainly oils and pastels. With that artistry, she beautified and brought joy to her husband, David '68. In addition to David, Shelly is survived by her daughters, Heather (Louis) Cadavid and Heidi McMurry, sister, Roxanne Davis and other relatives and friends.



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