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Dear Arcadia Community,

This past spring semester was one of the most challenging semesters we had ever experienced. Few of us had ever encountered a crisis that altered our lives like COVID-19. After we had navigated through that semester, as the pandemic still hovered over our lives, we were once again brought face-to-face with the horrid reality of the systemic racism and violence that continues to plague our nation.

Eventually, perhaps sooner than we think, a vaccine will be developed, produced, and distributed to inoculate us against the coronavirus. But there is no quick-injection-fix to inoculate ourselves against systemic racism. There are only our efforts to effect change.

As President, I must and will do everything in my power to lay the groundwork for systemic change in all realms of the institution, and the work will happen immediately.

We will reimagine the University in six domains—academics; training, learning, and development; campus, climate, and culture; justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion; local, national, and global impact; and policies and procedures—to meet the needs of our community and create systemic change at Arcadia.

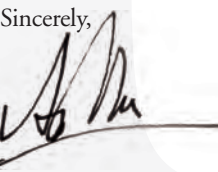
Time is not on our side. Every moment we wait means another life may be lost. The pressing questions for Arcadia are: How will we mobilize around these issues even more profoundly than we already are on a local, national, and global scale? How will we live up to our mission and vision as an institution that strives to be socially just? What does it mean to reimagine our University and inspire radical change?

The misfortune of COVID-19 was not and will not be shared equally among our stakeholders; identities including, but not limited to, socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, sexual violence survivors, and citizenship status could make a significant difference in the ramifications of the virus. In terms of the virus of racism, it's clear upon whom the burden of that falls—and will continue to fall, unless each of us acts.

I want to stress to our students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members, that I am with you. We have far to go as a community of practice, but in time, we will become a reflection of the world that we want to live in. It is my expectation that our leadership, with the support of the community, will have made significant progress by the end of the fall semester. I promise to provide frequent updates on all of these initiatives, including more definitive timelines, with a community-wide UKnighted “check us” meeting in October.

More than 25 years ago, when I was an undergraduate student, I fought for the same issues many of our students, alumni, and community members are advocating for today. I continue to share these frustrations and fight for these issues, though now I am in a position to do even more. With your support, I plan to show up for our community to the best of my ability.

We are...forever, Arcadia Knights and #ArcadiaStrong.

Sincerely,


Ajay Nair, Ph.D.
President

ARCADIA AND THE KORMAN FAMILY DEDICATE THE LAURA MINERVA KORMAN MIRROR ROOM

Grey Towers Castle has long stood as a symbol of Arcadia University, its students, and its alumni. Now, the Mirror Room, one of the Castle's shining examples of elegance, will bear the name of one of the University's most dedicated alumnae.

On Jan. 16, more than 125 members of the Arcadia community gathered in Grey Towers Castle to hear the special announcement in memory of former Trustee **Laura M. Korman '89, '95M** (1967-2017).

Alongside Laura's husband, James, Arcadia President **Ajay Nair** announced the naming of the Laura Minerva Korman Mirror Room. Members of Laura's family, personal friends, and the Kormans' sons, Henry and William, and daughter, Josephine, were also present for the loving tribute to their mother, joined by Arcadia students, alumni, and friends.

The Laura Minerva Korman Mirror Room holds poignant memories for the Korman family. Laura and James were married in Grey Towers Castle in 1994—just one day shy of the dedication that occurred 26 years later. They had their first dance to Stevie Wonder's “Ribbon in the Sky.” As a celebratory tribute, Professor of Music **Sam Heifetz** performed a moving rendition of the iconic

song during the room's dedication ceremony.

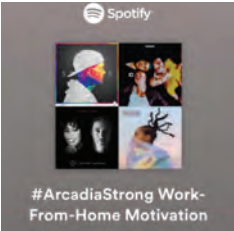
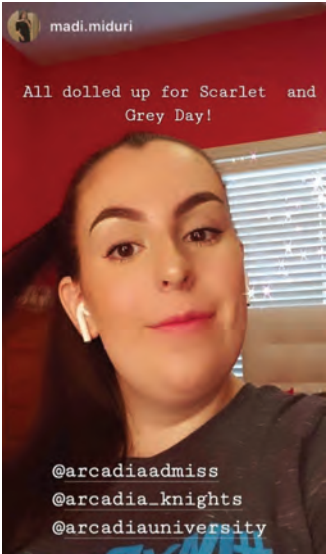
Laura Korman inspired the University community with her compassionate leadership and meaningful generosity. She served on the Alumni Board of Directors, co-chaired the Class President's Committee, engaged with prospective students as an alumni admissions representative, and organized Alumni Reunion events as co-president of her graduating class. She expanded scholarship opportunities, enhanced campus facilities, and strengthened the Preview program for Arcadia students. Laura Korman received both the Golden Disc for Meritorious Service (2005) and the Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf Award (2007) for her efforts. ✧



President Nair and James Korman unveil the dedication of the Laura Minerva Korman Mirror Room.

#ArcadiaStrong

In March, the #ArcadiaStrong social media campaign was launched to unite the University community amid the coronavirus pandemic. Highlights included a collaborative Spotify playlist, virtual Scarlet and Grey Day, and packed Zoom meetings.



HIGHLIGHTS BY the NUMBERS

80 STUDENTS REMAINED IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING DURING SPRING SEMESTER

100+ EMERGENCY SUPPLY PACKAGES DONATED BY ARCADIA TO LOCAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS

1K+ MASKS MADE BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS



Arcadia Stands Against Systemic Racism

In the midst of a global pandemic, millions of Americans and people around the world came together to fight the deadly virus of systemic anti-Black racism. Led by President Ajay Nair, Arcadia made clear its commitment to the transformative work needed to build a more just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive society in which opportunities are not disproportionately distributed by race. ❖

Radical Change Is Necessary

In a series of messages to the University community and videos uploaded across social media platforms, **President Ajay Nair** (*left*) addressed the importance of taking a stand against white supremacy, police brutality, systemic racism and violence, and the many other injustices facing the Black community and different marginalized identities.

“I am outraged, disappointed, and disgusted by the recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery,” wrote President Nair. “In addition to describing some tangible action steps in this letter, this is an important opportunity for me to speak directly to our Black community members: We hear you, we care for you, and we will do right by you. We are in solidarity with you against the oppressive systems that continue to plague our local, national, and global communities. We will not tolerate injustice here or anywhere.” ❖

Unified and Collective Energy



—Alison Aaron Madsen, Esq. '85, Chair, Board of Trustees

“The Board of Trustees recognizes how the Arcadia community came together in the face of an unprecedented health crisis this past spring semester. Now, we must join together once more to enact positive change in the face of inequality, discrimination, and prejudice, just as President Nair’s message calls for us to do.

“We have shown our strength and evolved as an institution, and will continue to do so as a University unified by our values, ambitions, and collective energy to remain #ArcadiaStrong.” ❖



—Sara Lomax-Reese, Trustee CEO and President of WURD Radio 900AM / 96.1 FM

Protest and Passion

“Like so many in our community, this week has made me feel weary, agitated, fearful, angry and invigorated—all at the same time. One emotion I have not felt is helpless. As many of our callers have said this week, this is a time when Black-owned media matters. Having a place dedicated specifically and exclusively to giving voice to our pain, struggle and frustration matters. Having a space where we can grapple with the range of emotions we are feeling—pride and support for the activism in the streets, and anger over the destruction in our neighborhoods. This matters. Being able to hold ‘the powers that be’ accountable to our community, matters.” ❖

Black Alumni Association (BAAAU)

“In times like this, we recognize the responsibility for groups and organizations to speak out against racial injustices in continued hope for a paradigm shift. We stand in solidarity with the George Floyd protestors, who are making their voices heard against a battle that first began on the shores of Jamestown, Virginia in 1619. In short #BlackLivesMatter. We have intentionally chosen to move in preparedness versus haste. We are finalizing plans to help combat systemic barriers that have affected and continue to plague the Arcadia community both off and on-campus.” ❖

—The Black Alumni Association of Arcadia University (BAAAU)



—Aliyah Abraham '17



—Octavius Blount '15



—Stephen Tyson Jr. '13M

Ending Police Brutality



In June, several prominent media outlets sought out **Dr. John Noakes** (*above*), interim director of the School of Education and an internationally known scholar on the policing of political protests, for comment. Dr. Noakes, who also is chair of the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, spoke of the failures of “tough guy” policing from the use of riot gear to a militarized response.

“Best practices in policing these days is to de-escalate, not escalate,” Dr. Noakes told ABC News.

On the success of community-policing cities like Camden, N.J., where police knelt with protesters or carried Black Lives Matter signs, Dr. Noakes observed, “that only works if you built a relationship with the community over the years.”

Featured in *What Went Wrong*, a newsletter published by Vice News Senior Editor Harry Cheadle, Dr. Noakes provided a history of police brutality and the use of force to control crowds. Starting with the end of “escalate force” in the 1970s, he explained how “negotiated management” fell apart during the 1999 Seattle-based protests of the World Trade Organization. This turning point prompted police to deploy pepper spray, tear gas, and rubber bullets—resulting in serious injuries to protestors, bystanders, and journalists.

Dr. Noakes also spoke to *The Toronto Star* on the use of riot police to enforce fences around the White House. The shift from using a physical barrier to a human one led Dr. Noakes to note how organized groups will focus on whatever kind of barrier is placed between protestors and the symbolic subject of protest. He explained how human fallibility, when added to escalating tensions, further increases the potential for violence. ❖

Educating the Next Generation

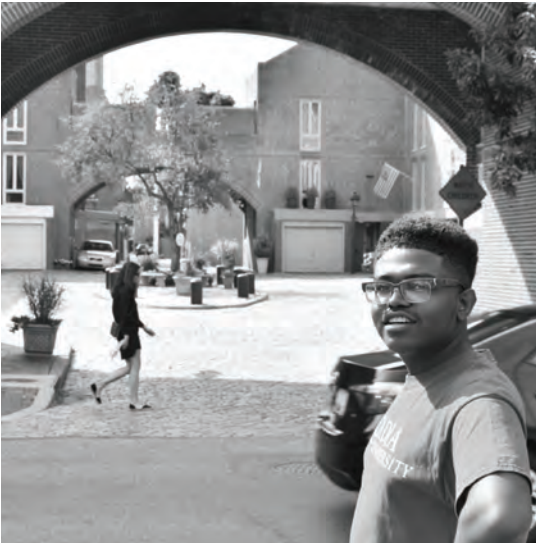
Desmond Daniels '21, '22M (*below*), a student in the School of Education, penned “The Black Male Experience” while expressing his support for the growing social justice movement for equality.

A staff member and extended day teacher for Abington Friends School, Daniels uses his position to educate children on race, equality, and justice, as demonstrated in his recent essay, “A Letter to White Families From A Black Male Teacher: The First Time I Encountered Discussing Race With A White Kid.”

Daniels is driven to see the next generation understand the privileges that some are born with and the hardships that others face. As a Black man, he’s motivated to be an educator so children can learn from him to develop into learners who “value justice, diversity, and inclusion,” while increasing accessibility to learning and achieving for all students. By leading by example, he hopes to create a generation of “empathists and changemakers.”

“But, I am afraid! Daily, I am afraid! I always wonder... ‘Will TODAY be the LAST day of my Earthly experience?’ ‘Will TODAY be the LAST day I will feel the warmth and love of all the communities I am a part of?’ ‘Will TODAY be the LAST day I say ‘I love you mom’ when I walk out the door?’”

— excerpt from “The Black Male Experience” ❖



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Dear Class of COVID-19



Dr. Jennifer Riggan, professor of Historical and Political Studies, penned this letter to the Class of 2020, published on March 19 on addisayne.wordpress.com.

This sucks. It totally, totally sucks. There's no way around that. No one was expecting this. I know how many tears you have shed and will shed. I know how you feel because I feel it too.

I am rather astonished by the array and unpredictability of emotions I wake up with and move through each day. When I wake up each morning (if I have slept much at all) even before I open my eyes, I do a sort of scan for what the morning's emotional flavor will be. Fear. Joy. Sadness. Love. Anxiety. Excitement. Worry. Levity. Overwhelmed. Warmth. Irritation. Elation. Anger. Grief. Grief. And more grief. We are living through a collective grieving process.

I am thinking of you who are graduating this year and also my son, who is graduating from sixth grade. He has attended the school he will graduate from since he was 4. His school is small and intimate. It is a nest of nurture and support and love. It feels safe. Many of you feel the same way about your school. Even if you don't love your school, and even before COVID-19 upended our lives, this was going to be a hard transition. Transitions are hard. You are leaving places that, at worst, are familiar and predictable, and, at best, have held you and loved you and helped you laugh, stress out, and grow.

You are at the threshold between phases of your life. This is profound. This is true whether you are transitioning from elementary school to middle, from middle to high school, from high school to university, or from school of any sort to whatever lies beyond. This is the transition to the Big Wild World. Once you leave a phase of your life, you can't go back. You know this, and it hurts, and it is terrifying. It is also inevitable and, perhaps, beautiful.

Graduations matter because they give us a doorway, they help materialize the threshold between these phases. They are a ritual that marks leaving one phase and entering another. They are a way of preparing for a profound transition. We dress up in unusual costumes and become very solemn with each other. We might march to predictable music or sit in the hot sun for hours. And then there is a ritualized exit and celebration, cheering, parties, lots of hugs. Sometimes students toss a beach ball around.

And somehow this makes us ready for what comes next.

Right.
Right?
Well, yeah. Sort of.

Human beings love and need our rituals. We create them where they don't exist and cling to them where they do. They are a vital part of what makes us human. Rituals matter because they make the transition across that terrifying, exhilarating threshold predictable, and therefore palatable. They make it fun. (But the ritual itself is actually kind of boring, to be honest.) They turn all that is unknown and unknowable into an experience of predictability, on one hand, and collective joy and celebration, on the other.

Writing and preparing a thesis is another ritual. We talk about this capstone as preparing you for the world of work or further education. You build important skills. You gain important knowledge. Then you display and demonstrate those skills and knowledge for a broader audience. This marks another threshold crossed.

As classes and thesis presentations and graduations across the country and around the world are canceled, postponed, or moved to a far less satisfying electronic format, you are losing this important ritual. But you are not losing the threshold. This is hard because the rituals help us deal with uncertainty. It makes us feel prepared for the new role we need to take on.

I keep hearkening back to my favorite quote from *The Lord of the Rings*:

"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

I wish this need not have happened in our time either. Here is the thing. The ritual is not the transition. The transition has already happened. And not happened. You are already what you will become.

The reality is that in our transitions, we are already



Students gather at 87 Knights to Commencement in Grey Towers Castle.

ready before the ritual pushes us through the door. And we are also never ready. This is why we are angry and sad and scared.

You have been ready for a long time. You are already living in the Big Wild World. Some of you have been responsible for your families and your friends for a while now. Some of you have been working your way through school. Some of you are already dealing with some very challenging real life things. But all of you are ready for this.

You, Class of COVID-19, are more ready than any class has ever been. You are more ready because you are resilient and capable and full of imagination. You are more ready because you have always known that predictability was something of an illusion. You are more ready because you have always known that your generation would probably be the ones who had to remake the world. You are more ready because you are creative and good humored and irreverent and funny. You are more ready because you understand the virtual world better than anyone. You are more ready because, in some way, you have prepared for this moment your whole life.

So some thoughts for you if you are hurt and angry and scared and wondering if any of this matters:

- It does matter. You matter. Your thesis or capstone or culminating work matters. All the work you did in all your years of school matters.
- It matters because your world has become bigger: You have learned the stories of people and places and histories that you would not otherwise know.
- It matters because your world has become smaller: You have come to care for people who live lives different from your own in times and places that are not where you are from.
- It matters because of knowledge gained: With this knowledge, you are armed with facts that you can use powerfully.
- It matters because of skills gained: You have the skill of critical thinking to challenge uncritical thinking; you have the skill of knowing the difference between fact and fantasy (a big one these days); you have the skill of writing, speaking, communicating to different audiences.
- It matters because all of it gave you power. You have power because of your skills and knowledge and caring.

This moment is calling all of us to figure out how to use the power that we have in ways that we have not thought of before. We cannot use it if we are stuck

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Your thesis matters. You have invested so much time and energy and passion in this project. It matters because you care about the story you are telling in your thesis. Part of me wants to say that I don't even care if you finish it because it has already done its work. (Ok, I do care because it is brilliant and I desperately want to see how the story ends—your story as a student and the story you are telling with your thesis.) But more than anything, I want you to know that what you have learned matters to the world. How can you take advantage of this moment to tell the story that your thesis tells to the world?

Some final advice to get through this moment: Cry, but do not wallow. Embrace your anger, but do not let it consume you. Feel the

fear, but walk through it. Feel your feelings as often and as long as you need to, but hold them lightly. Do not cling to them. Brush them away like dust. Be patient with them. The dust will keep gathering. Keep brushing it away, as often and as long as you need to.

And in the brighter moments, embrace, with curiosity and even excitement, the newness that is this moment. And remember to do the work that is all of our life's work—the work of figuring out how to make it all mean something, how to make it all matter. I know you will keep doing this work because you already have, and you always will.

Congratulations on your graduation, on the dazzling brilliance of your capstone project, on your passion for your life's work, on all that you have already become, and on all that you will be. ❖



Members of the Men's Soccer Team on Jean Lenox West Field.



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Arcadia University Responds to COVID-19

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues to affect countries around the world since being characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization. Arcadia University and The College of Global Studies (TCGS) have responded to the COVID-19 health crisis through its well-networked Crisis Management Team in managing significant health and safety issues on campus and at the University's centers abroad.

Health and safety of students abroad

Beginning in January, TCGS began educating the Arcadia community about the novel coronavirus identified in China and the need for travelers to take precautions. As it became clear that COVID-19 would impact beyond China, TCGS's Crisis Response Team maintained constant collaboration with staff and university partners overseas.

The Crisis Team monitored the situation closely, particularly in Italy, where cases of COVID-19 escalated and restrictions on movement within the country were introduced. In line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of State, and International SOS, it became necessary to suspend on-site programs in Italy, and multiple teams in Glenside were mobilized with the team in Italy to bring students safely home.

As the pandemic spread, TCGS had to suspend on-site operations in Spain, Greece, Ireland, and the UK, followed soon after by Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. The unprecedented step—necessary to help students stay healthy and return home safely—marked the first time in the Preview program's 27-year history that its travel portion has been suspended.

Academic continuity for study abroad

TCGS also turned its attention to academic continuity for the students whose programs were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff in Glenside and overseas worked diligently to support students at Arcadia centers and with international partner universities, including online delivery of courses and virtual internships. Faculty and staff prepared to finish their spring semester classes remotely with tools such as Canvas, Zoom, and Panopto. These preemptive measures—in response to the increasing likelihood of academic disruption caused by the spread of COVID-19—provided a framework for faculty and staff instructors to ensure students complete their academic work on time while being informed, prepared, and safe.

In mid-March, the University put its continuity plan into action by shifting classes to online formats. The Department of Athletics followed the Middle Atlantic Conference mandate to suspend all athletic competition for the health and safety of student-athletes. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf ordered the closure of all

schools, including pre-K, higher education, and private schools. With state and county officials broadly advising to make social distancing a priority in mitigating the growing risk of transmitting the virus, Arcadia moved to minimize the number of individuals needed to maintain campus operations. While staff began to work remotely, more services and activities moved to a virtual online space.

Arcadia adopted a revised pass/fail grading policy, which allows students to opt-in for their Spring 2020 courses. The University also provided housing for nearly 80 students who had no other alternatives, maintaining essential services and residential operations for students who have remained in Oak Summit, including keeping the Knights for Nutrition food pantry stocked and available when needed.

Searching for untapped resources

On March 20, Arcadia University's Facilities, Maintenance, and Housekeeping teams spearheaded the donation of surplus supplies to local emergency personnel who are repeatedly exposed to the coronavirus. Armed with a list of supplies needed in the area, the team thoroughly searched all housekeeping closets and storage areas for "unseen, untapped resources" and quickly packed them into high exposure kits with N95 respirator masks, gloves, Uvex splash-proof goggles, Tyvek suits, hand sanitizer, and alcohol wipes.

Assisted by the University's essential units, #ArcadiaStrong teams swiftly formed an assembly line to organize rubber gloves into sets, dispense gallon-size Purell hand sanitizer into smaller portioned bottles, and add special notes of encouragement.

Cheltenham Township Emergency Medical Services and Police Department, Abington Fire Department, Montgomery County Emergency Management, and two local hospitals received supplies from Arcadia.

Tom Macchi, associate vice president of Facilities and Capital Planning, contacted community partners and universities, including Salus University, urging them to join efforts to address the critical needs for supplies in Montgomery County. Salus responded with a donation of supplies to the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center, which distributes to area police, fire departments, emergency medical services, and hospitals.

Food security

As the University community quickly adapted to the changing educational landscape during coronavirus, departments and offices didn't forget their dedication to students in need.

Throughout the academic year, Knights for Nutrition food pantry serves undergraduate and graduate students who experience food insecurity. Through coordinated efforts by the Knights for Nutrition Committee—made up of Community and Civic Engagement Center (CCEC), Metz, and Student Affairs—the small number of students who remain in Oak Summit can continue to receive fresh and non-perishable foods as well as hygiene and cleaning products.

Metz Culinary Management donated hundreds of pounds of perishable foods, which would have been used by dining services if students had continued classes on campus. Metz also donates \$10,000 each year to the Pantry. In addition to Metz's support, the pantry has received donations through other generous members of the Arcadia community.

CCEC has assisted in coordinating the organization of foods and products when the pantry moved from Knight Hall to Oak Summit computer lab.

Arcadia community craft masks for those in need

Members of the Arcadia community continue to step up as the shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) continues to grow in the fight against COVID-19. Masks are one of the biggest needs, and students, faculty, staff, and alumni have pulled out their sewing machines and needles to make over 1,000 masks.

After the spring break Preview, GFS, and Alternative Spring Break trips were canceled, the Community and Civic Engagement Center donated 40 masks to Doylestown Hospital in Doylestown, Pa. These masks were purchased for work in Guatemala.

Arcadia Theater Costume Shop Manager **Alisa Kleckner '15** and Associate Professor of Visual and Performing Arts **Karen Misher '88** have been making masks in order to donate them to essential personnel across fields—at-home nurses, care facility staff, grocery store employees, prison care providers, therapists, and more.

Additionally, students have been giving back on their own. History major **Violet Sleight '21** reconnected with Carol's Place, a shelter for women and children who are victims of abuse, after volunteering there with Adjunct Professor of Education **Linda Ruth Paskell's '81, '96MEd** "Artist in the Community" Fall 2019 course. Having visited the shelter several times during the semester, she knew that the residents live in close quarters so she worked with Paskell to donate matching masks for mothers and children.

Sam Merritt '14, who is an actress in New York City, has used her sewing knowledge to make PPE on her own and as part of the cutters team with Open Jar Studios. She donates to assisted living facilities who have run out of masks.

Others in the Arcadia community continue to donate as the needs arise, including Executive Assistant to the Vice President of The College of Global Studies **Sean Flenders** who donated 500 masks to distribution centers.

Grad-AWAY-tion

While COVID-19 disrupted plans for Arcadia's time-honored Commencement traditions, the University recognized the accomplishments, successes, and resiliency of each graduate in the Class of 2020 with Grad-AWAY-tion, a personalized, online communal space.

Graduates and their friends and family heard from President **Ajay Nair**, Provost **Jeff Rutenbeck**, Board Chair **Alison Aaron Madsen, Esq., '85**, and U.S. Representative Madeleine Dean, one of Arcadia's 2020 Honorary Degree recipients. President Nair conferred more than 1,000 baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees and certificates to students. ❖



Facilities Manager Ed Adams preparing high-impact kits.



Collection of masks made by Alisa Kleckner '15.



Violet Sleight '21, who assisted a shelter for victims of abuse.



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In keeping all Arcadia community members informed, the University created arcadia.edu/coronavirus, which included daily updates, FAQs, and other pertinent information.

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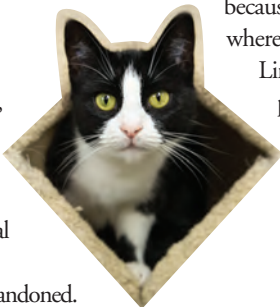
Linton Works Toward Childhood Dream



Linton '21 with a "forgotten cat."

Julisa Linton '21 can't remember an age where she didn't love animals, which has guided her into the Biology Department's pre-veterinary track—one of six pre-professional programs in the sciences offered by Arcadia. Additionally, she's working as a veterinary assistant at Forgotten Cats in Willow Grove, where she prepares cats for surgery and cares for them post operation, which is a work study position through the Community and Civic Engagement Center.

Forgotten Cats is the leading trap, neuter, vaccinate, return (TNVR) nonprofit in the region, which has clinics in Pennsylvania and Delaware that specialize in low cost spay and neuter services for feral cats. However, the organization also offers adoption services for cats that are strays or abandoned.



"A lot of children say they want to be vets to help animals, but I want to do more than just donations and crying over videos," said Linton. "It's been building since I was 11, but now when I say that I want to be a vet it's because I want to help find treatments for diseases like FIV, which is HIV for cats, and feline Leukemia."

It's easy to love playful cats, but what about wildlife? Linton didn't even blink an eye when she went toe-to-toe with a rescued red hawk named Cheyenne last summer as a volunteer at Freedom Center for Wildlife. Linton describes it as "showing her who's boss," by standing her ground when the hawk spread her wings and squawked. She also helped care for baby blue jays, opossums, and squirrels, as well as Cologne, a skunk who was struck by a car and now lives at the center permanently.

While Linton was planning to study abroad this summer as a recipient of the 2020 Vira I. Heinz Program for Women in Global Leadership scholarship, she's had to make alternate arrangements due to travel restrictions from the coronavirus. She's found a silver lining though, because she'll be interning at the Philadelphia Zoo, where she'll help care for all types of animals.

Linton hopes that this internship will solidify her plans to specialize as a small animal veterinarian, with a master's degree in exotic animal research. ❖

Harris '21 Recognized for Dedication to Early Childhood Education

Emmanuel Harris '21, a student in the School of Education's PreK-4 Program for Working Professionals, is more concerned about his preschool students being kind to each other than he is about recognition for the work he does as an educator at the Parent Infant Center.

However, his classroom was selected by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf as the location in November for the launch of the Innovative Apprenticeship Project, which will fund five apprenticeship programs through the District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund to help build careers in early childhood development and addition counseling, and as advanced medical assistants.

The apprenticeship program creates a first-of-its-kind training approach in the Philadelphia area to provide a pathway for workers to get their first technical credential up to a bachelor's degree and teacher certification.

"I appreciate that he sees the importance of early childhood education in the state," said Harris, noting that it's the foundation of education. "There aren't many Black males in my profession, so to be recognized for my work and have the governor come in was a big deal."

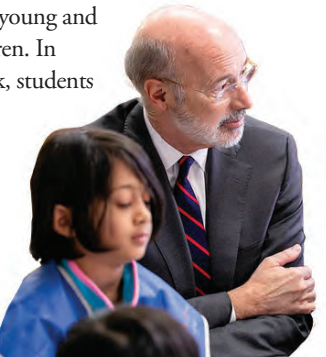
Harris has come a long way from the odds-and-ends jobs he was working in Washington, D.C. nearly five years ago when he felt he wasn't "fulfilling his purpose." After moving in with his cousin in February 2015, he found his way to R.W. Brown Community Center as a camp

counselor in 2016. Realizing that he loved working with children set him on a path to receive his associate's degree in Early Childhood Education from the Community College of Philadelphia and enroll at Arcadia.

Arcadia's undergraduate PreK-4 Program for Early Childhood Education Working Professionals is an online program that is designed to support students who are working full-time in early childhood centers. The first program cohort of eight students began in Spring 2019. Students take course work throughout the year, including summer semesters, to complete the program in less than three years. The program prepares students to work with young and elementary-aged children. In addition to coursework, students complete fieldwork in kindergarten to fourth grade settings, as well as at their place of employment working with children from birth to 5 years. ❖



For more information, [Arcadia.edu/PreKProfessionals](https://www.arcadia.edu/PreKProfessionals)



Harris '21 speaks with Gov. Wolf at the Innovative Apprenticeship Project launch.



Dr. Brasof Receives Blankley Endowed Chair



Last fall, Associate Professor of Education and Director of Secondary Social Studies and English Education Dr. Marc Brasof was named the Rosemary '57 and Walter Blankley Endowed Chair in Education for 2020-23.

The award will support Arcadia's Social Action and Justice Education (SAJE) Fellowship, a new program that will prepare aspiring educators of color to teach in culturally and linguistically diverse classrooms. The fellowship will provide significant academic and financial support, including full and partial scholarships, preparatory programs, and leadership training.

The Rosemary '57 and Walter Blankley Endowed Chair in Education is designed to support the research and projects of selected faculty members and enhance the experience of students within the School of Education. ❖



Nedbal '17m Member of Inaugural Peace Corps Cohort



Nedbal '17m at Koh Lippe, Thailand.

ternational Peace and Conflict Resolution (IPCR) alumnus **Michael Nedbal '17M** was one of 12 volunteers who departed to the Balkan nation of Montenegro on the inaugural Peace Corps cohort on Jan. 17.

After graduating from the IPCR program, Nedbal spent two years working as an English teacher at the Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya Rajabhat University in Thailand. Last spring, Nedbal returned to his hometown of Glenside but found that he wanted to continue his international teaching experience, so he applied to the Peace Corps program.

"This is an incredible opportunity, and I'm both excited and humbled," said Nedbal. "We're setting the groundwork for future Peace Corps activities in Montenegro."

In March, Nedbal and his colleagues were evacuated from Montenegro due to COVID-19. The volunteers were just finishing their training program when they were forced to return home. Nedbal hopes to return to Montenegro post-pandemic to start his two years of service in underserved communities, where he'll be working alongside Montenegrin English teachers in primary schools. ❖



Pictured left to right: President Ajay Nair; Ellen Jane Hover '74 Endowed Memorial Award for Piano Study recipient, Annabelle Rogers '21; Annabelle's mother, Angela Warner; Mrs. Paayal Nair; and Susan C. Saxer Mathematics, Honors, Economics Scholarship recipient, Luke Thatcher '21.

SCHOLARS & DONORS CELEBRATE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT AT ARCADIA



Aliyah Pulley '23 (at left) an aspiring teacher, captivated the crowd on March 5 with her story of adversity, perseverance, triumph, and gratitude with scholarship supporters, fellow students, and University leadership during Arcadia's Celebration of Scholarship event, held in the Laura Minerva Kortman Mirror Room in Grey Towers Castle.

Pulley explained how the road to Arcadia seemed impossible at times due to the additional financial challenges posed by higher education costs. But with scholarship support from generous donors and encouragement from the Arcadia community, she's overcoming adversity to take on every opportunity that comes her way.

"I would like to say thank you, donors, for everything you have done to make students like me have dreams of completing the impossible," Pulley said. "You are greatly appreciated by everyone here for being the hero for someone's future story."

Like Pulley, **Annabelle Rogers '21** also receives support from an endowed award. As the 2019-20 recipient of the Ellen Jane Hover '74 Endowed Memorial Award for Piano Study, Rogers performed at the event.

This award was established by **Anita Sobel Feinberg '74** and her husband, Sandy Feinberg, to celebrate the life and legacy of Beaver College alumna and talented pianist, **Ellen Jane Hover '74**.

Beginning in the fall, one group of visionary supporters has helped to usher in a new era of scholarship at Arcadia, which has inspired others to do the same. Board of Trustees Chair **Alison Aaron Madsen '85**, **Susan C. Saxer '71** (who attended the event), **Joan Nadler Brantz '65**, **Holly Ludwig Pfeifer '66**, **Margaret Tillman Huskins '68**, **Christy Ann Pierce '71**, **Kevin Schollenberger '88**, and **Kimberly Sterner-Stein '88** are the first eight philanthropists to take advantage of the Arcadia Financial Aid Initiative (AFAI). Launched in October 2019, AFAI is a program through which the University provides a 1:1 match for donors who establish a new endowed scholarship or supplement an existing endowed scholarship with a commitment of \$50,000 or more designated for students with demonstrated financial need. ❖



For more information, Arcadia.edu/Giving



Pictured left to right: Recipient of the Charles L. Moulton Mathematics Scholarship, Long Nguyen '21; donor, Dr. Linda Moulton; Joan Thomas Martin '64 Scholarship recipient, Aimee Rouff '22; donor, Kerry Costello-Leraris '92, '94MEd; Charles W. Null and Catherine T. Null Memorial Endowed Scholarship recipient, Noxolo Heleni '21.

ARCADIA ATHLETICS TEAMS UP WITH AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

When the coronavirus pandemic forced the postponement of the American Lung Association's 2020 'Fight For Air Climb' in Philadelphia in March, Arcadia University's Athletics Department stepped up to keep the climb going, virtually.

One of the American Lung Association's signature fundraising events, Fight For Air Climbs are stair climbs in prominent skyscrapers around the country. The event has raised more than \$53 million to support the ALA mission. The 2020 event in Philadelphia was scheduled to take place on March 28 at Three Logan Square, with a total 1,088 stairs.

Instead of an in-person climb, Arcadia women's basketball guard **Taylor Dunn '20** (above) and Director of Sport Performance and Head Athletic Trainer **Danielle Duffy** developed the idea of delivering the climb virtually. On the same day that the Three Logan Square climb was supposed to take place, members of the Arcadia community, along with the general public, took to their



home staircases and outdoor steps to climb 50 flights. Participants recorded their climbs and posted it to social media with the hashtags #StillInTheFight and #phillyclimb.

Duffy recruited Dunn to participate in the climb after learning that her mother was recovering from lung cancer. Dunn's mother is now cancer free, but she still knows the importance of the ALA in lives of patients and their families.

"The whole reason [Duffy] and I went through with this idea was to spread positivity in a time where searching for the positives can be rather difficult," said Dunn. "Sometimes the silver lining in these situations, like the current pandemic we are facing, is that people and communities are brought together. I hope everyone who participated in the climb knows they are a part of something much bigger than what seems like a simple post." ❖

SPECHT '20 AWARDED FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

C OVID-19 isn't stopping International Studies and Spanish double major **Heidi Specht '20** from fulfilling her goal of working in Brazil after graduation.

In April, Specht was announced as an English Teaching Assistant (ETA) recipient with the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

In January 2021, Specht will head to Brazil for the 9-month grant program to teach English at the University level. She will be one of two Fulbright recipients assigned to a city, although the assigned location within Brazil has not been determined yet.

"I knew I wanted to teach English abroad after graduation," said Specht, who is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. "It's all toward an end goal of teaching English and working with minority groups in Philadelphia."

Specht spent a year in Brazil living with a host family before enrolling at Arcadia University. This experience inspired her Arcadia journey, as she's since studied

abroad in London, England on the First-Year Study Abroad Experience, and Valparaíso, Chile, and Granada, Spain, each as traditional programs.

While in Chile, Specht learned Spanish and volunteered as an English Teaching Assistant in a local school, which provided the experience necessary to be placed in the English Foreign Language internship position in Spain.

The Fulbright program awards between 60 and 90 ETA awards each year for locations in Brazil. Specht is the third Arcadia student to be selected for an ETA award, and the sixth community member to receive a Fulbright award in the past five years.

Specht was also selected as a recipient of the 2020 Critical Language Scholarship in Brazil. However, this program was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ❖



Specht '20 at the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Actuarial Science Student Finalists in Case Study Challenge

Actuarial science majors **Hao Huang '21**, **Shuhan Qiang '21**, **Minhao Zhang '20**, and **Haoran Zhu '21** finished as finalists in the Society of Actuaries (SOA) Student Research Case Study Challenge, an international competition that asked students to apply the actuarial skills they have learned to a real-life problem.

The students, advised by **Dr. Weihong Ni**, assistant professor of Computer Science and Mathematics, designed a carbon credit program with the goal of reducing carbon emissions. The group finished in 6th place out of 48 teams worldwide. ❖



Virtual Europe

TCGS Looks to the Future with Virtual Europe

“Every step of the way, we have kept our focus on providing students compelling learning and meaningful personal growth through coursework and co-curricular initiatives”

The College of Global Studies is pleased to launch an innovative, new online program for Summer 2020 — *Virtual Europe*. Students can join online courses in Barcelona, Dublin, Edinburgh, Granada, London, or Rome that are taught by Arcadia Abroad faculty. They can also pursue a virtual internship, working for an employer in Athens, London, or Rome. Students can earn up to nine credits in eight weeks through mixing and matching online courses and the virtual internship program.

TCGS has also reproduced its renowned museum studies program in Edinburgh by combining online courses on heritage management and Scottish History with guest lectures by Dr. David Clarke, former keeper of Archeology, National Museums Scotland, and virtual curation workshops provided by heritage management professionals from Historic Environment Scotland and Hopetoun House.

The virtual internship placements will match student’s career goals to opportunities that will give them resume ready experience. Placements

cover a wide selection of activities from producing social media and web content to pursuing research for business development projects to developing communication plans and content for nonprofit organizations, and more. A digital resume workshop is included with the program.

The goal of Virtual Europe is to take engaged local learning into the virtual space.

“The courses will all employ, to the degree possible, engagement with local realities that bring course material alive for students,” said **Dr. Andrew Law**, academic dean for TCGS. “Virtual Europe has created online learning opportunities that embody the pedagogy of context-informed learning that is at the heart of the Arcadia Abroad’s educational mission, vision, and lived values.” ❖



For more information, visit: arcadia.edu/virtualeurope



Temple Bar in the heart of Dublin, location of the Arcadia Dublin Center.

Arcadia Acquires Dublin Location

The College of Global Studies has completed its purchase of premises in Temple Bar, Dublin, currently used as the Arcadia Dublin Center.

“We are delighted to own our Center premises in Dublin. This enables us to sustain our commitment to a presence in Central Dublin for the long term,” said **Lorna Stern**, vice president and executive director of The College of Global Studies. “Managing costs while maintaining proximity to key partner institutions and diverse community-based opportunities continues to drive us forward and give us the flexibility to work efficiently and creatively for our students.”



For more information visit: arcadia.edu/DublinCenter

Arcadia has been delivering study abroad programs in Ireland since the 1970s, building strong relationships and institutional knowledge through years of experience. Its Dublin Center manages 14 programs across Ireland, including academic support, student and health services, and robust opportunities for student engagement with local communities outside the classroom. ❖

Dr. Jansen Retires from South Africa Center, Dr. Smit Takes Lead



Dr. Alan Jansen (at left) retired as resident director of Arcadia’s South Africa Center in Cape Town at the end of the Fall 2019 semester, after nearly 10 years with the University. In January, **Dr. Brittani Smit** (at right) assumed the role.

Dr. Jansen started at the center in January 2010 after leading his own consultancy firm, which worked with businesses and nonprofits in South Africa to improve diversity among employees.



Dr. Smit comes to Arcadia with many years of experience supporting students through her work with the University of Cape Town’s Humanities Faculty Mentorship program. She has also worked in the field of study abroad both as a student life manager and as an academic coordinator. She holds a master’s degree and doctorate in English Literature from the University of Cape Town, and a bachelor’s degree in English Literature from Trinity College in Connecticut.



Intern Philly

Exciting internships in the heart of the city

For the first time, The College of Global Studies has created one of its signature programs for right here in Philadelphia: Intern Philly.

- Students can earn credit through courses taught by Arcadia faculty and gain professional experience in a role that matches their career goals.
- Interning placements range from Business, Media and Communications to the arts, public health, sports administration and legal/government sectors.
- Starting Summer 2020, semester and summer programs available.
- Networking opportunities with other interns and industry professionals.
- Learning outside the classroom by exploring city neighborhoods and cultures.

Check it out! arcadia.edu/InternPhilly



The sports training center on the lower floor and the second floor fitness center of Kuch Center.

KUCH CENTER COMPLETES EXPANSION

Earlier this spring, Arcadia completed its 2,500 square-foot expansion of the Kuch Center, a project that began back last August. Expansions, renovations, and newly designed branding took place in the Kuch Center lobby and both the fitness and sports training centers. The expansion project, funded through a combination of university capital dollars and previously-raised funds through a donor gift, comes as an avenue to parallel the continued growth of the Arcadia Athletic Department, which has expanded from 14 varsity sports in 2012 to what will be 26 by the 2021-22 academic year.

“We couldn’t be happier with the results of this project,” Executive Director of Athletics and Recreation **Brian Granata** said. “We made significant enhancements to both workout facilities, and these improvements will have a positive impact on the entire campus community, not just our student-athletes. As the largest indoor space on campus, the Kuch Center is home to many major campus events, including Commencements. We are proud to welcome individuals into our new home.”

The exterior of the Kuch Center underwent major changes during the renovation process, as the main entrance is now black with chrome signage, including an LED-lighted Arcadia Knights sign. The Kuch Center was repainted, and the exterior now features

new up-down lighting across the entirety of the building. Also, new University-branded benches were added to the spaces in front of the lobby entrance.

The sports training center, on the lower floor of the Kuch Center adjacent to the lobby, was expanded to provide additional training space, including a 5x20-yard section of turf flooring to allow for speed and agility work. Additional weight-training equipment was added, including safety squat bars, iron grip olympic bars, Arcadia-branded dumbbells, and Rogers Pendulum Strength equipment.

The second floor fitness center, which now extends into the lobby area, also features new equipment, including two Precore Squat Racks, two Assault Air Bikes and Air Runners, a full line of Paramount selectorized machines, and a new set of dumbbells in addition to the existing cardio machines, allowing for a wider variety of exercise options. Both workout facilities are available to varsity student-athletes, faculty, staff, and students.

Additionally, the first floor of Kuch received new flooring, personal storage lockers, branding, and a reception desk that features a new swipe system to enter the facility. ❖

“We made significant enhancements to both workout facilities.”
—Brian Granta

CROWLEY & WILLIAMS NAMED ALL-AMERICANS FOR WOMEN’S SOCCER TOURNEY TEAM

Women’s Soccer Reaches NCAA Tourney for Fourth Straight Season, Two Named All-Americans for First Time in School History



Following the Arcadia Knights women’s soccer team performance in the 2019 NCAA Division III Women’s Soccer Championship in November, the program had its first United Soccer Coaches All-America Second-team selections in its history with goalkeeper **Brianna Williams ’22** and defender **Brianna Crowley ’23**. Crowley was the first defender in program history, and Williams the second goalkeeper, to earn the distinction. Both were among the 48 Division III recipients to receive their certificates at the United Soccer Coaches All-America Ceremony & Reception on Jan. 18 at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Crowley and Williams led the team to the No. 15 see in the NCAA Tournament, the fourth straight year the team has made the tournament. Both also helped the team post one of the top defenses in the nation, ranking 19th overall with a .523 goals-

against-average. In their first-round matchup, the team was neck-and-neck with Swarthmore College but fell on an overtime penalty kick, ending the season with a 15-4-3 record. ❖



Williams ’22 and Crowley ’23.

SAAC rePurposes Sports Gear for Camden Students

In January, the Arcadia University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) completed a four-month-long community service campaign, rePURPOSE Your Gear, during which student-athletes gathered and donated sports equipment to the KIPP Cooper Norcross Academy in Camden, N.J.

“rePURPOSE Your Gear was unlike any fundraiser SAAC has run,” SAAC President and women’s basketball player **Courtney Hoffman ’20** said.

KIPP elementary and middle school’s athletic director Matt George who shared stories about KIPP’s athletes, including a young boy on the basketball team who was forced to play in boots due to a lack of access to equipment.

“I’m glad to know that even one donated item can impact a young athlete, and that our student athletes were able to donate an abundance of equipment,” said Hoffman. ❖

REISTLE Becomes Second-Ever All-Conference Performer for Arcadia Cross Country

Chris Reistle ’23 became the second Arcadia men’s cross country runner in program history to earn All-MAC honors. At the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Cross Country Championships at Hood College in Frederick, Md., on Nov. 2, the junior took third-team honors with a 29th-place finish, posting a season-best time of 26:37.2 in the 8K event and setting a program record.

The Knights finished 10th overall in the event, the program’s best finish at the MAC Championships. ❖



DAVIS A Top Pick for Coaches

After a record-breaking season as guard for the men’s basketball team, **Da’Kquan Davis ’21** was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Middle Atlantic All-District Second Team and to D3hoops.com 2020 Division III All-Middle Atlantic Region Team. Davis led the MAC Commonwealth and finished the season fifth in NCAA Division III in scoring with 27.0 points per game, including a career-high 44 vs. Alvernia on Feb. 5. He became the Knights’ all-time leading scorer in three seasons, eclipsing 1,000 career points faster than anyone in program history. ❖



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Interview conducted by
Andrea Walls.



The Pioneer Series features stories of change agents whose professional careers showcase integrity and value openness to communities.

Jane Oates '83MEd - President, WorkingNation

Arcadia University's Honors Program and Office of Career Education welcomed Jane Oates '83MEd on March 3 as part of the Pioneer Series. Oates is president of WorkingNation, a nonprofit media organization telling stories about solutions to the jobs skills gap and community workforce issues while helping to identify where the jobs of the future will be. Before WorkingNation, Oates served as assistant secretary for Employment and Training at the U.S. Department of Labor under President Obama and was a senior advisor for Senator Edward M. Kennedy on the U.S. Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Commission.

Q: *You've had what seems to be an interesting and fulfilling career. Why the move from the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education to WorkingNation?*

A: I have had an interesting and fulfilling career. Every position that I held was my favorite until I moved to the next opportunity. Teaching in Boston, moving back to Philadelphia, teaching at Stetson for 15 years, and then moving to the Center for Research in Human Development and Education at Temple—I loved every minute of those positions and was not looking to make a move. Leaving New Jersey was the same. I had a great boss in Jon Corzine, amazing colleagues at the Commission and State House and colleges who were student-centered. The opportunity to join the Obama Administration as Assistant Secretary of Labor during the worst recession of my lifetime was a challenge I couldn't resist. WorkingNation was a chance to use storytelling done by the best in the industry to educate and convince every worker that they can succeed in the 21st-century workforce.

Q: *What stands out about your Beaver College experience?*

A: I came to Beaver to really get more skills in helping my students succeed in reading. I am a special education teacher by training, and I knew that I needed more in assessment and strategies when it came to making up the deficits my students were dealing with. Beaver was cutting edge. Professors like **Adele Gomberg** were looking internationally—in the early 80s, no less—at best teaching processes far beyond the high-interest, low-level materials movement in the United States. I feel that the global viewpoint—along with the real assessment learning in clinical—made me a much more effective teacher.

Q: *In your position at WorkingNation, you discuss advancing achievable solutions to bridge the skills gap. What would an achievable solution be?*

A: Achievable solutions in the workplace are solutions that get people good jobs and get employers the talent they need. They may vary by individual and company in terms of time and educational partners, but the common elements are transparency and relevance.

Q: *What changes in the job market have you observed since 2009 when you were appointed by President Obama as assistant secretary of the Department for Labor for Employment and Training?*

A: The biggest change in the job market is urgency. Today, employers see clearly that they are in a battle for talent. That's making them look in different places, which is good. Recruiting more broadly at a wide variety of colleges, investing in registered apprenticeships in blue and white collar jobs, growing their own incumbent workers' talents, and creating more inclusive talent pools that don't restrict participation by sex, race, sexual orientation, age or previous adjudication are all positive outcomes of that talent shortage.

Q: *How will automation and other technological factors affect the job market in the 21st century?*

A: Automation is impacting every job today, and there seems to be consensus that the trend will continue. Education needs to continue to respect that some tasks will be automated quickly and concentrate on education that revolves around human strengths—creativity, innovative thinking, and entrepreneurial activities. At the same time, educators should be using machine-based learning and making sure that both digital natives and digital dinosaurs are prepared to work side-by-side with machines.

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Staying focused on making a difference served me well and could serve others as well.

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Q: *What advice would you give both to recent graduates who are establishing their careers and for experienced professionals who want to keep their skills relevant in an ever-changing job market?*

A: Everyone in the workforce needs to know under what conditions they believe they can thrive. The rise of gig work is making people believe that there will be no full-time, one-employer jobs in the future. I don't believe that. There will be more options. Education needs to do a much better job explaining the opportunities and challenges of gig, contract, remote work, and traditional jobs. In order to succeed you may have to move from one kind of work to another, so make sure you have the tools to succeed.

Q: *What role do you think professional associations play in today's job market? Do you think this will change in the years to come?*

A: Professional associations are more important than ever. They provide the information and professional development that will always be a critical part of both career success and self-fulfillment.

Associations also offer networking and mentoring opportunities. Having professional colleagues who can inform your choices gives you an important addition to salary scales, job descriptions, and recruiters' insights.

Q: *How has your background as an educator helped you promote employment throughout your career?*

A: I am and always will be a learner and teacher. My preparation and experience taught me to observe and listen, analyze complex tasks down to the component steps, and teach to those steps. Every problem has a solution, and you can solve problems faster and better if you do it in partnership. Team teaching led me to a lifetime of building partnerships—and those partnerships were not only effective and often impactful, but they were always fun. I leaned on those partnerships to influence legislation and to help local areas rebuild their economies with some federal dollars at Labor. At WorkingNation, we get to tell the stories of those partnerships—and what inspiring stories they are! ❖

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40 UNDER 40

THIS IS OUR SECOND EDITION OF
ARCADIA'S 40 UNDER 40, WHICH
SHOWCASES THE TALENTS AND
ACHIEVEMENTS OF 40 (MORE)
OF OUR EXTRAORDINARY
ALUMNI.

Dr. Rachel E. Palis

2010

Age: 32

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts
in Biology

Veterinarian with a strong
interest in surgery, animal
behavior, and exotic
animal care

The Travel Bug

Arcadia taught me not to be afraid to take a different path and open up my life to the world. I was lucky to be able to participate in the First-Year Study Abroad Experience in Scotland, and in my junior year, I completed an internship at a zoo in Australia. Both study abroad experiences changed my life and how I viewed the world and most definitely gave me the travel bug.

After Arcadia, when I was applying to veterinary school, I opened my search to outside the United States and attended Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts, West Indies. While at Ross, I took advantage of additional travel opportunities, presenting research in Jamaica and studying wildlife veterinary care in South Africa. I completed my final clinical year of vet school at Louisiana State University. During that year, I traveled to Utah and Nevada for



Dr. Rachel E. Palis

internships in shelter medicine and had the opportunity to travel back to South Africa.

A Wild Ride Ahead

I'm back in Philadelphia and am a licensed vet in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Currently, I am an associate veterinarian at The Animals' Hospital of Levittown, but I do relief work at multiple nearby hospitals in New Jersey and hope to continue to expand to other hospitals in other states. Arcadia

was the pathway that led me to the world. This is just the beginning of my exploration.

My hope is to become a well-established traveling relief veterinarian. I'd like to have a home base clinic while also taking longer relief gigs in different states across the United States to not only get the chance to travel but to also get to work with different people and animals.

Kajette Bloomfield Solomon

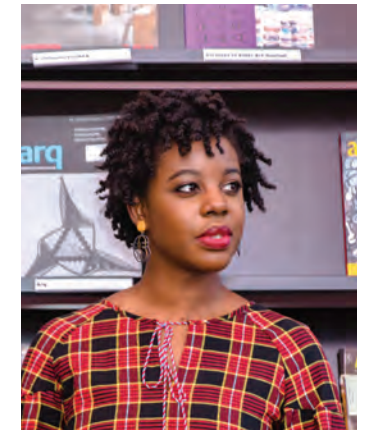
2006

Age: 35

Providence, R.I.

Bachelor of Arts
in Art History

Education Program
Coordinator at RISD Museum,
focused on tailoring programs
to be relevant to diverse
populations



Kajette Bloomfield Solomon

For the Young People

Pay attention to issues that make you angry and generate more questions than answers. Strive to be the answer to the problems in whatever field you choose. Be the person you wish you had in your life growing up. Also, don't hoard all the knowledge you've attained. Share it with those coming behind you.

A Vibrant Community

I want to continue growing in my current role as education program coordinator at the RISD Museum. I want to develop more programs and opportunities for people of color in the art history and museum fields. I'd like to build more community partnerships to make the museum a vibrant, active space in people's lives. I also hope to author more articles around issues in the field of museum work in general and, more specifically, museum education.

Small School, Deep Roots

Arcadia provided the perfect environment for me to thrive. I knew I wanted to attend a college that was smaller and offered an art history program. While I had access to many top art museums and art schools growing up in New York City, I wanted a more traditional college experience. I continued attending galleries and museums in Philadelphia, expanding my palate for different types of art and cultural institutions. At Arcadia, I was an apartment assistant, president of the Black Awareness Society, and took on many leadership roles in work-study positions, which gave me the necessary skills to succeed in all my professional experiences.

Since graduation, I've continued in the fields of art and art history. I received my master's degree, completed internships, and earned job roles that led to my current career in an academic art museum. Arcadia helped me realize that I flourish in environments that are smaller and more receptive to me carving out a lane.

PJ Turcotte

2012

Age: 30

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Biology

Adjunct Professor at Arcadia

Associate at Fidato Partners and nationally-consulted trainer on crisis



PJ Turcotte

Make It Happen

My biggest piece of advice is that if you want a shift in your life or a career move, you must go out and do it yourself. As a student at Arcadia, I learned that no one is going to hand you your future—you need to make it happen.

Changing the System

My greatest achievement is traveling to Washington, D.C. to testify in front of members of Congress about autism spectrum disorder and the justice system. I hope that I can continue to instruct at academic institutions and help influence policies that improve the care we provide to people with disabilities.

Kellie Clay

2010, 2012MED

Age: 31

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Master of Education in Elementary Education

Children's librarian focused on access and representation in literature and literacy

Storytime

Success is watching a child's eyes light up when they love a book that I'm reading to them, seeing them run up to me with a book in their hands ready to discuss the story, or helping them discover a new favorite book. When my kids are eager to share a book with me, or when a book is returned to the library that has been read to the point of being broken, those are the little everyday moments that make me so proud.



Verónica Ponce

Life Lessons

My Arcadia experience was defined by interacting with people from different backgrounds. With this, I realized that the only differences between us are language, religion, and skin color. We are all human with similar values and beliefs.

Best Advice

Always have a vision, think big, believe in yourself, work hard, and contribute to the common good. Do not give up, and always persevere to reach your goal despite the situations. Remember, in this world there are people who trust us. We are not alone.

Verónica Ponce

2018MBA

Age: 30

Mexico City, Mexico

Master of Business Administration

International Development Project Coordinator in her hometown of Mexico City

Member of the US-Mex Forum for Cooperation, Understanding, and Solidarity

Destined to Make an Impact

Finding solutions to the problems faced by poor communities in my country is the path I must continue to follow. My past experiences and my future plans are aimed at contributing to the formulation of Mexico's development strategy. I also want to consolidate our social economy organization and expand our project to other communities around my town. I want to teach girls to work together as a team, share ideas to develop projects, and make a difference.



Kellie Clay

librarians. We know what impact libraries have on children and society, and we need to remind people how necessary they are. I hope to not need to advocate for libraries in five years, but I will continue to do so.



Kyle Asman

Kyle Asman

2017

Age: 24

New York City, N.Y.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Managing Director of Backswing Ventures, an early-stage venture fund investing in tech and healthcare technology companies that have the ability to disrupt the dynamics of the current marketplace

Brick by Brick

Building a business from the ground up has been an incredible journey. It's such a challenge to acquire your first client and then build a team capable of servicing clients. After all the time and money you invest, earning that first dollar of revenue is such an incredible feeling.

Roadmap to Success

A roadmap and hard work are always the keys to success. There is no shortcut in life for hard work. You also need to make sure that your work is always focused on a goal.

Thanks, Coach

Arcadia gave me many opportunities to explore different career paths that shaped the future I chose for myself. I had a number of folks in the Athletics Department, including **Mike Hebenstreit**, **Brian Granata**, **Todd Barnes**, and **Chris Merce**, who supported me through every step of my journey at Arcadia.

“My most cherished memories are the friendships that I made over my four years at Arcadia.”

— Jamie Rohner '02

Jamie Rohner

2002

Age: 39

Port Jervis, N.Y.

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Chief of Operations for West Point, N.Y. Fire & Emergency Services

Green Beret



Jamie Rohner

From Mentee to Mentor

Dr. Bette Goldstone was my advisor, and I'll never forget how nervous I was when I finally decided to tell her that, despite being an Elementary Education major, I wasn't interested in teaching. She went out of her way to support my decision and to help me pursue other areas that I felt were more fitting. I've taken that approach with each employee that I hire. On their first day, I explain that I'm here to fully support them in whatever it is that they want to accomplish, and if this job is just a stop along their career path, that's okay. We learn how both of us can gain from each other.

A Moment of Courage, a Lifetime of Happiness

My greatest accomplishment is having had the courage to ask my wife out on a

date. That decision has led to a loving family who has supported me through everything we've faced in the last 11 years. Professionally, I have found a career that I still love ten years later. Knowing that I'll have the opportunity to influence someone else's day for the better makes each day unique and worthwhile.

Through Thick and Thin

My most cherished memories are the friendships that I made over my four years at Arcadia, which have lasted through the 17 years since graduation. No matter where we are in life, I know that I can pick up the phone and call them anytime. These people are still willing to drop everything and help when needed, just like I'm willing to help them whenever I can. That's what led to me being nominated for this honor, and the fact that my friends even considered me for this means the world to me.

Jennifer Ng

2011

Age: 30

New York City, N.Y.

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, concentration in Marketing

Vice President of Morgan Stanley Institutional Equities and PRIDE leader in the workplace

A Big, Beautiful World

Going into my freshman year at Arcadia, I knew that I wanted to travel and study abroad. After going on Preview, the trip heightened my excitement to study abroad, and I decided to spend a semester in Australia. I learned more about myself, shaped my perspective of the world and, what may be the best part, I met someone who I knew would be my partner for life. The experience was life-changing.



Jennifer Ng

Unforgettable Moments

Late-night Chat burgers followed by stargazing on “Beaver Beach” with my roommates and teammates.

Focused on the Future

In five years, I want to continue to be challenged and happy to come to work. I don’t focus on the titles or the salary. Instead, I focus on the skills I need to learn in order to put me in the best position possible for when that next opportunity comes knocking. If you focus on material or ego, your happiness will be sacrificed. It may make you happy in the short term, but if you focus on your skills, the gains will always far outweigh and take you further.

“ Arcadia helped me find the path that worked best for me. ”

— Chelsea Badeau '03

Chelsea Badeau

2003

Age: 39

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Communications, concentration in Video

Senior Editorial Director and Content Strategist at Comcast

Founder of the Susan and Hector Badeau Endowed Scholarship



Chelsea Badeau

A Professor’s Impact

Dr. Shekhar Deshpande was the chair of the Media and Communication Department during my time at Arcadia. He gave me a D on a test early on, and I was initially devastated. After reviewing my answers to the questions, I realized why I received that grade. My answers were shallow, barely touching the surface of the topics. Dr. Deshpande taught me to be a critical thinker, to challenge the status quo, to dig deeper, to look at things from multiple perspectives, and to uncover the real reasons underlying complex issues. He taught me that the medium is often just as important, if not more so than the message. (We studied Marshall McLuhan who notably said, “the medium is the message.”) Dr. Deshpande challenged me and pushed me to be my best. I have carried that critical thinking mindset with me into every aspect of my life since graduation.

From Interest to Expertise

The four years I spent at Arcadia presented the opportunity for me to explore my interests and passions, develop my skills, and hone in on my strengths. I started as a Physical Therapy major, but I graduated with a degree in Video Communications and a double minor in Fine Arts and Theater. Arcadia helped me find the path that worked best for me. This led to opportunities at local TV stations and media companies, ultimately landing me at Comcast, where I have been for the past 15 years. I currently manage editorial production across Xfinity platforms (Xfinity X1 On Demand, Xfinity Stream, Xfinity Flex, and MyXfinity.com). In addition, Arcadia introduced me to some of my very best friends who continue to be an important part of my life.



John Arnao

“ Lead with integrity, have goals, build a path for success, and learn from others who have found success before you. ”

— John Arnao '17MBA

John Arnao

2017MBA

Age: 31

Philadelphia, Pa.

Master of Business Administration

Vice President of Development for the American Heart Association

Giving From the Heart

My greatest achievement has been raising millions of dollars for causes that are very important to me while also helping the donors and volunteers I’ve met along the way find passion and purpose in their giving, whether it be of their time, talent, or treasure. Their stories of survival and perseverance inspire and motivate me to make the most out of every dollar raised. Their stories of survival inspire me and motivate me to keep growing. I am always fulfilled when I can help a donor

identify their passion for giving and connect it back to the organization’s mission in a meaningful way. Sometimes people don’t even realize what that is at first, so it’s my job to help uncover it.

Leadership Lessons

Lead with integrity, have goals, build a path for success, and learn from others who have found success before you. Also, enlist help from others to get to where you want to be, but don’t ever compromise yourself and your guiding values in the process.

London Calling

My most cherished memory at Arcadia was when my MBA cohort took a trip abroad to London. It was my first time in Europe, and I enjoyed every aspect of the experience. Traveling to new places, experiencing other cultures, and learning new things helped me to grow as a person and be opened up to life experiences that are different than my own.



Keisha M. Robinson

Keisha M. Robinson

2018MED

Age: 38

Philadelphia, Pa.

Master of Education in Applied Behavior Analysis

Founding school counselor and mental health expert serving West Philadelphia and surrounding counties

Breaking Through the Barriers

Arcadia gave me the confidence and drive to become a change agent and leader in the field of education. As I prepare for my fourth year as a founding school counselor, I am organizing ways to better prepare my students for life beyond elementary, middle, and high school. My experience at Arcadia wasn't an easy road, especially as I battled a rare form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, but it has strengthened my confidence that all things are possible even with the toughest obstacles.

Since graduating, I've been accepted into Arcadia's doctoral program in Educational Leadership. I plan on starting the program as a cancer warrior, and I am hopeful that I will accept my doctoral degree healthier, stronger, and wiser.

Leading by Example

My greatest achievement is becoming a mother. I've been blessed with two beautiful, loving, intelligent, kind, and empathetic children. They give me every reason in the world to work hard, accomplish goals,

and be the best version of myself. I work so hard in school to show perseverance during the most difficult times in life. My children have witnessed me studying and working while tired, exhausted, happy, and accomplished. I'm setting the foundation for what they can achieve in life, no matter the barriers.

Kim Jacoby Morris

2010

Age: 31

Bethesda, Md.

Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, concentration in Chemistry Chemical Professions

Post-doctoral fellow and chemist at the National Institute of Health

Education Specialist in the Education and Community Involvement Branch at the National Human Genome Research Institute of the National Institutes of Health

Experiencing the World

Arcadia gave me the opportunity to explore change-making and global citizenship. Studying abroad was my first experience traveling outside of the United States and meeting people from diverse backgrounds. Listening and learning about other perspectives gave me insight and direction for navigating the world. Now, my career focuses on community engagement and education programming. I am actively involved in outreach, recruitment, and retention in science education programming. My personal goal is to increase access to education so that folks can make informed decisions about the way science intersects with their daily lives. My goals stem from the positive, enriching education I received from Arcadia. In short, without Arcadia, I would not be where I am today.



Kim Jacoby Morris

Nostalgic Memories

I will always cherish moving into my first apartment in Oak Summit Apartments. My roommate, who I met during the First-Year Study Abroad Experience, and I thrifted furniture and flexed our creativity to make the space our own. Moving there felt like the first step towards independence and thinking of it is nostalgic. We still keep in contact with friends we made in the building.

Life Is a Journey

Be open to opportunities and follow the path that life takes you down. You never know who you might meet or where you'll go. An equally important lesson, which folks forget to tell you, is that it is okay to try things and learn that you don't enjoy it as much as you thought you would.

Meg Eubank

2005, 2007MED

Age: 36

Bucks County, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Master of Education in Language Arts

Executive Director at Welcoming the Stranger

Experienced educator with a demonstrated history of working in the education field and non-profit organization management industry



Meg Eubank

Mentors for Life

Education professors like **Dr. Bette Goldstone**, **Dr. Peggy Hickman**, **Dr. Leif Gustavson**, and **Dr. Peter Appelbaum** still inform my career today. They encourage my continued scholarship and involvement in the latest practices and professional development opportunities. My photography professor, **Judith Taylor**, also became my art mentor. My professors were always able to address my needs, encourage my interests, help me find ways to reach my goals, and recognize my strengths to help me develop those aptitudes. Office doors were always open, instructors stayed late after class, and professors would even open their homes to students who were interested in continuing the conversations from class over dinner. In this way, Arcadia lives up to its reputation as a community of scholars who pursue knowledge and higher thinking.

Supporting Success

When I stepped into my role as executive director at Welcoming the Stranger in 2015, I was presented with numerous challenges of a small, struggling nonprofit. Funding was hard to come by, we had experienced a 147 percent increase in enrollment without an increase in funding, and the immigrants we serve had changing needs. Despite these challenges, we are now in a much more stable place to carry out our work. The students' successes are my greatest achievements: a young victim of human trafficking learned English, got a job, earned her GED, and got a driver's license; a refugee family found permanent housing; a formerly illiterate grandmother read her grandson a picture book for the first time. There are countless examples of their success.



Ernie Gonzalez

Ernie Gonzalez

2006

Age: 35
West Palm Beach, Fla.
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
Center Operations Director of Compass, one of the largest LGBTQ community centers in the state of Florida

Paying It Forward

During my time at Arcadia, **Dr. Ana Maria Garcia**, associate professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice, and **Dr. Doreen Loury**, associate professor and director of Pan African Studies, invested their time, energy, and emotional support to help me thrive at Arcadia and beyond. They provided me with opportunities to experience how people of color and the LGBTQ community can help encourage change. Because of them, I now see the impact I can make to help future leaders and activists.

The Suite Life

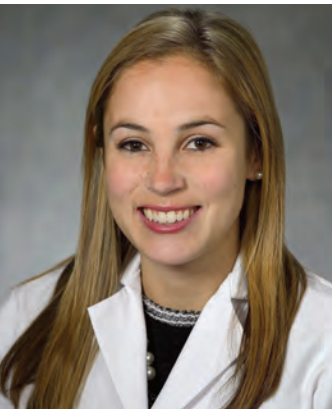
My most cherished memory at Arcadia is when I lived with a great group of friends in a suite in Knight Hall. I was one of the first students who were able to live in co-ed housing on campus. That year was full of laughter, adventures, love, and growth. When I think back on my life, it was truly one of the most fun experiences.

A Dream Achieved

My greatest achievement has been fulfilling my parents' wish for me to learn, grow, and achieve more than they were able to in Puerto Rico. By staying true to the values they instilled in me of hard work, perseverance, and faith, I am a living testament to the immigrant dream for their children.

“ I’ve gained a new appreciation for my former professors—organizing class is a lot of work.

— Danielle McKenna '14M



Danielle McKenna

Danielle McKenna

2014M

Age: 30
Philadelphia, Pa.
Master of Science in Genetic Counseling
Cancer genetic counselor specializing in hereditary breast cancer syndromes and transgender populations

In Five Years

I hope to participate in genetic-counselor-driven research with the goal of publication and presentations at national meetings.

Most Cherished Arcadia Memory

My favorite memory is studying for Medical Genetics with my friends. We would come up with the craziest ways to remember things, and we had so many laughs.

Life Comes Full Circle

My greatest and proudest accomplishment is teaching the Introduction to Cancer Genetics course for Arcadia's Genetic Counseling program. It was my favorite class during graduate school, and it is incredibly rewarding to be on the other side of the podium. I enjoy giving lectures and have been very impressed with the students' insightful comments and questions. I've also gained a new appreciation for all my former teachers and professors—organizing a class is a lot of work.

Chantel Mattiola

2015M

Age: 29
Washington, D.C.
Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution
Fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) and Co-chair of HRC's Bisexual, Pansexual, Queer, Fluid Employee Resource Group

A Legacy to Remember

On graduation day, I was awarded the A. Richard Polis Scholarship Award for academic success and community service. What I cherish most about that day was being up on stage and seeing my late nana, Kathleen Kidd Moyer, beaming with pride as she watched me receive this recognition. She was a student on this campus when it was Beaver College in the 1950s; however, she had to take a leave of absence in her last years of schooling to take care of her family. As a result, she never graduated. If it were not for her dedication to her family, it is hard to say whether or not I'd be on the stage that day as the first in my family to earn my master's degree. Almost 60 years after my nana left this campus, here I was receiving an award alongside her. It felt symbolic. I knew I was accepting the honor, not just for myself but for my nana and her resilience. I'll never forget that day.



Chantel Mattiola

Good Trouble

As civil rights leader and Congressman John Lewis says, it's always about making “good trouble.” The resilient women before me challenged the status quo. The brave queer folks before me rallied and spoke out. When our progressive movement faces a setback, I always remember the stories of those who strategized and sacrificed for the better of future generations. I've been lucky to have the support system, good fortune, and privilege to be in my line of work—making good trouble. Waking up each day knowing I am standing up for what I believe and helping to advance equality in one way or another, often for folks who may not have the same opportunities I've had, is a great responsibility.

Chantel's Advice to Recent Graduates

Plan your work; work your plan.



Candace Yaeger

Candace Yaeger

2007

Age: 34
Philadelphia, Pa.
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Entrepreneur, executive coach, and professional speaker

Community and Connection

I recall Arcadia having a group or student organization for everything and everyone. When there wasn't a student organization, Arcadia had the platform and support that allowed students to create what they wanted to see. Arcadia's commitment to inclusion and community was apparent to me the moment I stepped on campus and is what inspired my dedication to service and community engagement. Since Arcadia,

when I see a need for an organization or a group, I create it. I've launched and grown numerous groups for professional women, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits.

Best Advice

Keep in touch with your professors on LinkedIn. Connect with them from time to time via email or phone. Whether you need references, advice, or connections for a job opportunity, your Arcadia professors are an incredible resource and willing to help and support you even after graduation. Also, be sure to keep in touch with the University. Arcadia has a wealth of resources for alumni and a vast alumni network.

The Best Is Yet to Come

I'm rarely stumped by a question; yet, ask me to name my greatest achievement and I'll struggle. After graduating from Arcadia, I went on to obtain master's degrees in both Psychology and Business. I've built and grown multiple successful companies. I'm writing my first book. Yet, what brings me the most pride is how I've changed the lives of my clients. I consider this impact my legacy.



Jeff Tintle

Jeff Tintle

2002

Age: 39
Allentown, Pa.
Bachelor of Arts in International Business
Founder and Managing Director of Thrive Media, a healthcare publishing and media company connecting older adults to resources

Most Cherished Arcadia Memory

Oddly enough, my best memories of the Arcadia experience were not at Arcadia, but abroad. Arcadia, however, made it all possible and significantly broadened my horizons, opportunities, and view of the world. I will never forget the dozens of sunrises from my surfboard in Australia or the high-fives from my ultimate frisbee teammates in Venezuela.

How to Find Success

Just get started in whatever opportunity that presents itself is best, regardless of if it's your ideal job. Then work hard, show enthusiasm, and take calculated risks to pursue your dreams. Be passionate about what you do, learn to collaborate, and live for something bigger than yourself. People desire leaders who pursue principles and virtues and exude selfless leadership—develop yourself into that person, and others will follow.

Where I'll Be In Five Years

We have spent the last 12 months re-engineering our company to focus on inspiring our readers and clients to pursue and achieve what is most meaningful to them. Five years from now, it is my goal to build my publishing company to grow to more than 40 magazines across the nation and empower our team so that I can maintain a better work-life balance. I anticipate traveling more often with my family and working on meaningful projects that invest in people and communities.

“ Believe in the power of your ideas and to stay true to yourself. I'll carry that lesson with me through my life. ”

— Rachel DeLadesmo '14

Rachel DeLadesmo

2014

Age: 27
Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communications
Anti-violence advocate and Social Media Manager at RAINN, the largest anti-sexual violence organization in the United States



Rachel DeLadesmo

Communications for Change-Making

As a student, I was invested in the power of fashion, pop culture, and social media as communication tools, but I was embarrassed that I didn't want to work in something more “important.” Dr. Michael Dwyer, associate professor of Media and Communication, told me not to apologize for what I love and to use those interests to my advantage. My interest in fashion helped me get a scholarship to study abroad for a semester, and my pop culture and social media expertise are parts of my career every day. I use them to talk about the realities of abuse and point survivors of sexual violence to resources that can help them heal or get justice. Professor Dwyer showed me how important it is to believe in the power of your ideas and to stay true to yourself. I'll carry that lesson with me through my life.

Giving Back

Given my educational background and the activities I gravitated towards at Arcadia, it makes a lot of sense that I became a nonprofit communications professional after graduation. My time at Arcadia was focused on service and community: discovering joy in mentoring as an orientation leader, giving back during Alternative Spring Break in Florida, and finding my place as a global citizen during semesters abroad.

The Digital Future

I want to grow my skill set, be a leader in my field, and continue to work with people that value my expertise, prioritize the digital space, and believe in the power of young people.

Meg Skill 2006

Age: 36

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in
Painting

Owner and designer of
Nutmeg Cake Design, an
artisan wedding cake bakery

Design and Direction

Professors **Betsey Batchelor** and **Mike DeLuca** were integral parts of my Art and Design experience. They both created a supportive, warm, and enthusiastic learning environment, and their discussions on color theory, texture, perspective, and composition contribute to the visual language I use in my design process. Their dedication to students was always apparent.

Forging My Path

Creating a career from your interests isn't always easy, but it will guarantee that you'll make a true investment in your work. Success is defined differently by everyone. I've found success in the satisfaction of the work I create for my clients, along with the empowerment of forging my path each day.

Building a Business for Wedded Bliss

The business is constantly changing and evolving to suit the needs of both our clients and my shifting goals. As we're able to grow and add more creative team members, we'll continue to focus on providing an exceptional wedding experience, while also adding more pre-designed dessert options available for order.



Meg Skill

Kasey Lynch Thomas 2012

Age: 30

Lehigh County, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal
Justice, minor in English

Employment Case Manager for
Lehigh County Department of
Corrections

FBI-trained hostage
negotiator



Kasey Lynch Thomas



Lawin Bauza Michlat

Step-by-Step

Almost every step of my life has been influenced by my time at Arcadia. I knew that I wanted to work in corrections after taking the "Inside Out" course. Before I even graduated from Arcadia, I was working full time in a prison, and now, I currently work in the treatment department of a work release. Arcadia also instilled a sense of social justice in me, leading me to be a part of the Women's March On Washington in 2017 as well as organizing an ongoing book collection, focusing on books in Spanish and English of varying difficulties, to start or supplement libraries at multiple prisons and work releases in Pennsylvania.

Five Years From Now

I will be about 35 years old with a five-year-old son at home. I envision that I will continue to work in corrections, developing my skills as an advocate for prisoner rights and reform. I have also begun the process of becoming a trained and certified doula, helping other women on their pregnancy journeys.

Lawin Bauza Miclat 2016

Age: 24

Menlo Park, Calif.

Bachelor of Arts in
International Business

Master of Science in Finance
candidate at Universita'
Bocconi

Former Facebook Lead
Analyst, Search Integrity Team

Character and Confidence

Starting at Arcadia at the age of 16, I was but awkward and a little quiet. Arcadia, being the charming little island that it is, was a comfortable space for me to express myself, find my personality, and connect with people from backgrounds other than my own. Being comfortable in my skin has let me network with folks that have been pivotal in my career so far.

Learning to Lead

Linda Pizzi '05M, my supervisor at Arcadia's Learning Resource Network (LRN), had an incredible impact on my life. She trusted me to lead tutoring sessions and to be LRN's head business tutor my senior year. I learned what leadership style I prefer and learned how to improve my leadership abilities. That prepared me to now lead a small team of six with confidence.

A Bright Future

Whatever I've achieved so far, I hope it pales in comparison to what I achieve in the future. Only 24 years old and three years out of college, I have my entire life and career ahead of me.



Lt. Shantel Blume

Lt. Shantel Blume

2013DPT

Age: 32

Gallup, N.M.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Physical therapist dedicated to
working with Native American
populations, awarded by the
Navajo Area for her work

Physical Therapy Highlights

My two-week pro bono experience providing physical therapy services to the underserved in St. Elizabeth Parrish, Jamaica was amazing. The icing on the cake was speaking at the Mütter Museum on behalf of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program about pro bono and experiential learning opportunities.

Confidence and Competence

Arcadia gave me the opportunity to serve people in ways that I never imagined. From the experiential learning experiences in the greater Philadelphia area to the opportunities to study abroad, I built my confidence and competence in my clinical and interpersonal skills. The Arcadia experience ignited my love of serving underserved populations and ultimately led me to my current position with the Indian Health Service as a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS).

What's Next

In the next five years, I plan to earn my Field Readiness Medical Badge (FMRB), be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) and, perhaps most importantly, endow a scholarship to benefit underrepresented ethnic minorities entering the field of physical therapy.

“ The Arcadia experience
ignited my love of serving
underserved populations.

— Lt. Shantel Blume '13DPT

Elizaveta Zibirova

2015

Age: 24

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Accounting

Technical Accounting

Consultant at Centri Business
Consulting

Tax preparation volunteer and
financial literacy instructor to
low-income individuals

Former Auditor for the City of
Philadelphia Controller's Office

Lifelong Learning

Thanks to Arcadia, I learned to treat my entire life as an educational experience. I try to educate myself on at least three or four extra things a year on top of my primary career, similar to how Arcadia requires you to take a well-rounded portfolio of classes. Arcadia's small class sizes taught me that speaking to small groups is more effective and productive than screaming in front of millions of people. I learned to reach more hearts and minds in personal settings rather than large public gatherings.



Elizaveta Zibirova

Inspiration From a Beautiful Spirit

Professor **Tom Brinker** instilled a deep and enthusiastic love of accounting in me. Out of all of my classes at Arcadia and other institutions around the globe, his accounting and business classes were filled with the most laughter, joy, and excitement. He embodies what I hope to become one day—a great leader, an amazing businessman, a caring family man and community member, and overall, a beautiful spirit and individual.

The Journey Continues

I hope to get a few more letters after my name. And after that, say yes to as many educational and developmental experiences as I can to eventually become a professor of Accounting—who knows, maybe even at Arcadia.

“ The work of an interior designer in any healthcare facility not only sets the tone of the building but can have a significant effect on people’s lives and well-being. ”

— Jolene Mudri '03, '17MBA



Jolene Mudri

Jolene Mudri

2003, 2017MBA

Age: 38

Dallas, Texas

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design

Master of Business Administration

Interior Designer at an architecture firm dedicated to hospital and health center design

The Best of Healthcare Design

As a healthcare interior designer, I want to continue to hone my talents and become a certified healthcare designer. The work of an interior designer in any healthcare facility not only sets the tone of the building but can have a significant effect on people’s lives and well-being.

Making an Impact

Since 2016, I have volunteered with the Philadelphia Covenant House to help raise awareness and funds for young people facing homelessness. I led a pop-up art installation at City Hall to represent the 546 youth the shelter had to turn away. Donations raised from the event helped to expand the shelter’s bed capacity. The installation was also recognized among the top 10 art installations in Philadelphia by “Streets Dept.”

Best Advice

Make connections and take risks.



David Jacobs

David Jacobs

2014

Age: 27

New York City, N.Y.

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Professional civil engineer

Life Coaches

My soccer coach at Arcadia, **Rob Nydick**, taught me a lot about soccer, but the lessons he instilled about being a good person and professional were what really stuck with me after school. Five years removed from Arcadia, I still think I’m late if I’m not 15 minutes early. I would also be remiss not to mention some of my other influences, including **Helene Klein**, assistant dean for Honors and Accelerated Programs, and **Ned Wolff**, professor of Computer Science and Mathematics. They both influenced my decision to attend Arcadia and continued to guide me throughout my undergraduate career.

Just the Beginning

Instead of looking at graduation as a finish line, I advise recent graduates to treat all that you learned and achieved at Arcadia as a starting point. Never stop learning, and you will never stop succeeding.

Arcadia’s Gifts

Arcadia introduced me to diversity and travel in a way that I had not previously experienced. Since my graduation, these two aspects of my Arcadia experience have followed me into my career and personal life. As a student at Columbia University and an engineer in New York City, I have met classmates,

colleagues, friends, and acquaintances with a wide variety of backgrounds. The diversity I encountered at Arcadia prepared me to effectively navigate each of these relationships. Furthermore, Arcadia developed my love for travel, and since graduation, I have pursued ways to travel through school, work, and leisure.

Sammy Nickalls

2014

Age: 27

New York City, N.Y.

Bachelor of Arts in Communications

Freelance writer with bylines in Esquire, Elle, Vice, and Teen Vogue

Social media personality and mental health advocate

Finding Confidence and Courage

Since freshman year, **Dr. Michael Dwyer** gave me the confidence I needed to foster my work and the courage I needed to pitch to magazines and apply for editorial jobs. He encouraged me to get involved with the University’s publications and gave me incredibly poignant advice about tricky career issues I experienced after graduation.

The Best of Times

During Hurricane Sandy in 2012, Arcadia and the surrounding area lost power for several days. I was living in Oak Summit Apartments with several good friends. We made a cozy little fort-like setup out of couches and mattresses. We treated the whole thing like a spooky sleepover party, and when the hallways regained power, we camped out in the hall with other students and RAs, and we made a great time out of what could have been a scary situation. That’s what it was like for me at Arcadia—the people I met there always made everything so much fun.

Next Up

I’d love to publish a book. Cue my blessedly patient agent screaming, “Then do it!”



Sammy Nickalls

“My professional and academic experiences have sparked my desire to continue studying issues of peace, security, and development.”

— Camilo López Delgado '15

Dr. Amber LaJeunesse Silverberg

2006

Age: 35

Havertown, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Director of the Center for Student Engagement and Leadership at Cabrini University

Co-founder of Gamify Live



Dr. Amber LaJeunesse Silverberg

Most Cherished Arcadia Memory

The countless days with dear friends dancing, leading clubs, or just being together live in my heart.

A friend and I founded the Knight Club during our freshman year. The organization started with 30 members and had more than 100 by the time we graduated. Performing on stage with my friends was a highlight in my college career. I'm a very proud alumna when I see the Knight Club's continued success.

Additionally, studying abroad in Athens, Greece was one of the best decisions I ever made. The tremendous experiences, breathtaking beauty, wonderful food, incredible people, and even the discomfort and fear are memories I will always cherish.

Paying It Forward

I have worked within student affairs since I graduated from Arcadia in 2006. Within the next five years, I hope to earn a new position of executive director, associate dean, or dean of students. Within my time working in student affairs, I hope I have influenced students similar to how **Dr. Janet Walbert** and the rest of Arcadia's Student Affairs team impacted me.

Thank You, Arcadia

Professionally, I have found a career in which I thrive and enjoy. I have assisted students as they find their voice and grow. I am proud of who I have become as a professional and am still in disbelief that I completed the work and earned my doctorate in Higher Education Leadership in 2017.

Camilo López Delgado

2015

Age: 27

New York City, N.Y.

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Cultural Anthropology

Senior Technical Adviser at the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations



Camilo López Delgado

Arcadia's Influence

Arcadia had a profound influence on my interest in the world of multilateralism and international politics. International Studies gave me useful theoretical knowledge of international relations, while Cultural Anthropology helped me better understand the complexities and effects of culture in society. In addition, my study abroad experiences allowed me to meet people from different parts of the world and further sparked my interest in working in a multinational setting. I was then able to first experience this through internships that allowed me to explore the potential of a career linked to the United Nations.

What's Next

My professional and academic experiences have sparked my desire to continue studying issues of peace, security, and development. Eventually, I'd like to pursue a doctoral degree in something related to those topics. Additionally, I would like to continue getting involved in developing social and academic projects and engage more with the political world in my home country of Paraguay.

Life at the United Nations

My first greatest achievement was entering into a professional atmosphere that consistently allows me to grow intellectually. The United

Beth Lawrence, CMP

2009

Age: 32

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts, Individualized Concentration in Event Planning

Beth Lawrence Meetings & Events

Co-founder of the Industry Formula and award-winning international meeting planner

Passion Project

If it were not for my advisor, **Dr. Shekhar Deshpande**, and Professor **Robert Kieserman**, I would not be where I am today. Dr. Deshpande was the person who suggested I move toward an individualized concentration in event planning, and Professor Kieserman offered the option of planning a national marketing conference at Arcadia as a choice for a final project. As a result, I was able to gain firsthand experience and guidance prior to graduation. Professor Kieserman, to this day, is a huge advocate for me. He was one of the first people I called when I started my business, and he has been there for me throughout the years as a mentor and a friend. Had I chosen a different university, I likely would have stayed an English major and would have never realized my passion for event planning.



Beth Lawrence

“You don't find success; you create it. Your education is one piece, and your résumé and experience are another.”

— Beth Lawrence, CMP '09

Take the Initiative

You don't find success; you create it. Your education is one piece, and your résumé and experience are another. Upon graduation, you've been given all of the tools that a university can offer. What a university can't offer, however, is the initiative to take your career into your own hands. If it were not for my efforts with networking, continuing education, and an ever-changing list of goals, I would not be where I am today.

Reasons to Celebrate

Ironically, I'm great at setting goals but not great at celebrating successes. After getting laid off unexpectedly, I started my own event planning business and signed my first two clients two months later. I learned how to build a website, file a business and make it legally official, and run multiple businesses simultaneously. I've always wanted to be an entrepreneur, and I'm so proud to have made it happen.

Daniel W. Safford

2016DPT

Age: 35

Wallingford, Pa.

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Physical therapist at Good Shepherd Penn Partners and Air National Guard veteran

Former high school band teacher, composer, and film-fest winner

Best Advice

Involve yourself in as many opportunities as you can while ensuring that you excel in all of them.

You will inevitably move away from some but will likely gain many great experiences and contacts while finding a narrower path. If you do not perform well because you are overextended, however, then you will not reap those rewards.

A Shared Vision

I am the lead therapist at the newly expanded Good Shepherd Penn Partners outpatient physical therapy clinic at Oak Summit Apartments on Arcadia's campus. In working toward the shared vision of Good Shepherd Penn Partners



Daniel W. Safford

and Arcadia University's Department of Physical Therapy, I plan to expand our positive impact on the Glenside and Arcadia academic and athletic communities through best care practices while also facilitating joint faculty and clinician research projects in our site and creating greater integration with the Doctor of Physical Therapy curriculum.

Michael J. McLaughlin Esq.

2004

Age: 37

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Biology

Partner at Butler Weihmuller Katz Craig LLP

Pro bono attorney for individuals with disabilities

The Arcadia Perspective

My educational experience at Arcadia gave me the motivation to learn more about the world, to question norms, and to invest in myself. I had great professors who taught me how to tackle challenging issues with a creative thought process. In particular, **Dr. Joshua Blustein** made an impact on my life by teaching me to think critically and to look at any challenge from a different perspective.

A Foundation for Success

As president of the Student Government Organization, I gave a speech during the dedication of the Landman Library. It was



Michael J. McLaughlin, Esq.

my first introduction to public speaking, which has become a large part of my professional career.

Life Lessons

Never be afraid to take on new and challenging opportunities. You will learn the most from a challenging and adversarial experience.



Gianna Lozzi Wolf

“ I will never forget the experience of hearing my first play being read aloud and the reactions of my classmates and professors. ”

— Gianna Lozzi Wolf '16

Gianna Lozzi Wolf

2016

Age: 30

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Theater and English

Co-founder and Artistic Director of Raw Street Productions

Playwright and theater teacher

Play by Play

I will never forget the experience of hearing my first play being read aloud and the reactions of my classmates and professors. It is one of my most rewarding memories to date.

Exciting Next Steps

In five years, I hope to be using my master's degree to teach English within the Philadelphia School District and working towards my third degree in Education Administration. I hope that the education department of my theater company, Raw Street Productions, is thriving, widespread, and continuing to gain professional recognition. I hope the company will continue to strive toward making a difference in the Philadelphia community, using our grants, donations, and federal funding to make art accessible to everyone and that 2020's growth plans will lead us to offer full-time positions to our staff. Last, on a more personal level, I hope I will continue to write and produce plays.

Founding From Fringe

My greatest achievement is Raw Street Productions, the theater company I founded with my brother in 2016. The company got its start when we entered the play that I wrote for my senior thesis, "Right Behind," into the Philadelphia Fringe Festival that year. I take pride in our continued success over the past three years, and I am endlessly grateful to my Raw Street family, who has been with us since day one.



Juan Pacheco

Juan Pacheco

2002

Age: 39
Los Angeles, Calif.
Bachelor of Arts in Theater Arts and English
Actor, producer, and voice-over artist based in Los Angeles, who appeared on camera in “Scandal,” “Rosewood,” and numerous national commercials and whose voice can be heard in “Coco,” “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,” “The Walking Dead,” and more
Winner of the A.C.T.F. National Certificate of Merit for his portrayal of Othello

Words of Wisdom

I work weekly as a voice actor and find myself referring to the many lessons and skills acquired in the Acting program, including lessons from **Janet Pilla** who encouraged me to explore character through physicality, being mentored and led into the world of Shakespeare by **David Bassuk**, and then, there is **Clista Townsend**. Clista taught me to find joy in the

work, to ask questions, to enter a space with a sense of wonder, and to discover something new with each moment. The mask class I did with Clista, would probably be at the top of my list; I lost myself in the work only to find new forms of expression. Cliché much? Well, ’tis true.

Support and Success

My most cherished memories are from my time in the Act 101 program. It’s where I discovered my writing abilities, it’s where I was told and believed that I was cut out for college life, and it’s where I found the constant support of **Dr. Doreen Loury** and **Dr. Angela McNeil ’01**. My professors always showed an interest and made me feel welcome.

Big Moves

I packed a car full of my belongings and set sail to Los Angeles. Now, 17 years later, not only do I have a wonderful career but I also have an incredible wife and three beautiful boys that I get to come home to every day. Nothing tops that.

Courtney Knowlton

2010, 2012MEd

Age: 32
Philadelphia, Pa.
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Spanish
Master of Education
Teacher, faculty member, author, and thought leader in multilingual education



Courtney Knowlton

Connections Across Cultures

My time at Arcadia truly incited my drive to participate in the world as a global citizen. One small moment that left a lasting impact happened when I was exploring shops in the Sacromonte neighborhood of Granada, Spain during a semester abroad. Inside a jewelry shop, I met a young girl who was the daughter of the owner. When I tried talking to her, the father explained that she spoke Moroccan Arabic. I only knew a few words, *salaam*, *zweena*, *shukran*, but they were enough. Her entire demeanor changed, and she was beaming.

It was experiences like these that made me want to be a multilingual education teacher, to get involved with the board of PennTESOL-East, and to teach graduate students about language and culture.

Warm Welcomes

During my freshman year, I was assigned to live in one of the rooms in Grey Towers Castle, and I warmly remember that whenever my roommates and I came home, TJ was there to greet us. She was the public safety officer assigned to the Castle, and we would spend hours sitting on the cushioned bench across from her station. She would give us advice, ask about our parents, and tell stories. It was like being welcomed home by family.

Leading the Field

At this point in my life, I feel that my greatest achievement is serving as president of PennTESOL-East. This role gave me the opportunity to plan a conference with the theme of “Celebrating the Impact of Educators.” As part of the conference, I created an award to recognize the meaningful work of TESOL professionals. I believe that honoring the work of others strengthens a community.

“ The sense of wonder that can come with trying to grapple with the world is important.

— Nick Gregorio ’15MFA



Nick Gregorio

Nick Gregorio

2015MFA

Age: 34
Philadelphia, Pa.
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
Published author and high school/collegiate-level educator

A New World

I suggest that recent graduates try to acknowledge that confidence and certainty may not come easily. That’s not to say they cannot trust themselves, or believe in themselves. It’s more meant as a call to discovery. To continually accept that understanding isn’t the only point. The sense of wonder that can come along with trying to grapple with the world, if you’re open to it, is more important. In that wonderment, in that pursuit, the world is always new, always beautiful, and worth the effort in all its joys and disappointments.

Arcadia Mentor Who Made an Impact on My Life

Professor **Joshua Isard** showed me what it is and what it means to be a writer. He taught me to bask in empathy, to take risks, and to strive to know more about what it means to be human, even though it is a never-ending pursuit. Without him, I wouldn’t be a writer. And I wouldn’t be the person I am today without being a writer.



Patti DeBow

Patti DeBow

2002

Age: 39
Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
President of Parsons TKO
Former Accenture Management Consultant focused on government and nonprofit clients

Mentoring Adds Up

Arcadia’s greatest asset is its dedicated faculty and staff—from caring residence life teams to dining hall staff to building security, to committed professors and academic advisers. The Mathematics faculty was instrumental to my experience as a student and my professional success. **Dr. Ned Wolff**, **Dr. Louis Friedler**, and **Dr. Carlos Ortiz** mentored me, encouraged me through difficult coursework and research, accompanied me on a study abroad trip to China, and helped me find my first job. I am eternally grateful for their guidance.

Words of Gratitude

More than professional achievements, my personal success is embodied by moments when someone has said to me, “Thanks for being there” or “I knew I could count on you.” These are cherished words from both loved ones and colleagues. Achievements on a résumé can’t compare to knowing I made a difference to someone.

Changing Careers

Over the past couple of years, I left a decade-long career as a management consultant to manage a small business that works with nonprofits, and I recently became chair of the Board of Directors at a housing organization that serves survivors of domestic violence. My near-term goal is to be an intentional learner in these roles.



Megan Corcoran Patten

Megan Corcoran Patten 2006

Age: 35

Orlando, Fla.

Bachelor of Arts in Communications

Associate Project Manager serving Walt Disney World Parks Operations with 13+ years as a Walt Disney World team member

A Culture of Confidence

The culture of Arcadia has had a supreme influence on how I interact with others from varying backgrounds and levels, especially in the workplace. Because Arcadia exposed me to a variety of opportunities, I became familiar with many environments and learned to be comfortable with who I am.

Lifelong Memories

Arcadia was the setting for so many memories and, most importantly, friendships that led to lifelong memories. An experience that I truly cherish is getting to be a part of the first Preview trip to Scotland. The country was amazing in every way. The trip not only solidified my love of travel but also showed me that I could learn so much during my time at Arcadia, both in the classroom and beyond.

Work-Life Balance

I decided a long time ago to throw out the traditional five-year plan and to focus on core drivers that fuel my passions and allow my talents to grow instead.

Every opportunity I've taken aligns with these drivers. In the past five years, I've gotten married, had two amazing children (with a third due this summer), and transitioned into a new role at work. In the next five years, I hope to keep all of this in balance while also being the best woman, wife, mother, and professional that I can be.

There is unprecedented growth happening within my company right now, which brings many opportunities to keep my family a priority while helping to bring my company into the future.

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— Megan Corcoran Patten '06



Phillip Le

Phillip Le 2005

Age: 36

Philadelphia, Pa.

Bachelor of Arts in Communications, concentration in Video

Director of Design: Innovation & Customer Value Proposition at Xfinity

Martial arts instructor

The Artist's Eye

Alan Powell, Media and Communications professor, helped reframe how I looked upon the world, both as an artist and as a working professional. He has continued to do so even after I graduated, with a keen eye on personal development as well as a deeper contextual understanding of people and the communities in which we engage.

The educators at Arcadia University cared about me, and that has informed me of how I want to teach and coach in my domains as well.

Foundations and Friendships

Arcadia's focus on an all-encompassing humanities curriculum with a strong foundation in its pluralism and sociology classes was essential to providing a wide breadth and depth of understanding in any environment and endeavor. Of course, the people I met and the friendships I built during my time at Arcadia have stayed with me through all of these years. That, to me, is immeasurable.

Global Connections

It's hard to pick a singular cherished memory. My time at Arcadia was formative to who I am today. If I had to pick a focused memory, I'd say it's Arcadia University's study abroad opportunities and its focus on global awareness. The friends I made while studying overseas became my family. They are still so crucial to who I am today. I don't have words to adequately describe how much they mean to me.



Joe Spearot

Joe Spearot 2014

Age: 27

Middletown, Del.

Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Chemistry

Quality Assurance Technician at Dogfish Head Craft Brewery

Advanced Cicerone®, one of less than 140 in the world

3,000 Miles of Courage

While it may not seem like much, my greatest achievement was deciding to step on a plane to Scotland and travel 3,000 miles away from home through the First-Year Study Abroad Experience during my first semester at Arcadia. This moment marked a purposeful investment in myself, my future, and the pursuit of fulfilling my dreams. All of my achievements since that day and all of the successes yet to come directly correspond to that leap of faith.

Standing Upon the Shoulders of Giants

Without a doubt, Arcadia has the most passionate, brilliant, and student-focused faculty and staff

with whom I have ever had the honor to work. The best way that I can describe my experience is a quote attributed to Isaac Newton, “If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.” Two of these “giants,” to which I owe the world, are **Dr. Linda Mascavage**, professor of Chemistry and Physics, and **Helene Klein**, assistant dean for Honors and Accelerated Programs.

When it came time to think about a thesis topic, Dr. Mascavage allowed me to set up a functional brewery in her organic chemistry lab. While other students were working on forensic or polymer-based research topics, I stunk up Boyer Hall with the smell of fermenting beer. She took a chance on me, and I can't thank her enough.

The Future Is Brewing

Within the next five years, I hope to continue my education and research in all things related to the brewing industry and sensory evaluation. Ideally, I hope to commit the time to study for the highest and final Master Cicerone® Certification. I would love to work on additional publications and get involved with teaching.

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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 Gumpport 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 Momiyama 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 Alabilikian 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.”

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 Plessner 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 Reifsnyder 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

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.

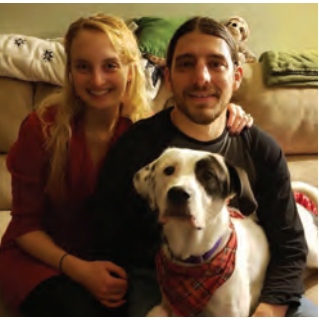
Zachary Baker earned his Ph.D. and is now a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota.

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) from Arcadia, **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.

2019

Kahlil Rivers says, "I am so excited to welcome a baby girl into my life at the end of this year with my partner, whom I met when he was visiting a friend at Arcadia. Thanks, Arcadia, for introducing us; we can't wait to become Arcadia Dads when we send our daughter to school there!" ❖

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



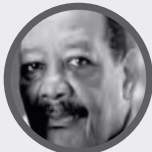
2019
Dr. Andrea Crivelli-Kovach



2020
Sharon Anthony



2020
Dr. Edward (Ed) Barbieri



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 Sroat

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 Feeney

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

1996
Maureen Smith '96M

2002
June Watkin Parkinson '02M

2014
Deborah Porter Greasham



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STRIVING FOR A MORE PERFECT UNION

By Taylor Raymond '16, *advance associate for the City of Chicago Office of the Mayor*



Educator, author, and politician Shirley Chisholm famously said, “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.” When she announced her candidacy for president in 1972, she offered the less-known but no-less-true sentiment: “I stand before you today, to repudiate the ridiculous notion that the American people will not vote for qualified candidates, simply because he is not white or because she is not a male.”

The 19th Amendment was about more than suffrage; it was and continues to be women’s formal ticket into the political system. Women in this country have a rich history of political pursuits; and yet, 100 years later, we are still merely on the precipice of this country’s female story. In 1992, a record number of women were elected to the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. It was the beginning of a seismic shift in politics, in the way Americans saw electability, and in how women saw themselves and each other.

We could win. And we have.

While we are still waiting for the highest office to be referred to as Madame President, we can count some big wins since 1992’s “Year of the Woman.” The 2018 elections saw women win 102 seats in the House, 14 in the Senate, and nine gubernatorial races. While there were also losses, these women are the shoulders that others can stand on to succeed.

On the hyper-local level, Chicago’s Mayoral runoff election featured two black women for the first time in history. I am grateful to stand at the beginning of this

new history with Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot. As the first Black female and LGBTQ+ mayor of a large city, her achievement is the culmination of hundreds of women before her that tried, failed, and tried again.

I have gained a unique perspective through the work I do as an advancer at City Hall, a role that, while perhaps not well known, is essential to the daily operations of most politicians. We have walked into neighborhoods so far south, the “Welcome to Indiana” sign is visible; we’ve spoken with folks that have lived in these neighborhoods who told us that a mayor had never come to their neighborhood. We

have spent nights on the West Side with pastors, police commanders, and community leaders; we’ve spoken with mothers who have lost children to violence; we’ve guided youth who have seen their friends murdered or who have lost parents to the criminal justice system. We have attended corporate events in nearly every single skyscraper in the downtown area with business leaders big and small. What I have seen is one common thread—hope. Mayor Lightfoot inspires a city to believe that change is coming to them personally. It is not some abstract notion of a better city, but a better tomorrow for them.

We will strive to turn decades of systemic discrimination and economic injustice in Chicago into a prospering city that works for everyone. The policies that Mayor Lightfoot’s administration is implementing is part of the equation, but the other half comes from people who continue to be engaged, who go to the polls, who help candidates organize and run for office.

What we strive for, ultimately, is a more perfect union. ❖

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Taylor Raymond '16 (left) and Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot.

100 YEARS AGO AT BEAVER COLLEGE



Students on campus, circa 1920.

The year was 1920. After a decades-long fight for women’s suffrage, the US Senate passed the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote in elections. A committee of social justice-minded citizens, which included Helen Keller and Jane Addams, founded the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to protect freedom of speech and to decrease racism and discrimination. Prohibition took effect with its nationwide constitutional ban on the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages. The Roaring Twenties ushered in an age of cultural upheaval and artistic expression.

Beaver College—Arcadia University’s founding institution—counted more than 170 students enrolled in a combination of liberal arts, household economics, music, fine arts, and expression. Charges from room and board varied from \$325 to \$450, and tuition was \$100. Located 26 miles northwest of Pittsburgh, the campus in Beaver, Pa. consisted of three adaptable buildings: the expansive mainstay, College Hall; the

modern, convenience-filled Household Economics Hall; and the comfortable, well-furnished Residence Hall.

Outside of the classroom, students participated in a wide variety of activities, clubs, and organizations on campus. The Athletic Association provided students with opportunities to play basketball, tennis, and outdoor games. Reception were hosted by the faculty, YWCA, and Senior Class. The Beaver College community embraced celebrations that became traditions, including Halloween, Valentine’s Day, Washington’s Birthday, and May Day. The student-led Idler’s Club coordinated holiday parties, theatrical performances, and social events across campus.

Before they graduated, seniors had to complete 120 semester hours during four years of attendance, among them electives in Expression, English, Philosophy, History, Geology, Mathematics, and Astronomy. ❖

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