

# CLASS NOTES

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## 1941

**Harriet Rosenbaum Wendell** (above) celebrated her 100th Birthday on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019 with family and friends in Amherst, Mass.

## 1942

**Marjorie Aldrich Bowers** celebrated her 100th birthday on April 14, 2020. Her daughter, **Pat Bowers Thomas '73**, shared that her mother became the first woman scientist hired to work in the Thomas A Edison Labs in New Jersey. During her early to mid-20s, she additionally was granted her first patent (as a co-patentee with a male scientist) in piezoelectric crystals. Marjorie still talks about the future and explores the past. She remembers to ask about many friends and family.

## 1946

We are indebted to **Jean Bump Panek**, our former class editor, who passed away in 2019. As the new editor, I, **Ruth Swartley Maxson**, have contacted each known remaining member of our class. This has been a labor of love, and I am thankful to have been in touch with so many. I am still in my own home and, though needing a walker, I am driving, volunteering, etc. With a large family and many friends, life is good. At this age and stage, we especially remember to send our best wishes to those who may be needing extra care. Please keep in touch.

**Eleanor Steele Paddock** sent a delightful letter, remembering the 50 cents an hour she earned on a work scholarship in the dining room! Widowed after a 70-year marriage with her husband, Art, she is still living in her own home, busy as ever.

**Gloria Abrams Fryer** lives in Palm Beach, Fla. and happily celebrated her 95th birthday with family. That may sound familiar to many of us.

**Elizabeth Keefe** is enjoying good care in the Medical Unit of Southampton Estates, as is **Norma Dietz Tarlow** in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

## 1950

**Marjorie Eisenberger Smith** (below) lives in a condominium in Brunswick, Maine. She enjoys visiting her daughter, son-in-law, and three grandsons for dinner every Saturday afternoon. She is a proud alumna and enjoys staying up-to-date on the latest news from Arcadia.



## 1951

**Helene Fox Tobias** is a worker for Planned Parenthood and Women's Political Committee, among other worthy causes. For her 90th birthday in March, she celebrated with a party for about 50 women who have touched her life in some way, ranging from her hairdresser to her two daughters-in-law and many people in between!

**Jane Padwee** has been living in Florida for some years, where she is slowing down on some of her activities but still has a book group and attends her former docent meetings. She recently flew to Hohokus, N.J. to spend Christmas with her daughter Leslie and family.

**Patricia Stevenson Rittenhouse** is a retired physical education teacher living in a retirement community in Lansdale, Pa. She is very active as she serves as the vice president of the Residents Association, writes for the resident

paper, teaches Sunday school in her church, and volunteers with the Arcadia University Alumni Association. She also has four great-grandchildren to brag about!

I, **Natalie Gumport Holtzman**, had a super 90th birthday last May in Chicago where sons, wives, and grandchildren gathered as a mid-US destination so no one had to travel too far from California, Massachusetts, New York, or Pennsylvania. We enjoyed all the highlights from comedy clubs, architectural tours, museums, walking food tours, history tours, etc. I'm volunteering at Habitat For Humanity, AARP, and a soup kitchen. I often go to New York City with friends for plays, concerts, and museums. I gave up tennis after the summer of 2019 and try to stay out of trouble!

**Ellen Bernstein Gamberg** has lived in the same house since about 1953, where she raised two children. She has a son, a physicist, living in Wynwood and a daughter, an artist, living in Seattle. There are also three grandchildren to add to the pleasures of life!

**Carol Worden Harris** and her husband have lived in their ground floor condo for 21 years. The ground floor is very important as Carol has had two hip replacements and a knee replacement. As opposed to her joints, her mind works very well, and her husband is a very handy man to have around. They have three children nearby, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. One daughter-in-law is from Sweden and one is from Finland.

**Margaret Willis Carlton** is feeling fine and living in a house in Virginia. She always spends the month of October in the Cotswolds with friends. At home, she has a fine relationship with some Amish friends and their wonderful vegetable gardens. She has one granddaughter.

**Ginny Ahern Henderickson** had wonderful advice for us all: Don't look back, don't smoke, have a positive outlook, and choose good ancestors! She taught for many years, earned the nickname of "grandteacher," and often runs into the students she taught throughout her teaching career. She had two sons but sadly, she lost a son three years ago. She remains good friends with both daughters-in-law.

**Jacqueline Jackson Swenson** moved to Virginia to live in her own home on the ample property of her son, Kurt, and daughter-in-law, Linda. After a serious illness in November, and a stay in a rehabilitation center, she is delighted to be back home. Linda runs a horse farm with rescue horses and a mule named Elvis. Jackie has four sons, 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

## 1957

**Shirley Radcliffe Momiya** is doing well and living happily in Hawaii.

**Betty Tate Kirwan's** husband, Bill, shares that they were hoping to relocate to Chapel Hill, N.C. to a continuing care retirement community called the Cedars of Chapel Hill, just minutes from their daughter, Alicia, son-in-law, Chris, and two grandchildren. Betty has difficulty writing due to her Parkinson's, but she still loves gardening, meets with a trainer, and continues to read avidly.

**Jean Stout Fletcher** had a good year cruising to the Azores, Lisbon, and Southampton. They visited their son and family in London for a few days and spent the summer on Cape Cod. Another trip took them to Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. Once again, they're spending their winter in Naples, Fla., where they play golf and continue to be involved in community activities.

**Audrey Jukofsky Kaplan-Friedman** sold her Huntingdon Valley home and has made Jupiter, Fla. her permanent

residence. She had fun making some upgrades to the home and keeps busy playing golf, going to the gym, playing cards, and leading a busy social life at Admirals Cove.

**Doris Markovitz Leof** and her husband have moved to Tucson, Ariz. where they had only visited during the winters for the past 15 years. This is a permanent move this time with her daughter living nearby. Her grandson is in Buffalo, and another son is still at the University of Iowa. Her son and his two boys live in London, England.

**Betty Siebener Kleman** shared that she had a bad fall and lots of therapy but is on the mend now.

I, **Freda Friz Schopfer**, am still maintaining my CURVES Fitness Club for Women in our small Pennsylvania town of Dublin. After six months of building renovation, we are happily settled in a new location within our building, where we continue to help women get and stay healthy. It is so gratifying to witness successes, great and small. Remember to send any news, any time to fredaschopfer@gmail.com or 1337 Sylvan Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

## 1958

We begin with sad news from **Carol Schoch Vorosmarti**, "My husband, Jim, passed in February 2019. He was a big fan of Beaver College since we met there on a blind date at Thomas Hall in 1957. We almost made it to our 60th anniversary. I'm still painting and showing my watercolors and have become an obsessive gardener. So many plants and so little space to put them! It's a challenge!"

**Pat Fletcher Lyford** says, "Larry and I are well. However, I recently flew to visit my son Peter's family to provide some TLC and respite from some serious health problems with my daughter-in-law. Otherwise, we're doing okay with our usual activities: Rotary, matinees, and lunches, local symphony, dinners out, and doctor appointments."

**Alma Alabikian** has taken on a new task at her church, which will soon be celebrating its 100th anniversary. In order to gather information for a book on the history of the parish, Alma has organized an archives committee to preserve and codify information on the church's important events and accomplishments. Editor's note: knowing Alma as well as we do, I don't think the project could be in more capable hands!

As for your class editor, **Dwaine Fry Sutherland**, I am burdened with the shingles. They're from the bottom of my right ear down to my chin. I'm lucky that I've had very little pain. They tell me that it can take six to 12 months to get rid of them. There goes my modeling career! Oh well, my cat Clyde still loves me! Thanks for the kind and encouraging words I've received. I'm always up for a phone call. Until next time!

We send our condolences to **Gwendolyn Reich Rosvold**, whose husband, Donald, passed away on May 20, 2018.

## 1959

**Barbara Dreher Sterner's** grandson is studying ophthalmology at Columbia University.

**Mary Lou Pickell Nelson** has a grandson and granddaughter-in-law living in Glenside, Pa., who both practice law in Philadelphia.

**Sue Douglass Mitchell's** daughter is director of Spectrum 360, which is an organization for adults with autism in Morris County, N.J. Sue spent a delightful week in Connecticut visiting classmate, **Julie Craig Baldwin**.

**Ann Husing** has a son who is getting his doctoral degree in Cybersecurity from a Tennessee University. Her granddaughter is a Tennessee state champion in gymnastics.

**Jane Lewis Grove's** granddaughter went to Clemson University in South Carolina for veterinary camp.

**Debbie Gable's** great-nephew has his doctoral degree from Emory University and is currently doing breast cancer research in Chicago.

## 1961

**Lyanne Lindo Wassermann** shares, "I am involved with the Knights for Nutrition Pantry, which seeks to help undergraduate and graduate students avoid hunger by providing access to nutritional food so that they can focus on their studies and reach their academic goals. Students, at times, are faced with a lack of access to nutritious meals as they journey through college. We have generous partners who consistently provide donated items and monetary gifts. Food drives are held at least three times each academic year. Students have the opportunity to "shop" with a certain number of points once per week for nonperishable foods, fresh produce, toiletry items, and menstrual hygiene products. Item donations can be made any time when the pantry is open. Outside of those times, the Knights for Nutrition Pantry can be reached at [aupantry@arcadia.edu](mailto:aupantry@arcadia.edu)."

## 1962

Arcadia University's #UKnightedTuesday brought together alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, parents, and friends in a collective show of support for the University and its students. **Ilene Rubin Silver Berman '74** and her husband hosted **Lyanne Lindo Wassermann '61** and her husband, and **Lynn Kronenberg Berman** and her husband, for the #UKnightedTuesday Global Event at the Boca Raton Resort and Hotel, in Boca Raton, Fla.

**Joyce Orenstein Sobelman** tells us, "I'm 92 now, but for my 80th Birthday, I had a great family party and bought myself a Prius that I still drive. Two big events coming up include the wedding of my youngest grandson and the wedding of my oldest great-granddaughter. Maybe I'll live long enough to be a great-great-grandmother! My 'big sister' during my time at Arcadia was **Parsla Krievs**. I'm wondering, what's her story?"

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**Ginny Dunstan Bruno** (above) exclaims, "How in the world are we 80? Anyway, I am fit and well and planning various activities for this birthday year. I went to the Glyndebourne Opera last year as an early treat to see *The Magic Flute*. This year I plan to cruise the Danube River to visit Vienna and Budapest. I will have a lunch party for my 80th Birthday weekend for about 30 people—I am already planning the menu and hoping for good weather in September. I continue to act as a room steward for Chiswick House and Gardens, a local Palladian villa, and enjoy my art classes. I also enjoy a lot of opera, theatre, and cinema."



**Sherry Kugler Weidner** (above) tells us, "I have had an interesting fall. I flew to Singapore for Thanksgiving with my younger son Jim and his family. While there, we took a trip to Cambodia and Bali,

Indonesia. We visited Angkor Wat temple, the Monkey Forest, terraced rice fields, and many other interesting places. On my return trip, I stopped in Tokyo, Japan for a visit with my roommate **Keiko Tani Fujimoto**. It was wonderful to have this time together. It is interesting how our lives paralleled in many respects. She married, had three children, taught English, and has grandchildren. Keiko and her husband, Ted, live near a son. I also married, had two sons and a daughter, and was a teacher. We reminisced about our years at Beaver and current life events. We both wished **Barbara Starks Favazza** could be with us."

**Wilma Maxwell Gray** shares, "This is the year that most of us will celebrate our 80th. Wow, how fortunate we are! Ed and I continue to enjoy our trips to visit family and friends who keep us traveling to more and more new destinations. Our three children, eight grandchildren, and nieces and nephews live in ten different states and on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. Our friends are all over the country and the world too. Last summer, Ed and I enjoyed a beautiful trip by train across Canada. There are so many interesting and breathtaking places to see in this world of ours. We recommend train travel, especially on the Rocky Mountaineer! We have some special trips planned for our 80th year. Life is good, and we are thankful!"

**Betty White Jameson** says, "I have very little to share except possibly the reassuring news that I'm not pregnant! My husband was very relieved. Paul and I just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary and he turned 90 two months later. I hope all our classmates are well!"

**Gilda Battaglia Rorro-Baldassari's** daughter, Dr. Mary C. Rorro, performed on the viola at the annual Investiture Mass for the Royal Order of Savoy. The event took place in the Eglise de Saint-Jean-Baptiste, in New York City.



*Gilda Battaglia Rorro-Baldassari, honorary vice consul for Italy, is photographed with Emanuele Filiberto of Savoy, Prince of Venice.*

**Patricia Allen** shares, "I'm busier now than when I was working... if only I got paid! I'm into my second year as chair of our Four Season's Education Committee and worked six-hour days as the graphic designer for our program celebrating Black History Month. We have a mini museum on the topic of "The Great Migration 1915-1970." I'm still learning thanks to my committee's varied programs. It keeps those little grey cells busy. And I'm so fortunate that I get to work with a great group of people. I'm still very active with the Stay Focused Photo Club. Living just three miles from the John B. Forsythe Wildlife Reserve gives me countless opportunities to photograph birds.

Ann and I managed one small trip last Fall to Hilton Head to rendezvous with English friends we met several years ago in Key West. That was great fun and fortunately the weather was good. Do you mean I'm going to be 80 this year? How did that happen so soon? I know **Virginia Bruno** will beat me to that milestone four days before I do! It's nice to be younger."



**Gail Spevack Wohl, Connie Gerber Levin, Gail Weiner Biben '64, Lynn Kronenberg Berman, Linda May Sklar, Carol Plesser Miller, and Janet Copeland Zinman** (photographed above) gathered for lunch in Delray Beach, Fla. in December. We had a great time reminiscing. Our group gets together at least once during the snowbird season in Florida, again at the Florida Arcadia Reunion, and once in the summer in New York City with non-snowbirds joining us. All are welcome to join!

Your class editor, **Lynne Kronenberg Berman**, says, "Since we don't have a class fund agent (any volunteers?), please remember to *support our Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship Fund*. I expect to receive a report for 2019 soon, and I will email a copy to you. If you receive my email requests for *Arcadia* magazine news, you will get it. If you don't, please send me your current email and home addresses (you can send it to the Alumni Office too), and I will get you into the loop. Feel free to send me news throughout the year! The magazine is published twice a year."

## 1965

**Ruth Cassel Hoffman** retired with her husband Miles to Black Mountain, N.C. in 2016. Her first book of poetry, *All the Air We Will Ever Breathe*, was published in November 2019 by Finishing Line Press. She had previously helped design a program, sponsored by the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, to teach basic Spanish to congregations and live radical hospitality among their Spanish-speaking neighbors. The book that Ruth co-wrote for that project, *Who Is My Neighbor? ¿Quién Es Mi Vecino? Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality*, is available through Cokesbury Press.

## 1966

**Joan Reifsnnyder Sears** cannot believe how quickly time is passing as she watches her seven grandchildren, ages 10 to 16, grow and mature. She and Al enjoy watching all of their sporting events, concerts, etc. This past fall, Joan and Al traveled to France for a month, where they enjoyed a river cruise and land tour of Paris and Provence. Back in California, they joined a health club, and Joan is "addicted" to Mat Pilates.

**Holly Ludwig Pfeiffer** is also enjoying going to her granddaughters' activities. In her spare time, Holly sings in her church choir, volunteers at a local museum, goes skiing and square dancing, and serves on numerous church committees. Her son, Chris, turned 50 and she can't believe that she has a son that old!

I, **Judith Simon King**, spent a fun day with **Miki Waldman De Baise, Diane Duffy Hoch, Sue Thomas, and Jean Walker '62** at a local craft show in November. It was a Beaver day of laughing, shopping, looking, oohing, and aahing.

I joined a third duplicate bridge group this year and met **Virginia Parsons Wostmann '60**. We enjoy talking about Beaver, and she has lots of stories to tell about bus rides between Jenkintown and Glenside. I'm glad we were on one campus!

**Margaret Wolpert Rutkowski** and I talk every week so we can keep up to date on each other's activities and the newest family developments. During our annual February reunion in Florida, we relax together and talk all day and night! Be sure to keep in touch so we can fill in the space under 1966! Thanks, enjoy!

## 1969

**Jaynie Ponge Coleman** is a retired educator after 27 years in the classroom and 17 years as a consultant and learning specialist. She is happily retired and enjoys volunteering, traveling, and being a grandma.

**Janet Parker DeLaney** shares, "I spent over 40 years in the field of Interior Design. I was president of our local chapter of the American Society of Interior Design (ASID) and on the national board. My involvement in a local non-profit art gallery, 1708 Gallery, led to time as treasurer and president."

**Linda Smith McAdoo** says, "After graduating in June of 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and getting married in 1969, I worked for 43 years as an office manager in both the public and private sector and served for many years as recording secretary for the Planning Commissions of East Norriton and Whitpain Townships in Montgomery County. I have always been involved in my community on many volunteer levels, including serving on the North Wales Library Board of Directors for 25 years, with terms as secretary and president, the North Wales Library Capital Campaign Committee, the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission, and the Woman's Civic Club of North Wales."

## 1979

Wow, we are all in our sixties. Can you believe it? I, **Caryn Best-Randall**, have been married 18 years to a wonderful husband who gifted me two "bonus" daughters, and we now have two teenage grandchildren! I am now on my third career living right outside of Williamsburg, Va., and I am loving my time as a York County School Division bus dispatcher. I became a licensed and ordained elder at my church over ten years ago. Prior to that, I was an ordained minister. I am currently active in community outreach and have traveled the globe in support of world-wide missions. I am looking forward to all the reconnections with my '79 classmates!

The Dr. Finbarr O'Connor Prize for Shifting the Paradigm was established through the philanthropic support of **Suneet P. Chauhan '79, '18H** and his wife, Laurie Pitchford, and is named in honor of **Dr. Finbarr "Barry" O'Connor**, professor emeritus and former chair of Religion and Philosophy. The O'Connor Prize is a \$10,000 award presented annually at Arcadia University's Honors Convocation to members of the Arcadia community—students, alumni, faculty, staff, and parents—who challenge conventional thinking, solve problems in their field, or address issues in their local and global communities through discovery, critical analysis, logic, and creativity.

**Deborah Dancy Ingram** says, "Hello Classmates! I cannot believe it's been 40 years since we left our beautiful campus at Beaver College. Overall, I have had a blessed, fulfilled life. I am the proud mother of two successful daughters, both with advanced degrees and great careers, a son-in-love, and an 18-month-old granddaughter who just melts my heart. After leaving Beaver, I married and started a family. I was fortunate to join the workforce of the Celanese Corporation in 1988. Currently, I am a sales account manager, selling thermoplastic engineering resins for the medical division of Celanese. After 31 years of employment—having been relocated to the Midwest in the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio area, and then relocated back to the East Coast—I am looking forward to retirement soon. I have had the privilege of taking spectacular vacations around the world, and enjoying these experiences with my children, and now my granddaughter. She already has several stamps in her passport. I enjoy giving back and serving my community through impactful activities with my sorority sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., going to the movies, traveling, and family time. We had a very nice time at the 40th reunion last year at Arcadia. The campus has changed so much. Hoping to see even more of us attend our 45th reunion in 2024!"

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**Patricia Mayr Moore '79, '84MED** shares, "I am in my fifth year teaching preschool. As a former classroom teacher and reading specialist, this is very different but lots of fun. My husband and I have downsized and relocated to Collegeville where my children and their significant others also live. We see them quite often. Our nearly two-year-old puppy is the only child left in the house."

**Mary Murphy Lee** says, "I am still working for the School District of Philadelphia. I'm no longer in the classroom though. I am now working with architects and construction staff to lend an educational experience to how schools should be designed and built from an educator's perspective. It's exciting and still gives me the opportunity to work with teachers and administrators, but I do miss those little munchkins! It's hard to believe I'm going into my 39th year with the district. I also have two little munchkins, a granddaughter and grandson, to spoil whenever I can. Spare time is a commodity—I don't have much of it, but I am looking forward to a trip to Denmark shortly. I'm ready to travel if any of my classmates want a traveling partner, let me know!"

**Wendy Slutsky Josephs** shares, "I recently retired from the Bucks County Intermediate Unit. Since retiring, I went vacationing on my first cruise, am catching up on my reading, and volunteering weekly at Manna on Main Street in the food pantry. What once was a summer volunteer job has become a weekly endeavor."

**1985**

**Linda Stein** joined the Communication Solutions Group, a full-service marketing firm in Jenkintown, Pa. as a public relations and content writer.

**1988**

**Kevin Shollenberger** shares, "This past December marked 30 years of my work in higher education in student affairs. I

have been with Johns Hopkins University for the past six years as vice provost of student affairs. This August, I was very excited to take on a new role as vice provost for student health and well-being. I oversee all the health education, primary care, counseling services, disability services, as well as violence and sexual assault prevention programs for our multiple campuses in Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and abroad. Over Thanksgiving, I was reminded of the many hilarious times we had at Beaver College. My mother shared with me that she finally threw away my Mr. Beaver crown. If I remember correctly, it was a grey hard hat with a stuffed Beaver pasted on top—tres chic. Even more than the silliness of that evening, I remember with fondness preparing for all the skits with the awesome Castle women."

What a treat for **Susan Gerhard** and **Deborah Kuebler**

**Lindabery**, graduates of the Physical Therapy program, to bump into each other at a forum co-sponsored by Arcadia University and the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) in January. The event had hundreds of participants, some attending in person in the University Commons, and with many other physical therapists watching the forum remotely with video streaming, a technology that we couldn't have imagined back in our college days. Debbie and Sue are proud to say they graduated from Arcadia's prestigious PT program, which is ranked 20th in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*.

**1992**

**Kenneth Samen** received the Points of Light's President's Volunteer Service Award for his outstanding service to his community.

**1993**

**Frank Quinn** retired from Johnson & Johnson.

**1996**

**Ronald Eanes** retired from Alexandria City Public Schools in Virginia after 22 years of service. During that time, he taught first, second, and third

grade and worked as a reading specialist. In retirement, Ron works as an election officer and performs with the DC Different Drummers Symphonic Band and the Alexandria Singers.

**2002**

**Rosalyn Andrews** was named director of finance/CFO for The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The Comet).

**2005**

**Meg Eubank '05, '07MED** received the inaugural Dr. Finbarr O'Connor Prize for Shifting the Paradigm.

**2009**

**Christine Klepper Russo** and **Alessandro Russo**, married on July 20, 2019, in Blue Point, on Long Island, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Russo had their honeymoon in Ireland, where they took a road trip to explore the beautiful emerald green island.

**Dana Bartelt** spent four days driving around Britain.

**Kevin Janus** started a new job as regional vice president of the Ameritas Life Insurance Company.

**Mandee Metzger** founded and owns Inner Light Botanicals, a 100% natural skincare and lifestyle brand for the earth- and energy-conscious with a mission to support suicide prevention and awareness. Yoga-inspired and based on the idea of Ayurvedic routine, it combines many aspects of mindfulness and natural living into one package that helps you use the small spaces in time during your daily routine to create positive movement in your life. At the core of Inner Light Botanicals' values is Ahimsa (meaning non-violence in Sanskrit) with a deep love for all of this planet's beings, including the self. A percentage of each sale is donated to a non-profit that supports suicide prevention and awareness. You can find more information about the brand at [innerlightbotanicals.com](http://innerlightbotanicals.com)

**2010**

**Melissa Pikul** shares, "I've taken a slightly different route with my degree in History, and I am now the owner and

jewelry designer of Metals & Pieces, which specializes in historical chainmaille, recycled bullet jewelry, and accessories for the woman who wants a touch of epic adventure for her wardrobe. One of my designs was recently worn by Marie Osmond in the Lifetime movie *The Road Home for Christmas.*”

**Shaina McAndrews** was sworn into the Board of Directors for the Montgomery County Association of Realtors, serving 2020-2021. This position will help her serve her clients, colleagues, and community in a greater capacity. The inauguration was held at The Highlands Mansion in Fort Washington on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020.

**Christina Kahmar McGinley '10M** was appointed executive director of Foundation and Alumni Relations at Bucks County Community College in December.

**Lindsay Antonik McGann '10MPH** received the Arcadia University Adjunct Faculty Award.

**Andrew Santagata** shares, “My wife, Jennifer, and I are celebrating the birth of our first child, Lila Rose Santagata, born on Sept. 2, 2019. On a professional level, we’re also celebrating my promotion to supply chain excellence manager for the US division of Arla Foods.”

**2012**

**Danielle Frank** accepted the position of copy editor for the *Little People of America (LPA) Today* national magazine. Little People of America is a national non-profit organization that serves over 6,000 members with skeletal dysplasia and their families.

**2013**

**Joseph Brunell, CPA '13** was promoted to managing associate at Drucker & Scaccetti (D&S), a strategic tax planning and consulting firm. In this role, he manages client engagements, supervises, trains, and assesses the performance

of associates and assists with practice development. He provides customized tax consulting, planning, and preparation services to complex privately held companies and their owners.

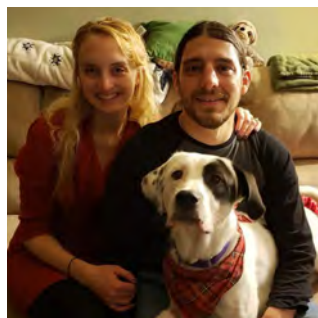
**Zachary Baker** earned his Ph.D. and is now a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota.

**Madeline Ehelebe** got married in 2015 and now has the official title of “stepmama.” She and her husband bought their first home in fall 2019. Madeline is a full-time procurement manager for a public higher education institution and also helps her husband run a small business. She is pursuing a Master of Business Administration.



**Katie Dry, '13DPT** and **Abbie Doberstein '10, '13DPT** (above) got married on Oct. 26, 2019. In attendance at the wedding were classmates **Adrienne Beauduy Wickwire '13DPT**, **Brittany Bennett Myczkowski '13DPT**, **Keri Denaro '13DPT**, and **Kelly Magrann '13DPT**. Katie works as a research and evaluation associate at Penn State University, and Abbie is a physical therapist at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Nittany Valley.

**Monica McFann Evangelista** married her high school sweetheart on Oct. 18, 2014. They have done a lot of traveling together, including Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks in 2014, where Monica has decided she wants to retire, Rome and Praiano, Italy in 2018 (her first trip outside of the US), and Niagara Falls in 2019. She and her husband sadly had to put down their seven-year-old German Shorthair Pointer at the end of 2019, but they



welcomed 2020 with their first rescue puppy, Lena. Monica is a solutions consultant at Accolade, a healthcare advocacy company in Plymouth Meeting. She is also celebrating eight years of teaching dance and being able to share her passion with her students.

**Drew Hurchick** moved back to his beloved Northeastern Pennsylvania where he lives with his wife, **Nicole Sowinski Hurchick '14**, and their retired racing greyhound, Leroy. Drew works as a state trooper tasked with patrolling rural communities on the PA/NY border. Drew and Nicole got married in 2018.



**Julie Hutton** (above) moved to Baltimore and began working at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. She works in unaccompanied refugee minor and unaccompanied children foster Care national programming as a program manager for foster care. Julie was recently inducted into the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy Hall of Fame for the work that she has been doing with refugee and migrant children. She also received her 200-hour yoga teacher certification from YogaWorks in Baltimore, Md.

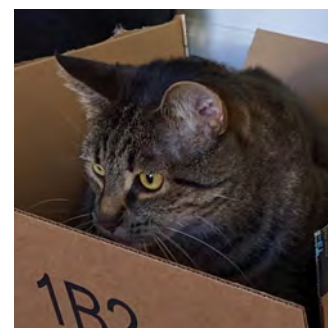


**Hope Kwiatkowski** (above) graduated from UC Davis Law School in 2017 and passed the California bar. She then moved to Washington, D.C., where she now resides. Hope is a staff attorney in the Eviction Defense Services program with Rising for Justice in Washington, D.C.

**Billy Peitz** just had his first anniversary working at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) in the Records and Registration Office as a reporting analyst. He will be getting married in December 2020.

**Ashling Suppan** and her boyfriend, Dan, became homeowners in October 2019. She works at Ursinus College as assistant director of Student Financial Services. Ashling also volunteers for the Make-A-Wish Foundation as a wish granter for the Philadelphia-Delaware-Susquehanna Valley chapter.

**Jennifer Walters '13, '14M** received her Ph.D. in Chemistry and moved to Columbus, Ohio to start a new position as a postdoctoral researcher at Ohio State University. She also adopted a six-year-old cat, Frida.





**Gregory Yerkes** (above) moved to Western Australia where he now works in leadership development and executive coaching.

**2014**

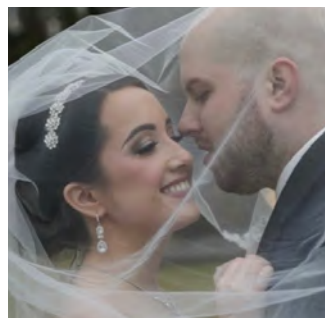
Since graduating from Arcadia, **Jessica DeGroff** has received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and will graduate in June 2020 with a Master of Science in Nurse Practitioner. She was married on June 7, 2019, and received the ER Nurse of the year award in 2019 for Hunterdon Medical Center, N.J.

In August 2019, **Daniel Whitehurst** and **Kayla Peterson** got engaged.

**Deborah Ludwig '14DPT** became an adjunct instructor of Nursing at Pennsylvania Institute of Technology where she teaches the class, Understanding Anatomy and Physiology. She is still a regional director with Mercy Home Health, just dipping her toes in the teaching end of things.

**Rebecca Lynn Cate '14M** has become both a licensed professional counselor in the state of Pennsylvania and a certified yoga therapist.

**Nicholas Bongarzone** and **Erin Schneider '15** (below) met at Arcadia and were married on January 4, 2020.



**Evelyn Hahn** started working in March 2014 at Copper Ridge, a facility that specializes in care for people with neurocognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease, frontotemporal dementia, and various others. She is excited to be a part of a research project involving a new balance assessment to address fall risk in people with cognitive impairments. She married **Ronald Hahn** in May 2015. They had their first child, **Odin Hahn**, in 2017 and are now expecting a second child in June 2020.

**April Stanke Mohr** and **Simon Mohr '16, '19MEd** are celebrating their third anniversary in June 2020.

**Joe Neill** and his wife started a business specializing in niche engine parts for exotic cars and heavy-duty trucks. They launched momentumworx.com and just opened a sales office in downtown Quakertown.

**Stephanie McDougal '14DPT** is entering the Air Force in February 2020. She will continue to work as a physical therapist stationed in Los Angeles.

**Kathleen Madara '14DPT** completed her Ph.D. in Biomechanics and Movement Science in 2018 at the University of Delaware and is currently a postdoctoral researcher in the Arcadia Shoulder Research Lab.

**Dayvone Smith '14, '19MBA** is the proud mother of a daughter in the Airforce and a beautiful granddaughter. She recently completed her Master of Business Administration at Arcadia in 2019, is currently employed with Genesis healthcare, and has started her own consulting and funding business.

**Katlyn Davies** got married in December 2019.



**2015**

**Christina Ewan '15MEd** and **Tevis Weir '09** (above) were married on Oct. 19, 2019. Many Arcadia alumni attended, including **Susan Weir**, the groom's mother, who earned her Montessori certificate from Arcadia; Best Man, **Doug Godfrey** (teacher certification), **Caroline Weiner '87MEd**, and **Kerry Costello-Leraris '92, '94MEd**.

**2016**

**Habibah Haqq** obtained a Master of Health Science from Lincoln University in December 2019, graduated summa cum laude, and was inducted into Pi Gamma Mu.



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**2019**  
Dr. Andrea Crivelli-Kovach



**2020**  
Sharon Anthony



**2020**  
Dr. Edward (Ed) Barbieri

# REMEMBERING WALTER E. BLANKLEY

*Walter E. Blankley, a beloved member of the Arcadia University community and husband of Life Trustee Rosemary Deniken Blankley '57, '06H, passed away on April 27.*

Together for 67 years, Walter and Rosemary established an extraordinary legacy at Arcadia, defined by a lifetime commitment to higher education. Walter and Rosemary supported Beaver College and Arcadia University to express their gratitude for the opportunity Beaver College gave to Rosemary. Their dedication to our University's growth and success has touched every corner of campus, and their generosity has led to major developments in the areas of academic affairs, student life, and financial aid.

A graduate of Princeton University, Walter received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1957. Walter brought exemplary leadership to AMETEK—a global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electromechanical devices—for 41 years. As CEO, he oversaw the funding of early childhood education programs in all of the 65 cities around the world where the company maintained sites.

Walter and Rosemary, who met while they attended Collingswood High School in New Jersey, married on August 16, 1958, and later welcomed their son, Stephen M. Blankley, and their daughter, Laura Blankley Pantano.

In 2013, the Blankleys established an endowed chair with a transformative \$1M donation, designated for the School of Education. The Rosemary and Walter Blankley Endowed Chair in Education is a testament to the couple's longstanding commitment to supporting education. **Dr. Ellen Skilton**, professor of Education, was appointed The Rosemary and Walter Blankley Endowed Chair in Education (2014-16), followed by **Dr. Kira J. Baker-Doyle** (2017-19) and **Dr. Marc Brasof** (2020-23).

Walter and Rosemary have been consistent supporters of the University's unrestricted fund, *The Fund for Arcadia*, often serving as an inspiration to other donors. Members of the Covenant Society, the Blankleys also

were two of the first leadership donors welcomed into the Presidents Circle of the Jones Poundstone Society in 2019.

The Blankleys were the driving force behind the University's important and transformative student-centered partnership with the Guadalupe Center, whose mission is to break the cycle of poverty through education for children in Immokalee, Fla. The first of 20 Blankley Scholars graduated from Arcadia in 2016.

The University dedicated the Office of Alumni Engagement—formerly known as Blake Hall, gatehouse of the Harrison estate—in recognition of Rosemary and Walter in 2005. The gateway to campus for many alumni over the years, Blankley Alumni House is also home to the Honors Program and the Office of Social Impact and Innovation, serving as a treasured connection between Arcadia's past, present, and future. Blankley Field, dedicated in 2000, is home to Arcadia's softball team, an additional practice facility for soccer and field hockey, and a number of intramural activities.

The Blankleys were generous supporters of the At Home & In the World Campaign, which funded the construction of the University Commons. Since its dedication in 2012, the Commons has evolved into a unique gathering place at the heart of campus, providing larger space for lectures, seminars, art exhibitions, fitness, performances, and more.

The University has maintained a strong relationship with AMETEK, which has led to several successful Trustee appointments. In honor of Walter's leadership at AMETEK and in memory of him, the company has made a special gift to Arcadia to celebrate all that he meant.



## In Memoriam



**2020**  
Samuel Small



**2020**  
Robert Wood III

Criminal Justice major Robert Wood III was killed on June 7 in an act of violence in Philadelphia. His loss is felt by all at Arcadia.

**1940**  
Mary Wieland Lauffer

**1946**  
Barbara Deverell Powell

**1947**  
Shirley Repp Marshall

**1948**  
Jean Keck Wiles  
Betty Jane Neiditz Goldberg  
Jane Locker Sproat

**1951**  
Doris Parsons White

**1954**  
Francine Cohen Hornstein

**1956**  
Audrey Dubow Woodson

**1957**  
Susan Stackpole Edwards

**1958**  
Joan Spencer Keogh

**1959**  
Ruth Huss Sumner  
Helen Bomboy Sweeney

**1960**  
Gail Anderson Rodgers

**1963**  
Eileen Elliott

**1972**  
Michelle Beil Ahsens

**1977**  
Jane Friedman Korman  
Naomi Udell '77M

**1978**  
Joseph Rush

**1981**  
Claire Harvey Pretsch '81M

**1987**  
Vicki Fella-Pleier '87M

**1989**  
Kristen Shea Feeny

**1995**  
Donald Kieser '95M  
Nancy Falkow McBride '95M

**1996**  
Maureen Smith '96M

**2002**  
June Watkin Parkinson '02M

**2014**  
Deborah Porter Greasham