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Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

This has been a time of rapid change and transformation in our city, our country, and the world. To be nimble means to be able to build a culture of creativity and innovation to respond to need in our community. To identify strengths and weaknesses. And to know when it's time to make a move.

Here in Pittsburgh, the time to be nimble is now.

A 2016 report commissioned by the Allegheny Conference on Community Development serves as a call to action for area employers, educators, and policy makers. "Inflection Point: Supply, Demand, and the Future of Work in the Pittsburgh Region" provides insight into occupations that will be in high demand in our region's future—and the skills workers will need in order to fill these positions.

The report indicates that Pittsburgh is positioned to be a center for innovation. It also predicts that, by 2025, more than one million jobs will need to be filled here, thanks to baby boomer retirements, economic growth, and occupational transformation.

In the spirit of our founders, the Sisters of Mercy, Carlow is ever nimble in the face of this rapid change. Thanks to a generous grant from the R.K. Mellon Foundation, we have created the Carlow University Hub for Workforce Development and Innovation, enabling us to further partner with area businesses and organizations to identify and respond to their needs. We are

developing new programs—from a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management and Analytics to online programs in business and health management and a graduate program in instructional design and technology. We have more programs on the drawing board that will be rolling out in 2018.

The pages of this magazine detail the spirit of our students—such as health management undergraduate Michelle Adkins, an avid barrel racer when she's not studying, interning in a local hospital, or shooting hoops for the Carlow Celtics. Or Loretta Ellis, who, at age 59, completed her bachelor's degree so that she can realize her dream to become an advisor to area teens. The strength of our faculty is critical to our success and is highlighted in accolades for Diane Matthews and Monique Hockman, in our feature on nursing professor Maria Flavin, and in a regular feature spotlighting engagement in research and scholarship. We also hear from successful alumni—from artists who are gallery owners, art educators, and art therapists right here in our city, to Charleeda Redman, who is vice president of informatics and clinical integration at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia.

We are investing in important strategic initiatives that will continue to position Carlow University to strive for our vision to be a preeminent, innovative Catholic university, renowned for providing transformational learning where students realize their full potential and become career-ready ethical leaders committed to a just and merciful world.

I'm proud to be at the helm of this university and to continue to align with our mission to meet the ever-evolving needs of our community. As we begin this academic year, we look with great anticipation and excitement at the opportunities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Suzanne K. Mellon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD

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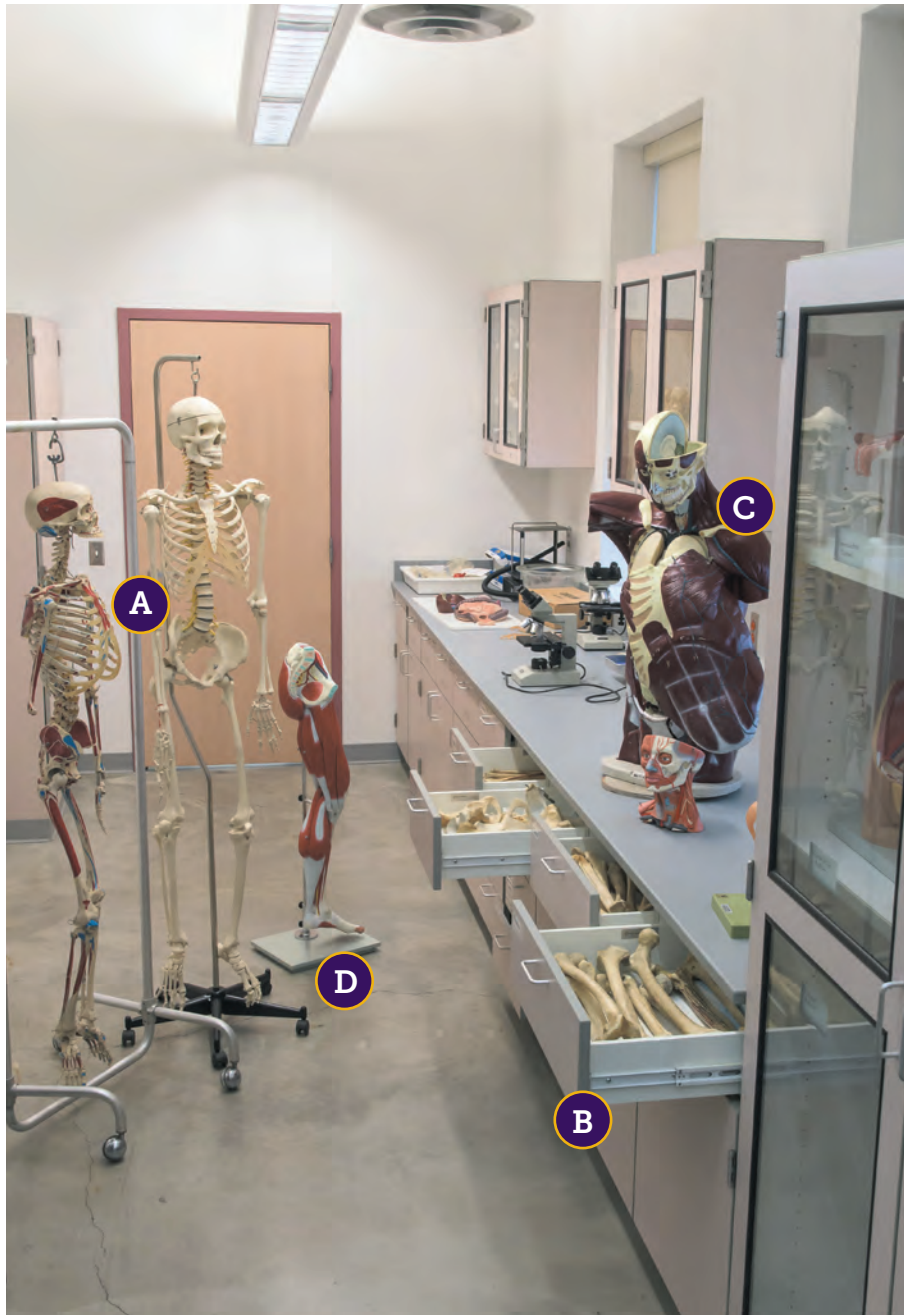
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PLACES *and* SPACES

 | *an inside look at Carlow's personal and public spaces*

HIGHMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY LAB

October is the perfect time to visit Carlow's skeletons. In the Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Anatomy and Physiology Lab, that is, rooms 219 and 224 on the 2nd floor of the A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology.

Today's students can't imagine campus without AJP. (They were mere infants when it was constructed in 1999!) But the cool building on Fifth Ave. is filled with bright, open study spaces and many state-of-the-art labs and classrooms.

Students immersed in anatomy and physiology have lots to study. To keep one step ahead of Professor Stephen Borecky, sophomore biology perfusion major Emily Orr says she makes sure to pop down regularly to study slides and quiz herself—today's topic is epidermis and dermis (skin, that is). ***Science lesson for the day (you never know, it might be #5 down in the Sunday crossword): The epidermis contains no blood vessels. The dermis is basically composed of connective tissue and contains skin appendages.***

A The lab has several friendly skeletons. Those who greet us are made of plastic. And we're told there's a real guy (a rarity today) in the lab next door right now. According to Mark Barsic, AJP's lab manager, not all schools are so fortunate to have them literally hanging around for students to study (skeletons are expensive—and real bones are cost prohibitive).

B Dem bones...the hip bone's connected to the leg bone. And so on. Drawers of bones—some real, some artificial. Fibulae and tibiae and femurs—oh, my.

C and D Human muscle models are developed by skilled craftsmen—and show a high level of detail. C is a human torso model—the chest wall slides down to reveal internal organs. D details lower limb muscles.

NOTED — and — QUOTED

“Cooking is pretty much an art, but baking is a science.”

✦ Monique Hockman, professor of chemistry and physics. (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, April 2017)

“It's a huge opportunity for us.”

✦ Aya Attal, 2017 Brashear High School graduate, participant in Carlow University/Neighborhood Learning Alliance High School in College program. (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, June 2017)

“This Hub will ensure our students’ skill sets are aligned with the future needs of our region’s economy.”

✦ Carlow University President Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD, speaking on KDKA’s “Sunday Business Page” about Carlow’s new Hub for Workforce Development and Innovation, made possible by a \$500,000 grant from the R.K. Mellon Foundation.

“I hope to make mother and baby my focus... I’m excited to see where the program takes me.”

✦ Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner student Catherine Gregg. (*NEXTPittsburgh*, March 2017)

“One of my priorities will be to find ways to increase the probability that the people we train stay in the region. It’s important and something we need to focus on.”

✦ Sabrina Saunders Mosby ’11 on her new position as president and CEO of Coro Center for Civic Leadership-Pittsburgh. (*New Pittsburgh Courier*, March 2017)

“These schools go above and beyond with their online curriculum, offering the best combination of value and quality that translates into student success.”

✦ Wes Ricketts, senior vice president of LearnHowToBecome.org, in reference to a list where Carlow appeared among Top 50 Religious-Based Schools for 2017. (*BizWire Express*, May 2017)

SHAPING THE WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE

COFFEEHOUSE

*Engaging in lively conversation
over a cup of java*

Carlow University has received a \$500,000 R. K. Mellon Foundation grant to fund creation of a Hub for Workforce Development and Innovation. Carlow's four deans discuss the importance of workforce development today.

Lynn George, PhD [Dean of the College of Health and Wellness]:

One of Carlow's strengths is our collaborative relationship with regional employers. In the College of Health and Wellness, numerous partnerships address specialized regional workforce needs. For example, in response to the current and future need for operating room (OR) nurses, we worked with UPMC to develop a perioperative internship. To date more than 20 Carlow nursing students have completed this elective course and have gone on to have paid internships. One recent graduate was hired directly by UPMC into its OR.

UPMC doesn't typically hire new graduates into this specialty area, but they cited participation in the perioperative internship as a key factor. By meeting workforce needs we created a pathway that benefited both the learner and the employer.

Allyson Lowe, PhD [Dean of the College of Leadership & Social Change]:

Those pathways are key, Dr. George. That's why, in our college, all undergraduate programs ensure that students have an internship or fieldwork experience for credit. Many students receive job offers as a result. For example, several trustees are personally invested in hiring interns and employees, like LitCon Group's work with our accounting students. Also, area businesses like Crown Castle Cellular and nonprofits like the YWCA are sustaining experiences for students that lead to work or public engagement.

Matthew Gordley, PhD [Dean of the College of Learning and Innovation]:

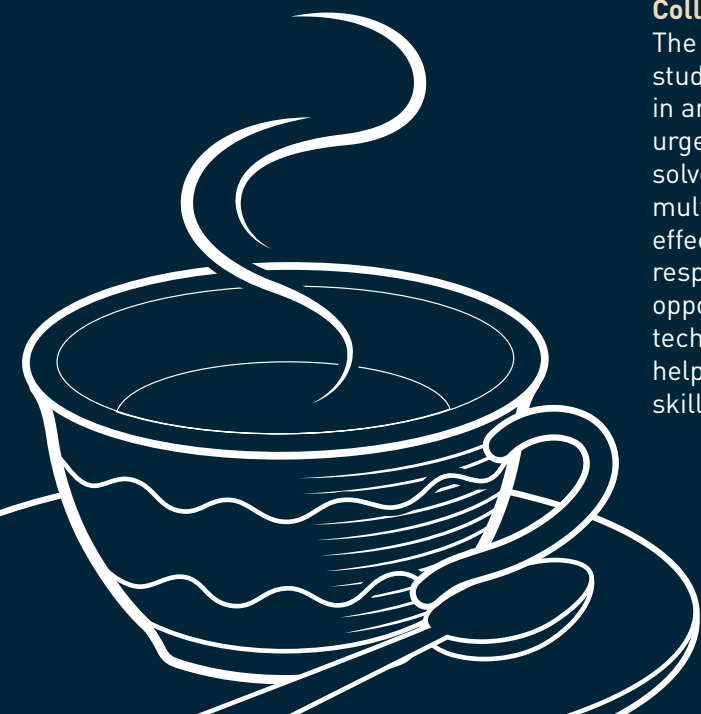
The liberal arts have always provided students with skills that are needed in any profession—and which are urgently needed today: ability to solve complex problems, understand multiple viewpoints, write well, work effectively in teams, and creatively respond to challenges and emerging opportunities. Advances in educational technology provide innovative ways to help lifelong learners enhance these skills in dynamic digital environments

that reflect the world in which they live and work. One stellar example is our new program in Online Instructional Design and Technology. Our education faculty share their expertise and strengthen the corps of educators (both in corporate and school settings) who are training others to advance in the workforce in this digital age.

Rachael Afolabi Royes, EdD [Dean of the Center for Digital Learning and Innovation]:

The Center for Digital Learning and Innovation is excited to work on this initiative, since our work is very closely tied to skills building and professional development. We rely on our expertise in instructional design and learning development as we work with content from faculty and subject matter experts in developing innovative educational technologies. This approach to learning is seen first-hand in today's workforce.

Dean Lowe: In maintaining workforce pathways, we have also designed virtual internships so that working adult students can have better access to practical training—regardless of their location. An e-internship with a United Nations research affiliate produced a paid job for an adult learner who wanted to keep her Pittsburgh house and kids in school but expand her reach. And, pathways don't stop with classes. Every program in the college has an avenue to a "next step"—from practical training or accelerated admission to Carlow graduate programs to early decision and start in law, medicine, or graduate training. ■



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L-R: Diane Matthews, PhD, CPA/CFF, CFE, and Monique Hockman, PhD

► AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

Diane Matthews, PhD, CPA/CFF, CFE, director of the Master of Science in Fraud and Forensics program, was named 2017 International Educator of the Year by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. She was also named 2017 Outstanding Educator by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Monique Hockman, PhD, professor of chemistry and physics, received the 2017 Encouraging Women into the Chemical Sciences award from the Greater Pittsburgh Women Chemists Committee.



► GO GLOBAL!

Carlow students can now choose from thousands of academic programs in more than 50 countries—for the same price as their regular tuition—thanks to the new International Student Exchange Program (ISEP).

► LEADING THE WAY IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Carlow University has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation toward two-year support to establish the Carlow Hub for Workforce Development and Innovation.

“The Carlow Hub for Workforce Development and Innovation will bridge the gap between training and the development of critical skills and competencies required by our region’s employers,” said Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD, the president of Carlow University.



► A DECADE OF CARLOW ROUNDTABLE

For the last 10 years, Carlow University has sponsored the biannual Carlow Roundtable conference at the Mercy International Center in Dublin (the first house of the Sisters of Mercy built by founder Catherine McAuley). Faculty and staff from institutions within the Conference for Mercy Higher Education are invited to attend.

“We bonded over our core Mercy values and passion for our work,” said Carlow Associate Professor of Psychology Jennifer Roth, PhD. “Sharing our work while surrounded by the history of Mercy was an indescribable experience.”



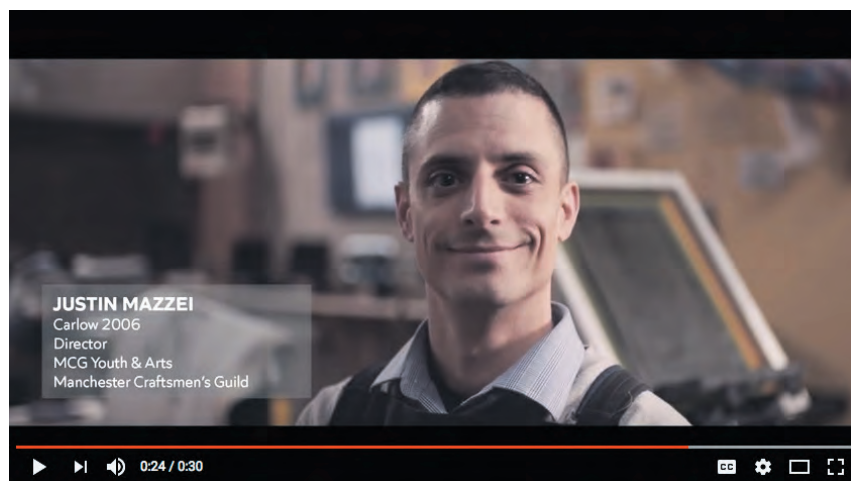
BLEAK NEW WORLD ETHICS AND THE DYSTOPIAN NOVEL

► ATKINS ENDOWED CENTER FOR ETHICS

Carlow has established the Atkins Endowed Center for Ethics, established through the generous \$1.5 million gift of Michele Rehfeld Atkins, Class of 1982, and her husband, Patrick Atkins, PhD. William S. Schweers, JD, assistant professor in political science, will be the center's inaugural executive director.

"This center will highlight the importance of ethics to the entire university community and the region," said Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD, Carlow University president. "It presents an opportunity to develop a distinctive pathway that builds upon the heritage of the university and its founding sponsor, the Sisters of Mercy."

This fall, area high school juniors and seniors who are fans of dystopian novels, like *The Hunger Games*, can win cash prizes by entering in an essay contest sponsored by the center. Essays will address the topic, "Bleak New World—Ethics and the Dystopian Novel." For more information, contact atkinscenter@carlow.edu.



► NATIONAL AWARD WINNER

Carlow University's television commercial, "Pittsburgh is my City and Carlow is my University," received a bronze Circle of Excellence award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), an international association of educational institutions. The commercial features Justin Mazzei, a 2006 graduate with a bachelor's degree in art education, who currently serves as the program director for Youth and Arts at Manchester Craftsmen's Guild on Pittsburgh's North Side.

The commercial was conceived and written by Carlow's marketing and communications staff and produced by local filmmaker Nic Lockerman. Check it out on Carlow's YouTube channel.

EUREKA!

Research highlights from the desk, lab, and field in 60 words or less.

► Breathing Easy

Michael Mehall, MEd, BSRT, CPFT, RRT-NPS, RRT-ACCS, chair/director of the Respiratory Care program, was featured in the April 2017 edition of *The Coalition Chronicle*, a newsletter of the Coalition for Baccalaureate and Graduate Respiratory Therapy Education.

► What's a CRM, anyway?

It stands for Customer Relationship Management—an app that helps you manage customer relationships. Think new-fangled, high-tech Rolodex (of sorts). In Volume 9, Issue 1 of the *International Journal of the Analytic Hierarchy Process*, Carlow Fraud and Forensics Professor Enrique Mu, PhD, and his colleagues propose developing a simpler CRM model for small businesses.

Online extra!

For more faculty research, visit www.carlow.edu/research.

► CULTURAL AMBASSADOR FOR SAUDI YOUTH

William J. (Billy) Lucien, an honors student with a double major in political science and business, was one of four Americans and 36 Saudi students to complete a summer internship with the Legacy International Cultural Ambassadors program, known as the Saudi Young Leaders Exchange Program (SYLEP).

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► HANDSHAKE

New this fall! Carlow students now have access to Handshake, a career-building and networking site used by more than six million students at 350+ universities—and by 180,000+ employers nationwide. It's one of the fastest growing job recruitment sites in America.



Photo by Mally Mitchell '18

► SNAPCHAT LAUNCH PARTY

Carlow threw a little St. Paddy's Day Party to celebrate our new Snapchat account, SnapCarlowU! We had big board games, a photobooth, ice cream, and free food from Las Chicas Food Truck. Now that Carlow is on Snapchat, any event on campus probably has a custom geofilter—scroll through your geofilters and see!



ADD SNAPCARLOWU
ON SNAPCHAT!



► FILL 'ER UP

Worldwide bottling of water uses 2.7 million tons of plastic each year. Thanks to the efforts of Carlow's BLUE (Benevolent Living on Earth) environmental group, new hydration stations have popped up across campus. The goal: a water-bottle-free campus by December.

Students will receive reusable water bottles to fill with crystal clear Carlow water. Recent water tests indicate that campus water is well within government standards—and hydration stations are designed to filter out any lead that might exist.

► CARLOW HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL IN COLLEGE PROGRAM

Carlow University, the Neighborhood Learning Alliance, the Bloomfield Garfield Corporation, and 62 students and their families from Pittsburgh Public Schools gathered in the atrium of Carlow's A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology on Thursday, August 3 to celebrate completing the college courses the students took this summer as part of a High School in College Program. All courses were taught by Carlow faculty.

NEW for 2017!

Carlow University is offering several exciting new degree options to students beginning with the fall 2017 semester:

Undergraduate

- + Online Business Management (BS)
- + Online Health Management (BS)
- + Behavioral Neuroscience (BS)
- + Second Degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Graduate

- + Student Affairs (MA)
- + Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (MSN)
- + Graduate Certificate in Instructional Design and Technology

MicroMaster's Graduate Certificates

- + Alcohol and Drug Counseling
- + Fraud and Forensics
- + Healthcare Management
- + Human Resources
- + Project Management
- + Trauma Counseling

► ACADEMIC CONVOCATION

Carlow's annual Academic Convocation, held Tuesday, September 19, celebrated the academic heart of the university. The event takes place on Carlow Day, which, as part of Mercy Founder's Fortnight, pays homage to the university's founding by the Sisters of Mercy from Carlow, Ireland. A bagpipe-led procession led faculty and members of the president's cabinet from Frances Warde Hall to Rosemary Heyl Theatre.



► NEW BEGINNINGS

The fall 2017 semester got off to a great start! Move-In Day on August 24 featured a DJ, food, professional movers, and a valet service to make the transition as smooth as possible. Classes began on Monday, August 28.



► LANTERNS OF KNOWLEDGE

Carlow's annual Night of the Celtic was held on Sunday, August 27. Alumni passed lit lanterns to incoming first-year students—symbolizing the transfer of knowledge from one generation to the next.

GETTING SOCIAL



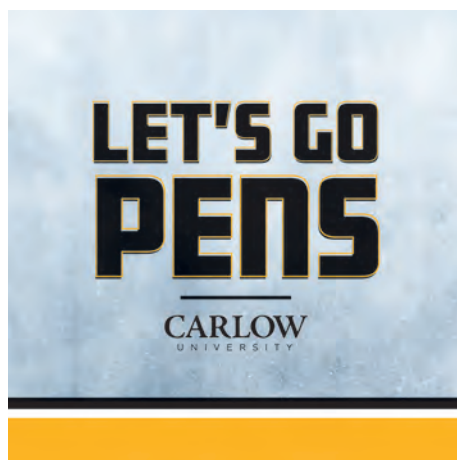
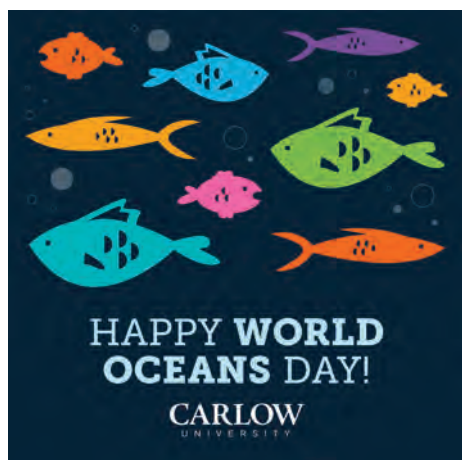
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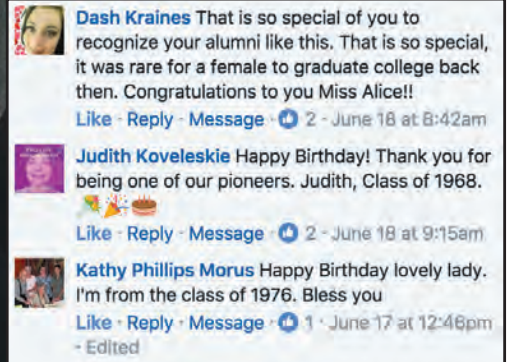
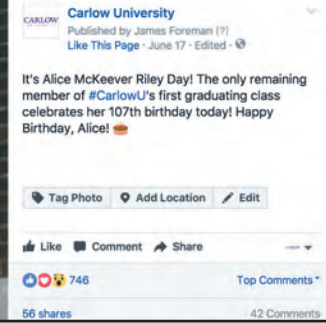


THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!





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CARLOW UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

A Theme of Achievement, A Theme of Caring

BY DREW WILSON

Commencement is a time to celebrate achievement, and Carlow University's Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement on Saturday, May 13, 2017, was no exception. But in the midst of the celebration, an appropriate theme emerged that was typically, irrefutably Carlow.

"Carlow has allowed me to grow into myself in ways I could never imagine," said Tara Cabache, a senior accounting/forensic accounting double major. Cabache was awarded Carlow's highest academic honor, the

Joseph G. Smith Award, and, thus, the honor of addressing her fellow graduates and their families at Commencement.

Cabache related the story of her first Mercy Service Day, which took place just three weeks into her first year at Carlow. Her group was assigned to help residents in the West Oakland neighborhood that abuts Carlow's campus. One neighbor in particular, named Dorothy, was moving out of her house after more than 40 years.

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Cabache realized how difficult it would be to sift through her life's possessions. So, instead of carrying boxes to and fro, she sat down with Dorothy and talked through each item.

"I know some people got annoyed because it looked like all I was doing was sitting on the floor talking, while they were doing the heavy lifting," she said. "I want to tell you guys why I was sitting there on the floor. I had been trying to do the task, but missed the whole point. The point was we were there to help a person. Carlow has taught us how to help people."

Those words echoed in the ears of the more than 300 graduate and undergraduate students who walked in the ceremony because beginning with the Baccalaureate Mass they were reiterated throughout the day.

"Make sure your eyes connect with everyone who is suffering," said the Most Reverend David Zubik, the Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, during the homily for the Mass.

Carlow's president, Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD, presented two honored guests with honorary doctoral degrees during the ceremony: Jim Withers, MD, the founder and medical director of Operation Safety Net, and Carolyn Y. Woo, PhD, the former president and CEO of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), who gave the commencement address.

Withers took a few moments of privilege to describe what he has discovered while providing medical care to the homeless in the streets of Pittsburgh. "There were many people who felt that no one cared for them," he said. "You become one with somebody when you share the same experiences."

Woo told the graduates that her work at CRS took her to some of the most "desperate places in the world." Despite this desperation, she said she never let it depress her.

"I am very much filled with hope for the future," she said, encouraging the audience to feel the same way. "You are the answers to people's prayers. By lifting each other up, we are answers to each others' prayers. When someone has a door closed on them, you might be the person who opens a window."

Although not everyone walked in the ceremony, more than 600 students were eligible to receive bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees during the ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland. Three hundred seventeen students were eligible to receive bachelor's degrees, and 313 were eligible to receive a graduate degree (288 master's degrees and 25 doctorates). ■

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"Carlow has allowed me to grow into myself in ways I could never imagine."

-Tara Cabache '17

1. Tara Cabache 2. Shaquille Daniel, at right
3. Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD, congratulates a graduate
4. Taylor Curtis, center 5. Sarah Rupchak

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HOOPS *And* BARRELS

Michelle Adkins with her American Quarter Horse "Lucky."

MICHELLE ADKINS SAYS OHIO IS CELTIC COUNTRY

BY ANN LYON RITCHIE

Carlow sometimes feels a world away for junior Michelle Adkins, a Beverly, Ohio native, who is home for the summer.

"No WiFi," admits Adkins. She exchanges glances with her teenaged sister Kelsey, and they shrug in unison. Eyes turn to the fenced pastures out back—nature's playground.

Farm fields and woodlands fill the backyard view that includes a five-stall barn for the family's horses, an above-ground pool, and a basketball hoop.

Adkins' love of basketball brought her to Pittsburgh. A coach told her to check out the city when she was a shooting guard for the well-respected varsity team at Fort Frye High School.

"When visiting Pittsburgh, I realized I definitely did not want a large school. Carlow had great nursing programs and a basketball team, so I toured campus—and that was it," Adkins says.

Decision-making is one of Adkins' strengths. She decided freshman year to change her major to health management—a tidy fit for her deft organizational skills and medical interests. Skills in quick thinking and strategic maneuvers developed over her lifetime—on horseback.

At age four, Adkins began competitive barrel racing. The equine sport involves galloping a cloverleaf pattern between three 55-gallon oil drums for the fastest time. Her personal

best is fifteen-and-a-half seconds. She qualified twice for the National Barrel Horse Association World Championship in Georgia.

"The adrenaline rush you get after riding a horse going full speed is crazy," she says.

Lately, Adkins is keeping a tight rein on her career aspirations. In addition to her position as guard for the Carlow Celtics, she's club treasurer for Business Leaders of Carlow. She also just completed a human resources internship at Marietta Memorial Hospital in Marietta, Ohio.

Behind her sweet smile, she has more than spreadsheets under control. A master planner, she completed college-level courses in high school. Thanks to credit transfers, she expects to graduate in May 2018, a year early.

Rather than ride into the Pittsburgh sunset after graduation, she is considering an MBA with a focus in Health Care Management at Carlow. Eventually, she'd like to be in charge of a unit in a children's hospital setting—either in Pittsburgh or closer to her hometown.

"My friends and I dream about running a hospital together," she says. "Thanks to our career preparation at Carlow, the good connections to healthcare providers, and the amazing people I've met, I believe we could." ■







FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

MARIA FLAVIN, DNP

BY JAMES FOREMAN

Every school has a professor feared for strict classes and tough grading. And if Maria Flavin, DNP, is that professor, that's fine by her.

"It can't be all fun and games," says Flavin, an assistant professor of nursing, "because we save lives. I like to bring a sense of humor to my classes when I can, but I'm very academically driven."

Flavin also spearheads preparation for the NCLEX (the nursing pre-licensure exam). And as is so often the case, teachers known for "tough" classes are a blessing.

Flavin's students certainly think so. They voted her the 2017 winner of the Max and Esther Sestili Award for Excellence in Teaching. This December, Flavin will be honored as a 2017 *Pittsburgh Magazine* Excellence in Nursing honorable mention in the Academic Nurses category.

"Dr. Flavin is the kind of nurse that students aspire to be," says Sarrah Bair, a student in Carlow's MSN/ Family Nurse Practitioner program.

Currently a staff nurse with UPMC, Bair earned her

BSN from Carlow, too—and studied under Flavin for her undergraduate degree.

"She is passionate, creative, and enthusiastic about the profession of nursing," says Bair. "Above all, she maintains patient safety, advocacy, and compassion at the core of all that she teaches."

Flavin has been teaching at Carlow for eight years, and says she's right where she belongs.

"Carlow is such a warm atmosphere," she says. "We're all extremely supportive, and everybody works together so we can focus on students."

In the classroom, Flavin focuses on compassionate, ethical care and emphasizes the importance of hands-on practice in the nursing skills lab.

"Our nursing students want to change the world. And I want to help them," she says. "I tell them 'go change the world the Carlow way,' and they know what I'm talking about." ■



SPRING BREAK IN NICARAGUA

Spending spring break at a Central American resort may sound like a vacation, but **Carlow University's Study Abroad program** mixes learning and social justice with the fun. BY DREW WILSON

"UNTIL I CAME TO NICARAGUA, I NEVER THOUGHT I WAS FORTUNATE," Carlow University senior social work major Jaquayla Huger told Susan O'Rourke, EdD, special education professor at Carlow.

Huger was one of nine students to spend their 2017 Spring Break in Nicaragua with O'Rourke, Carlow Director of Global Learning Ben Pilcher, and Carlow Adjunct Professor Kevin Spencer.

Their destination? Gran Pacifica Resort. But they weren't there to soak up the sun and scuba dive. Their first priority was community service.

"It really was an eye-opening experience," said Huger, who graduated in May and is now working with Allegheny County's Department of Children, Youth, and Family Services as a case worker. "I had never traveled outside of the United States before. You think you know what poverty is, but then you see how the people are living in Nicaragua, and you feel very humble and appreciative of what you have."

While many resorts in undeveloped areas feature lavish luxury that starkly contrasts with the abject poverty outside of its borders, Gran Pacifica offers something different: socially conscious tourism.

"Gran Pacifica is committed to developing the surrounding community which was left with a void following the collapse of the centuries-old sugar cane industry," said Pilcher.

The resort employs local people, who benefit from a resort-run health clinic and school.

Carlow students majoring in nursing, social work, psychology, education, and business worked in the resort's clinic. They created an intake form for parents who had brought their children to the clinic for treatment. And they socialized with the children who were awaiting treatment.

O'Rourke and Spencer were the first special education professionals to work with area children.

"Children with disabilities from the community were brought to the clinic, and we provided guidance on how to improve the child's skills for functioning independently," says O'Rourke.

Students also worked in area schools. Education students taught lessons on nutrition and solar energy. Nursing students designed lessons on hygiene and first aid. Carlow also used a FIDES grant to purchase 35 first

aid kits which were distributed at the local schools.

While teaching about hygiene, the Carlow students realized that a well was broken, leaving children without fresh water and a place to wash their hands. And the community didn't have the \$500 needed to repair the well.

Moved by the plight, the group described the problem in a Facebook video. Within three days, enough funds were collected to not only fix the well, but also to repair another school's well.

In addition to their foremost goal—service to others—Carlow students had the opportunity to tour historic cities, learn about the Nicaraguan economy, explore the natural environment, and participate in recreational activities like surfing and horseback riding.

"Most of the students had never traveled outside the United States before," said O'Rourke. "Getting the opportunity to absorb what the Nicaraguans experience every day opened their eyes." ■

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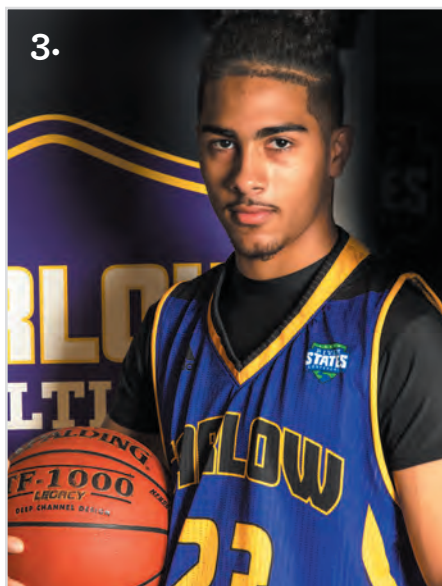


TEAMING UP

Today's Carlow Celtic student athletes compete in 13 varsity sports: men's and women's basketball, cross-country, golf, track and field, and soccer; women's softball, tennis, and volleyball. And their mission as athletes is right in step with the university's historic Mercy mission. For 11 of the past 13 years, Carlow has been named an NAIA

Champions of Character institution because our athletes adhere to core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership. Show your Celtic pride, and cheer on the home team. Check out a game, tournament, or meet near you. Schedules are available at carlow.edu/athletics.

1. Mia Marmion '18, Early Childhood Education/Special Education major. **2.** Dinesh Nepal '19, Accounting major. **3.** Swade Redman '20, Corporate Communication major. **4.** Julianna Mamajek '19, Nursing major.



WHAT DOES AN ART DEGREE DO?

Carlow's art grads don't have to go far to find a home—these six artists are finding success right here in Pittsburgh.

BY JAMES FOREMAN



ART ABOUNDS ON CARLOW'S CAMPUS. THERE ARE SCULPTURES IN OUR GARDENS, MURALS ON OUR WALLS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND PAINTINGS IN OUR BUILDINGS.

The gallery on the first floor of our University Commons has showcased some of Pittsburgh's greatest artists, like famed photographer Teenie Harris.

Carlow's Oakland location—the vibrant "Eds, Meds, and Tech" heart of Pittsburgh—is also ground zero for the arts in Pittsburgh. A few blocks in one direction is the Carnegie Museum of Art. Just down Fifth Avenue is the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. Pittsburgh's neighborhoods are peppered with smaller galleries like Boxheart and Percolate (both owned and operated by Carlow alums). Gallery crawls in Lawrenceville and Bloomfield are a monthly occurrence, full of food, music and, of course, lots of art.

Carlow provides multiple degrees for artists. Students major in art with concentrations in art therapy preparation, ceramics, graphic design, interactive media, media arts and animation, painting and drawing, and photography. This fall, there's a brand new Master of Arts in Art degree, meant to supplement and enhance a working artist's craft.

"The critiques students receive in our program are gentle but rigorous,"

says Dale Huffman, chair of Carlow's art department. "The sense of hospitality that's such a hallmark of the Sisters of Mercy is something I see daily in my studio."

Graduates of Carlow's art programs make great art. And they make a living, too.

Some sell their art. Some teach others to refine and hone their own art. And many of them showcase works of art in well-respected studios—and in the public—right here in our city.

In fact, Pittsburgh is known for its art. *The Washington Post* recently published a guide to the best public art in Pittsburgh, calling it "A City With a Big Art Scene." You can see their walking tour at pittsburghartplaces.org.

Carlow University Magazine recently spoke with several of the many well-known art graduates who are living, working, and creating art within our city. They offer advice for aspiring artists—and they reflect on the impact their Carlow education had upon their lives.

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Photo by Betsy Brockett



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1. AMBER COPPINGS '01

BA ART THERAPY
xmittens.net

Amber Coppings started, and finished, as an art therapy major. She loved making art, and she loved helping people, too. After a decade of owning and operating her own fashion accessory business, creating fiber art and textiles, and expanding her skills to include digital design and fabrication, Coppings found herself working with POWER, the only residential program in Allegheny County designed specifically to treat women in recovery. "I've worked with them in different capacities over the years, but this fall I start a year-round program, using art to heal and build confidence and give back to the community."

ADVICE: "You have to be flexible with yourself. Don't be rigid, especially in the beginning. Be open to finding out what you're good at. Expose yourself to as many options as possible."

2. CAROLYN PIEROTTI '14

BA ART: PAINTING
purplepierotti.com

Carolyn Pierotti, vice president of the Pittsburgh Society of Artists, director of Percolate Gallery in Wilkensburg, owner of Purple Room Fine Art LLC, and exhibiting painter, came to Carlow in search of a school that could give her the kind of personal attention artists need in order to thrive. Pierotti knew she wanted to be a better painter, but all it took was one painting class with professor William Debernardi to convince her she made the right choice. "If Bill [Debernardi] and Dale [Huffman] didn't push me as hard as they did, I wouldn't be here," says Pierotti. "They gave me the tools that I needed to be the artist I am."

ADVICE: Pierotti's advice for her own three children is applicable to all aspiring creative people, too: "Do what you love. Life is too short not to."

3. ALISON ZAPATA '98

BA ART EDUCATION
zapatastudios.com

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, second-generation Mexican-American artist Alison Zapata is a painter and muralist—in addition to her own work, she assisted Jordan Monahan with his famous East Liberty mural "Lend Me Your Ears." Not content to stick to making art, Zapata is an art educator, too. Carlow's roots in education were a major factor in her choice of university. "Carlow had a good art education program, and it was right in the city," says Zapata. "It set the pace for what I've been doing for the last 20 years."

ADVICE: "Don't have any inhibitions about your art. Work out your ideas. Create as much as possible. And always keep an eye out for new opportunities."



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4. MALIA BENNETT '05

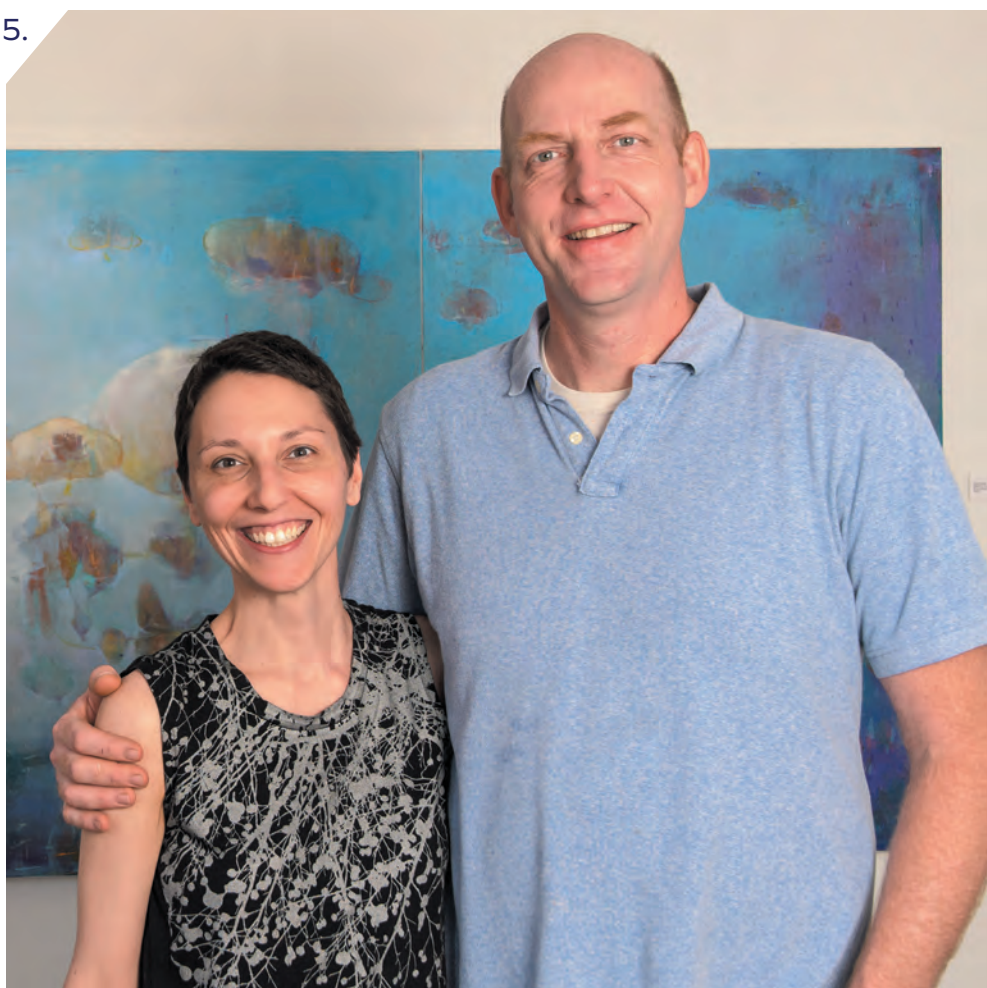
BA ART EDUCATION

[instagram.com/maddriel](https://www.instagram.com/maddriel)

Malia Bennett came to Carlow as an adult student, right after the birth of her second child. Carlow offered exactly what she wanted: to be challenged academically while still feeling like she was in a safe space to explore other areas of interest. One of those interests was teaching—this is Bennett's first year as the head the art department at Trinity High School in Washington, Pa., where she has taught ceramics and sculpture for eight years. Much of her work features animals and buildings, specifically a jackrabbit. "It speaks to our inner landscape, our spirituality, and our deepest, most private selves," says Bennett. "The buildings in my work are concerned with the façade we construct in order to allow the jackrabbit to function in polite society." In July, Bennett served as an apprentice potter in Japan, thanks to a fellowship through Funds for Teachers. She also explored the idea of an "expanded classroom," using social media to connect with students.

ADVICE: "Don't be afraid to share your work, look at the work of others, and talk about your inspirations. Allow yourself to be influenced, challenged, and supported by your fellow students and instructors."

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5. NICOLE CAPOZZI '98 AND JOSHUA HOGAN '97

BA ART: PAINTING

[boxheartgallery.com](https://www.boxheartgallery.com)

Capozzi and Hogan embraced Carlow's Mercy values as students and continue to do so as owners and operators of Pittsburgh's BoxHeart Gallery since 2001. "Through the gallery, we strive to bring together artists with diverse experiences and backgrounds in order to emphasize the common set of values and aspirations that define all of us," says Capozzi. "We look for artists who advocate for equality through their art." Hogan, the working artist of the couple, often refers to Khalil Gibran's words from *The Prophet*: "You are the way and the wayfarers. And when one of you falls down he falls for those behind him, a caution against the stumbling stone. Ay, and he falls for those ahead of him, who though faster and surer of foot, yet removed not the stumbling stone." A semester at sea, traveling to 15 countries like Egypt, Vietnam and Morocco, laid the foundation for Hogan's work today, as he creates shapes that communicate interactions he observes between people.

ADVICE: "Everything takes time, so pace yourself—allow change and growth, but be consistent and persistent."

PREPPED FOR THE FUTURE: NURSING INFORMATICS

CHARLEEDA REDMAN '95, '00 | BY ANN LYON RITCHIE

Inside a hospital examination room, a doctor sits preoccupied with a computer screen, as the patient grows increasingly annoyed.

It is a familiar scene. Charleeda Redman, RN MSN, ACM, FAACM, vice president of informatics and clinical integration at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, leads strategies to prevent situations like the exam room scenario from playing out.

"You never want clinicians to be just clicking buttons. Technology should be easy for them to use so they can still interact with and give a patient a great experience," says Redman.

Nursing informatics is an emerging field that integrates the practice of nursing with the use of information and communication technologies in health care. There are many unique new roles for nurses to explore within this area of their profession.

"The biggest part of what I do is to analyze a clinical workflow and make sure that the technology matches it. There are a number of other things you could do with nursing informatics, such as reporting and analytics," she says.

Backing up her wisdom, Redman has many years of nursing in care management at UPMC where she guided patients along the continuum of care. It was through her position as a care manager that she gradually became more involved in nursing informatics.

"When I was a nurse in care management, my department received new software. I was the one who helped figure out what to do with it. Kind of by happenstance, I found I loved trying to see how technology could help us be more efficient. With that, we started to grow and develop that software to truly match our care management workflow across the enterprise," she says.

She rose to an executive level at UPMC, but a year-and-a-half ago she accepted a new position at Thomas Jefferson

University Hospital. Now, she is applying her ambitious mind to a fast-growing medical center in a large city. "I am a lifelong learner. I will always try to figure out how to challenge myself," she says.


Facing many forks in the road over her lifetime, Redman managed to choose the best path more often than not—not an easy task for the youngest of three children growing up in a single parent household. In her hometown of Greensburg, 30 miles from Pittsburgh, her mother was often working at Eat 'n Park. Redman kept busy running track and playing for the high school basketball and volleyball teams and succeeded in gaining college opportunities.

When it came time to choose a college, Carlow offered her an athletic scholarship. At the time, she had been accepted to the University of Pittsburgh and planned to enter an ROTC program, but a spot in the city's number one nursing program was too good to pass up.

"Who wouldn't switch to Carlow! Initially I was recruited for basketball, but I was always a three-sport athlete. I added on volleyball and cross-country. Now, I see Carlow offers track and field—I would have loved that," she says.

The competitive spirit she gained through athletics has helped her career, most recently in nursing informatics, but being part of the Carlow community imparted even more.

"'Carlow—Women of Spirit' was the mantra when I was here, and it was all about discovering yourself as a woman. I continue discovering who I am, even in my current career and my move to Philadelphia. Carlow helped me, not only in the nursing program and through education but also through the events it offered and the way people interacted with students. Discovery, in my experience, is a value here at Carlow that hits home and helps students define the person they want to be," she says. ■

A portrait of Charleeda Redman, a Black woman with short, dark, curly hair. She is wearing a coral-colored sleeveless top with a black lace waistband. Her hands are clasped in front of her. She is wearing a gold heart necklace, a gold ring, and a black smartwatch. The background is white.

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**CHARLEEDA
REDMAN '95, '00**



GO CELTICS!

New Logo for Carlow's Athletic Teams

Carlow University is proud to unveil a new athletic logo for its Carlow Celtics teams beginning in fall 2017. The logo incorporates the university's new stronger purple and gold colors and retains the shamrock, symbolic of the university's Irish heritage. Use of this new image, in

conjunction with customized secondary logos for each team, creates a greater consistency across Carlow's athletics program. The logo was created by Katie Crawford '09, creative director in the university's Office of Marketing and Communications.

"The new logo is strong, simple, and clean. It feels athletic and gives our teams a sense of professionalism."

-Marcus Pollidore, head coach, men's and women's soccer

New!

Give "In Honor of" a Favorite Professor

SOMETIMES A PROFESSOR MAKES A LIFELONG IMPRESSION ON YOU. Do you remember someone whose words of wisdom became part of who you are today? Who stands out in your memory for a special kind of knowledge, encouragement, or advice?

Carlow University is home to many greats. The Office of University Advancement is pleased to present alumni with a new and unique opportunity to express appreciation for our faculty's profound influence as college mentors.

Alumni may now make a gift "In Honor of" a current or retired professor of their choice. In one sense, you are expressing your appreciation to that professor and showing others how much that person mattered to you. In another sense, you are supporting Carlow's value-based education going forward and supporting the next generation.

One honored example is Chrys Gabrich, PhD. One room within the Hopkins Communication Lab carries her name as a gesture from her colleagues in the Communications Department to recognize her commitment, leadership, and vision.

A retired professor of communication and champion of undergraduate research, Gabrich co-authored multiple mini-grants in support of service learning, secured funding for the Mercy Center for Service, and founded Mercy Service Day. She was the driving force behind the

creation, funding, and ultimate success of the Hopkins Communication Lab.

At Carlow, our people matter. The deep-rooted commitment and outstanding talent of these faculty help to make Carlow a truly special place. Other professors, like Gabrich, have left permanent imprints on our campus and in the hearts of our students.

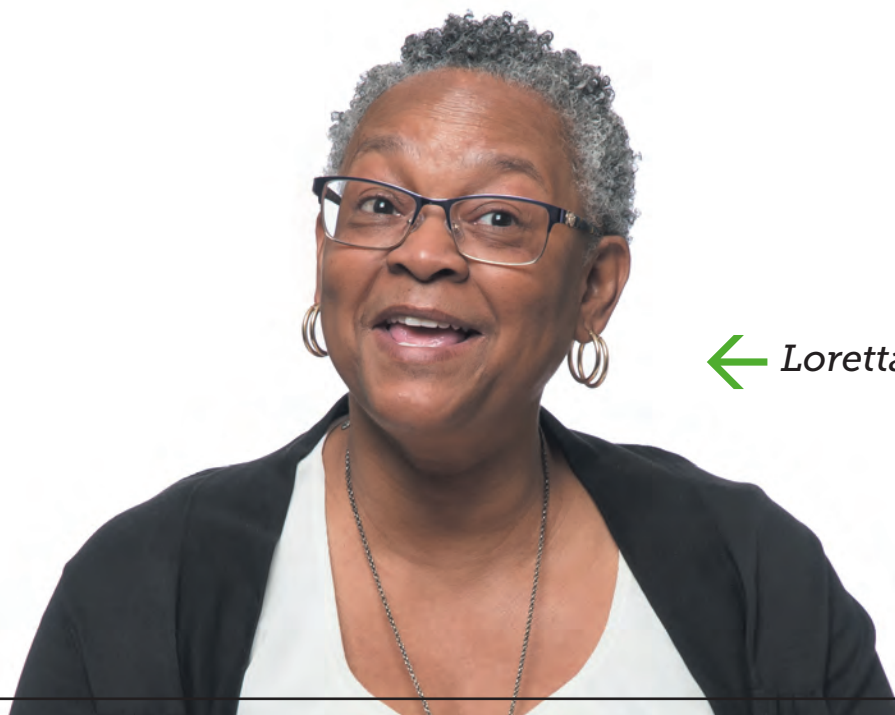
Another example is the impact of Michael Capp, PhD, upon the Biology Department. In 25 years at Carlow, Capp established programs, developed curricula, and gently guided students toward life-changing career decisions. His students have launched into wonderful careers in science and medicine that many had never thought were possible. A recent retiree, Capp left Carlow in a better position to meet the challenges ahead.

Those who taught us are often those who have an impact upon our lives long after the classroom lesson is over. The time is right to show appreciation—and here is the perfect opportunity.

If someone special rises to the top of your mind, the Office of Advancement can talk with you about how best to make an "In Honor of" gift at 412.578.6654, or you can go to www.carlow.edu/give and check the "give my gift in memory/honor of someone" option. This will prompt you to tell us who you'd like to make the gift in honor of and why. ■

Six Carlow University faculty retired in May 2017—four of whom were named faculty emeriti at the commencement ceremony on May 13.

- ✦ **Janice Abrams, EdD**, program director for middle level and art education
- ✦ **Michael Capp, PhD**, professor of biology
- ✦ **Maureen Crossen, PhD**, associate professor of theology, faculty emerita
- ✦ **William DeBernardi, MFA**, associate professor of art, faculty emeritus
- ✦ **Chrys Gabrich, PhD**, professor of communication, faculty emerita
- ✦ **Robert Reed, PsyD**, professor of psychology, faculty emeritus



← Loretta Ellis '17

GIVING KNOWS NO AGE

DOLLAR BANK SUPPORTS LIFELONG LEARNING

BY ANN LYON RITCHIE

CORPORATE DONORS HAVE AN ENORMOUS IMPACT UPON THE LIVES OF STUDENTS—OF ALL AGES.

At Carlow University, the Dollar Bank Adult Undergraduate Scholarship program directly impacts students who have been out of high school more than two years. In reality, they may have been out much longer.

Real-world challenges make it difficult for these students, who often juggle family responsibilities and work with assignments and tests.

Dollar Bank has given \$15,000 annually for the past three years to adult student scholarships. In addition to the funding, Dollar Bank offers financial advice, such as how to buy a home or repair credit.

Carol A. Neyland '73, senior vice president of community development at Dollar Bank, administers the funding from her organization and

recognizes Carlow's long history of nurturing the underserved, including nontraditional students.

"The Sisters of Mercy had the social conscience to have a satellite campus in the Hill District called Hill College," says Neyland. "Working women who lived there and worked full-time jobs could take classes at night and bring their children with them. They did not have to worry about child care and could then focus on completing their four-year degree."

Neyland says her employer has been charitable since its 1855 founding. At a time when most banks required a hefty deposit to open an account, the founders established a bank where customers needed just one dollar to open an account. Hence the name, Dollar Bank.

"Carlow and Dollar Bank are like-minded and mission-driven. At a time where there seems to be little

regard for the least of us, I am proud to be affiliated with both of these institutions who still care," she says.

Loretta Ellis '17, age 59, was one of 13 Dollar Bank scholars awarded last year. With a bachelor's degree in counseling, she will seek her dream job to be a teen advisor.

"It is hard to balance school responsibilities with the rest of your life," says Ellis. "I wanted to set an example for my son to follow so that he did not see giving up as an option to the setbacks and challenges he would face while trying to obtain his bachelor's degree.

During her studies, Ellis suffered through three deaths in the family and two extended hospital stays—but she knew she needed a degree to achieve her career goal.

"When those situations came up, Carlow went above and beyond," she recalls.

On the other end of the age spectrum, Dollar Bank supports young children at The Campus School through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. The corporation has given \$35,000 to the school since 2015.

Administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the EITC program enables businesses to invest directly in tomorrow's workforce by turning tax dollars into scholarship funds. Often, parents have encouraged their employers to participate in this program, generating assistance where it is needed the most—need-based scholarships.

The Campus School uses these funds to provide tuition assistance to qualifying low-income students, regardless of where they reside.

For more information about the EITC program and how to support The Campus School, please contact Patricia Beaumont, Carlow University Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at plbeaumont@carlow.edu or 412.578.8872. ■



*New officers in the Alumni Association assumed their positions in July. One big message for alumni is on their minds: **You have so much to offer.***

BY ANN LYON RITCHIE

JOIN US!

"Go to a networking event in Pittsburgh or near you. Talk to students about your career. Mentor. Recruit an intern," says Emily Bechtel Noel '07, a newly elected co-president of Carlow's alumni board.

Noel knows that the alumni network is a source of great opportunities—and fun. Her volunteer service as a speaker at a psychology symposium was both an honor and a joy.

Noel co-chairs the alumni board with her cousin Elizabeth (Liz) Brown '08.

Two other members round out the 2017-2018 alumni board executive committee. Ashley Kunkle '11 starts as vice president. Judy Kilingsmith '63 is returning to complete her two-year term as secretary.

They want to make sure alumni know about all the ways to participate.

"The Scholarship Benefit is a well-loved tradition in spring. Professional networking and social activities, such as happy hours, build up a sense of community throughout the year," says Brown.

The Welcome Back Barbeque is a new tradition. Held during Student Orientation, the picnic brings together alumni with new and returning students.

"You do not need to be in Pittsburgh," says Lachelle Binion, director of alumni engagement.

The Alumni Association holds regional events in Ohio,

Florida, and big cities such as Washington, D.C., and New York. Alumni are able to join committees from wherever they call home through online collaboration tools.

Carlow hired Binion last year in an alumni liaison role. An alumna three times over, she earned an MBA in 2013, an MS in Professional Leadership and Nonprofit Management in 2011, and a BA in Communications Studies in 2003.

"We have already benefitted from Lachelle's perspective. She has a deep understanding of our alumni across the generations and also has a vibrancy and spirit," says Brown.

Binion hopes alumni share her growing excitement and want to come to events, or even join one of the four committees—student engagement, alumni scholarship benefit, development, and nominating—a good place to learn how the board works.

"We're remarkably diverse in age and our college experiences, but we want to hear each other's stories and learn from each other. We're all part of the same Carlow family," says Binion.

If alumni have an interest in joining a committee or participating in the Alumni Association, they can contact Lachelle Binion at 412.578.6274 or email alumni@carlow.edu. ■

PHOTO CAPTION: Current and past alumni board members at the 2017 Alumni Scholarship Benefit: (L-R) Lachelle Binion, '03,'11,'13; Emily Kolek '11; Ashley Kunkle '11; Emily Bechtel Noel '07; Elizabeth Erwin Brown '03; Heidi Hylton Meier, DBA, CPA '77; Bernadette Skoczylas '69; Renita Zumbo '87; Irene Toma '93; Mary Ann Miller '71; Judith Klingensmith '63.

SAVE the DATE | Reconnect with Fellow Alums!

- ✦ Alumni Weekend, October 6-8
- ✦ Women of Spirit® Benefit Concert featuring Marianne Cornetti, November 3
- ✦ Breakfast with Santa, December 16

Visit alumni.carlow.edu for more event information.

Alumni ACTIVITIES

For information on upcoming events,
visit www.carlow.edu/alumni.

NEWS

80s

Tracy L. Soltesz, PhD '85 won the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine Educator of the Year Award, presented by the students of the class of 2019. She is a professor of anatomy and teaches gross anatomy and cell and developmental microanatomy.

David A. Bowlin, EdD '87 completed master's degree programs in secondary biology education and education administration, as well as a doctoral program in education administration and policy studies at the University of Pittsburgh. He is currently the chief academic officer and superintendent of schools for the Ohio Distance and Learning Academies.

90s

Barbara Hardie Johnson, MEd '93 was appointed director of workforce diversity and inclusion at Susquehanna University in September 2016. In this role she will engage in strategic efforts in diverse faculty search processes, local partnerships, and employee professional development.

Nikita R. Steals '98 was named director of human capital at Clearview Group, LLC. In this capacity, Steals will lead the strategic development and execution of Clearview's staffing and recruiting practice.

Carol L. Adams '99 was honored with the Lifetime Commitment to the Red Cross award at the Eighth Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast on September 15, 2016.

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Tiffany T. Huff Strothers '02 published two books, *EmpowerMoments: A 31-Day Devotional to Empower the Everyday Woman* and *30 Day Stay: A Story of Escaping Death, Healing from Heartbreak and Finding Hope in Homelessness*.

Jennifer L. Blumling, MSN, CRNP '03 graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Acute Care Nurse Practitioner/MSN program in 2008. She also attained additional certification as a registered nurse first assistant at Delaware County Community College in 2013. Upon graduation from The University of Pennsylvania, she practiced neurosurgery in the Philadelphia area, initially in private practice and then eventually in the Neurocritical Care Intensive Care Unit at The University of Pennsylvania. Since February of 2015, she has been practicing in the inpatient setting with the Department



Carlow University 2017 Laureates. L-R: Paul F. Schwengels, husband of Donna Marie Vivio, MPH, MS, RN '76, accepting her award posthumously; Rachelle Zomack, MS, RN '91; Misti McKeethan, MS '07; David Debenham, JD, '13; Howard Slaughter Jr., DSc, '93; and Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD.



Golden Rose Dinner. Members of the Class of 1967 and the Class of 2017 celebrating at the 2017 Golden Rose Dinner.

of Neurological Surgery at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital.

Sara J. Oliver Carter '04, '10 was named the new senior director of talent, diversity, and inclusion at Pennsylvania State University in March 2017. In this role, Oliver Carter will be responsible for successfully identifying, developing, and implementing key talent, diversity, and inclusion initiatives for Penn State.

Pamela Coudriet Arroyo '06, '09 transitioned into a new role at UPMC as the program director of nursing talent strategy in May 2017. She will be responsible for providing HR support for the UPMC Center of Nursing Excellence and Schools of Nursing.

Cathy A. Light '07 was promoted to secretary of the corporation and chief of staff at Carnegie Mellon University. She will oversee the office of the president, coordinate internal and external stakeholder interactions, and support the board of trustees.

Brian P. Maloney '07 was named operations director at Plum Emergency Medical Services in June 2017.

Robert D. Bowden '08 was featured in a radio news story as part of the WESA.FM series, "90 Neighborhoods, 90 Good Stories." The piece highlighted his role in rejuvenating Pittsburgh's Hill District neighborhood as the behavioral health community organizer at FOCUS Pittsburgh.

Janelle Crisp, LPC '09, '12 opened a private practice, Crisp Forensic Counseling LLC, in May 2017. Located in downtown Pittsburgh, Crisp Forensic Counseling focuses on bridging the gap between the criminal justice system and mental health treatment.

10s

Melanie Roscoe Browder '10 graduated in 2013 from the Nurse Anesthesia program at Texas Christian University and was recently named the chief certified registered nurse anesthetist of New Mexico Anesthesia Associates.

Kayla M. Sorgenson, MFA '10 published her debut full-length poetry collection, *First Red* (Main Street Rag) in March 2017.

Jennifer Schaeffer '11 accepted a position as the senior program and operations manager for Strong Women, Strong Girls.

Cheryl R. Sorensen, MBA '13 started in a new role in May 2017 as the academic records manager at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy.

Heather R. Tempest, MSN, BSN, BS, RN '13, '17 joined the ranks of the International Nurses Association with a publication in *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare*. She is a registered nurse serving patients within Forbes Regional Hospital in Monroeville, Pa. With more than 15 years of experience in nursing, Tempest specializes in critical care, neurological trauma, and intensive care nursing.

Jesse Kisner '14 teaches art at The Watson Institute in Sewickley, Pa., which recently published an article commending her use of art therapy in the classroom and showcasing students' art achievements at the institute's annual art show. The article can be found at thewatsoninstitute.org.

Visit Carlow's Alumni photostream on Flickr at www.carlow.edu/alumphotos.



Bridget Gray '17 releasing rubber ducks for the 2017 Senior Class Gift Duck Derby.



Joshua Fowler, the youngest grandson of Jeanne Daugherty Lese '61, sporting his Carlow ball cap at the county fair.



Washington, D.C., Chat, Chop, Chew Alumni Event. L-R: Anita Williams '80; Margaret A. Mangan, JD '70; Patricia K. Betts, RN, BSN '67; Meghan Foy Martin '16; Lachelle Binion, MBA, '03, '11, '13; Annie Small Gast '86; and Janine Kenan Greenberg '16.

Bernadette Harris, MS, MBA, CFE '15 published a book, *Did You Hire a Fraud?: Solid Safeguards to Prevent Insider Theft*, which topped the bestseller list on Amazon.com. Harris is on a mission to help small- and medium-sized organizations to protect themselves from fraud.

Rachel "Rion" Phillippi, MFA '15, who writes under the pen name K. Orion Fray, released her debut novel, *Son of the Revolution*, which began as a senior thesis manuscript, on April 25, 2017. All e-book links are available at [books.pronoun.com/son of the revolution](http://books.pronoun.com/son-of-the-revolution).

Christopher M. Childs II, '17, received the College Chemistry Award from the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh (SACP). Childs will be recognized through a monetary award presented to the Carlow University Grace Library in his honor, along with an engraved nameplate, which will be added to the plaque in the Chemistry Department listing previous SACP winners.

BIRTHS

Barbara Getsey Palso '67 welcomed her first grandchild, Theodore Nicholas Palso, on July 15, 2015.

Ruth Ann Roth Nelson '68 and her husband, Stoddard Nelson, welcomed their first grandchild, Jules Arthur Nelson, on August 3, 2016.

Bernadette Skoczylas '69 and her husband, Daniel Skoczylas, welcomed their first grandchild, Stanley Lawrence Newman, on April 19, 2017.

MARRIAGES

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Tiffany T. Huff-Strothers '02 and Travess Strothers were married on March 20, 2017.

Carrie Osborne '04, '08 and Greg Osborne were married April 1, 2017.

Shannon James '07, '11 and Andrew Hess were married on February 2, 2016.

Gina Capozoli '08 and Scott Santoro were married on October 25, 2014.

Janelle Crisp, LPC '09, '12 and Michelle Sarver were married on March 17, 2017.

10s

Meghan Foy '10 and Paul Martin were married on October 8, 2016.

Ashley Bodnar '13 and Michael Temple were married on October 3, 2016.

Emma McCormick '15 and Joseph Rabel were married August 13, 2016. Joseph is a 2006 graduate of The Campus School of Carlow University.

IN MEMORIAM

40s

Dorothy Eckert Cramer '40, December 17, 2015.

Gertrude Loftis DaParma '40, August 16, 2016.

Jane Surman Kotnik '41, October 3, 2015.

Ruth Purcell Neely '41, May 13, 2017.

Elizabeth Plantes Kodis '44, March 10, 2017.

Emma Lou Love Sayers '45, April 18, 2017.

Margaret Hamas Kopay '46, March 20, 2017.

Joan Schmitt McCafferty '48, November 26, 2015.

50s

Donna Guiser Sherbine '50, February 15, 2017.

Sister Anna Neal, RSM '52, March 15, 2017.

Sister Mary Louise Nash, RSM, PhD '57, November 19, 2016.

Theresa Grab Giglio '58, June 5, 2017.

Margaret Yahner Soisson '58, June 7, 2017.

60s

Marjorie Brehl '61, November 25, 2016.

Lois Labik Reppar '61, July 25, 2016.

Sister Margaret Ritchie, RSM '61, March 20, 2017.

Sister M. Arthur Tipping '63, February 27, 2016.

Sister Georgetta Haley, RSM '64, October 9, 2016.

Joanne Agatha Howe '64, February 7, 2016.

Judith Hanratty Koehn '65, October 3, 2016.

Linda Peterlin Isenburg '66, February 18, 2017.

Kathleen Weyers Monahan, EdD '66, April 10, 2016.

Thomasina P. Schneider '67, May 11, 2017.

Marguerite Daly McCleary '68, November 30, 2015.

Diane Cameron Sullivan '68, May 17, 2017.

70s

Donna Mae Jaksic '70,
August 6, 2015.

Karen Evans McClure '70,
March 14, 2017.

Colleen Gay Daniels James '72,
July 6, 2015.

Marigail Dougherty Cavolo '77,
March 15, 2015.

Linda Schornagle Lape '79,
July 14, 2017.

80s

Mary Ellen Jeffreys '81,
March 27, 2016.

Gerladine Simonetti '82,
May 24, 2017.

Anne McNeff Brandt '85,
August 16, 2016.

90s

Jean Strock Glontz '90,
August 21, 2016.

Mary Redshaw Burich '92,
April 24, 2017.

Elizabeth Hodgson Wertz Evans, PhD '93, August 17, 2016.

Mary McFeely Susalla '94,
March 13, 2017.

Kimberly Ann Foley Aloe '95,
January 16, 2016.

Mary Beth Mong Freda '99,
February 8, 2016.

00s

Louise Jeannine Humphreys Zylwitis '01, January 12, 2017.

Janice Loebig McGrath '01, '08,
May 20, 2017.

10s

Dawn Huffman Catalano '10,
April 4, 2014.

Mark Gerard Geherin '13,
July 1, 2017.

STUDENTS

Dalton Robert Bacco,
May 3, 2017.

Lindsey Marie Michaels,
September 3, 2017.

FRIENDS

Ruth Donnelly Egler,
September 3, 2017.

Walter Noll, June 6, 2017.

SYMPATHY TO

40s

Lois Brown Gaffney '41, for the loss
of her daughter, Louise Gaffney Gross,
May 23, 2016.

Rhodora Jacob Donahue '47, for the
loss of her husband, John F. "Jack"
Donahue, May 11, 2017.

50s

Nora Smith O'Mara '50, for the loss
of her sister, Mary Louise Conn,
April 17, 2017.

Shirley Phillips Marvin '56, for
the loss of her husband, Frank
Richard Marvin, February 18, 2017.

Constance Ruzo Dakmyer '59, for
the loss of her husband, Frederick L.
Dankmyer, November 13, 2016.

60s

Carol Ford Haverkamp '60, for
the loss of her husband, Albert D.
Haverkamp, MD, January 26, 2017.

Sister Jane Fadgen, RSM '65, for
the loss of her brother, John F.
Fadgen, May 28, 2017.

Anita Sammartino Dacal '69, for
the loss of her brother, Ellis Paul
Sammartino, June 10, 2017.

70s

Mildred Ankrom Mazgaj '72, for the
loss of her husband, Rev. Marian S.
Mazgaj, PhD, April 7, 2016.

Mary Kathleen Scully '75, for the
loss of her mother, Virginia Scully,
December 11, 2015.

80s

Mary Rooney Duffy '88, for the loss
of her father, Daniel M. Rooney,
April 13, 2017.

90s

Phyllis M. DiNardo Harker '94, for
the loss of her mother, Marie J.
Brunetti DiNardo, June 11, 2017.

Teya Kamel '96, '16, for the loss of
her stepfather, Thomas Magill,
March 22, 2017.

00s

Valerie Vivio Phillips Mazza '00,
for the loss of her brother, Joseph
Vivio, Jr., October 12, 2016, and her
grandmother, Patricia Vivio,
April 2, 2017.

10s

Margaret Swick Haselhoff '10, for the
loss of her father, Lawrence F. Swick,
March 30, 2017.

Jean Sant Geherin '14, for the
loss of her husband, **Mark Gerard
Geherin '13**, July 1, 2017.



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