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## Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

The end of each year is a time of reflection as we look back at what we have accomplished—and look forward to what we still must and can do. It is the time to rejoice in the company of family and good friends—and also to hold dear the memories of those who are no longer with us. The holidays are a reminder to all of us to give thanks for all that we are given—and the opportunity to do what we can to ensure that no one goes without.

Here at Carlow, this has been a year with much to celebrate—from the Middle States re-accreditation to our head softball coach Bob Sirko being named United States Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, from the recognition of the research done by our faculty to the career outcomes of our graduates. And at Homecoming, we remembered and applauded the members of the Class of 1966, whose work during the civil rights movement deserves our sincere thanks—as does their generous Legacy Endowment to Carlow's Social Justice Institutes.

There are so many reasons to be #CarlowProud, and this issue of *Carlow University Magazine*, focused on community, highlights just a few examples of the impact we can have when

we work together to build a just and merciful world. From Chanessa Schuler '12 who works to develop mentoring relationships for African American male teens to the special bond enjoyed by our university's athletic teams, from Carlow's place in the Oakland neighborhood to the work being done by Nikia Tucker '15, one of our nursing graduates who volunteers with Operation Safety Net, it is exciting to see what is possible when we stand together, value our shared humanity, and embrace our diversity. It is from each other, and from our Catholic heritage and Mercy values, that we get strength and resolve. And, in the new year, it is the respect we have for each other that will make it possible for us to prosper.

By the way, the picture on the front of this issue is a detail from one of the incredible stained glass windows in McAuley Chapel in the University Commons. I hope you will agree that it embodies the joy and light of the holiday season—and reflects a university community that has faith in the future.

I wish you and your family and friends Merry Christmas—and may the holidays and the new year be peaceful and joyous.

Sincerely,

Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD



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On the cover: Detail from the stained glass window, “Eternal Reward: Our Conversation Is in Heaven,” one of a series of windows in the McAuley Chapel, University Commons. The windows were originally created by artist Nicholas Parrendo of Pittsburgh-based Hunt Stained Glass Studio for the Frances Warde Hall chapel when it opened in 1961.

PLACES *And* SPACES | an inside look at Carlow’s  
personal and public spaces



ALL ABOUT  
THE QUEST

You may not find the Holy Grail in the office of **LOU BOYLE, PHD**, but then again, who knows? Because stacked and filed and shelved in every nook and cranny of his office, you’ll find almost everything related to the Middle Ages. Boyle is a professor of English and the director of Carlow’s core curriculum. His specialty is, you guessed it, Arthurian literature. So... let the quests begin!

**A** Talking *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* action figures remind Boyle—as does Monty Python’s satirical treatment of Arthurian legend— that one cannot take oneself too seriously.

**B** A vinyl 45-rpm record of the Canterbury Cathedral pipe organ was given to Boyle by a former student.

**C** A replica of a ninth-century, pre-Christian European chessboard discovered in Ireland. Contrary to the modern form of the game, all the pieces are exactly the same except for the leader of the team in the center. Boyle uses the chessboard to demonstrate how early medieval Europeans did not necessarily have the extensive class divisions represented by pieces in modern chess.

**D** A miniature model of Bran Castle, in Transylvania, Romania—the only Transylvanian castle that fits Bram Stoker’s description of Dracula’s castle. Boyle visited the castle two years ago when presenting a paper at the University of Bucharest.

**E** The Forbes Field poster also shows Boyle’s grandparents’ house, on the far right, two doors away from Forbes Field. His grandfather worked as an usher for the Pirates for over 45 years and his father was an altar boy for St. Agnes Church—and sometimes served mass in the Convent of Mercy Chapel.



# NOTED — and — QUOTED

“Carlow University put the ‘H’ in hospitality when it comes to freshman move-in day.”

✦ KDKA-TV, August 2016

“It changed my work ethic.”

✦ High school student D’ontae Carter about the Summer Learning Program led by Carlow professor Howard Stern, PhD (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, August 2016).

“Papa believed that women should have a good education, just like men... I guess Papa believed in equality for women back then.”

✦ Alice McKeever Riley ’33, Carlow’s oldest living alumna. (*Pittsburgh Magazine* online, June 2016).

“Sexism and racism have been around in politics for a long time.”

✦ Allyson Lowe, PhD, dean, College of Leadership and Social Change, in “How Some Local Poli Sci Professors are Handling Trump vs. Clinton” (*Pittsburgh Business Times*, October 2016).

“It made me feel sort of guilty. I’m going to live in a nice home... and there’s generations of people being born in these refugee camps.”

✦ Campus School student Alexandria Westray after touring Doctors Without Borders’ refugee camp traveling exhibition. (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, October 2016).

“This is a launching point for a dialogue about people who have been singled out and branded persona non grata.”

✦ Carlow President Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD, about common reader, *How Does it Feel to Be a Problem? Being Young and Arab in America* by Moustafa Bayoumi (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, August 2016).

# IN SEARCH OF COMMON GROUND

## COFFEEHOUSE

Engaging in lively conversation  
over a cup of java

Conflict in varying degrees of severity has been with us seemingly forever—at least since Cain and Abel. In a polarized world, can we find common ground? This is an excerpt of a conversation with Carlow University faculty members **BILL SCHWEERS, JD**, an assistant professor of justice studies in the College of Leadership and Social Change, and **MAUREEN CROSSEN, PHD**, an associate professor of theology from the College of Learning and Innovation.

**Carlow University Magazine:** Are we at a point where compromise has become a bad word? Certainly, in some quarters it is.

**Bill Schweers:** We say we want to compromise but, rather cynically, only if it’s the other side that’s doing the compromising. People think Washington is broken because the politicians from the different parties seem unwilling to compromise, and voters don’t like that. Paradoxically, voters hate it when their politicians compromise with the other side.

**Maureen Crossen:** The word discussion is based on the same root word as percussion, to make noise. An alternative is dialogue, made from the Greek root word *logos*: my promise to you. To enter into a dialogue, I have to recognize my pre-judgments, and not bring them to the table.

**Carlow University Magazine:** It seems as though more people have a voice than ever before. Is it a problem that opinions can be equally disseminated but not necessarily equally researched?

**BS:** That’s exactly right. This is the logical consequence of our commitment to unregulated and unfettered speech, which I fully support. To me, the heart of a democracy is free speech, and we should not take any measures to block the blood to the heart. The remedy for speech that seems divisive or hateful is more speech.

**Carlow University Magazine:** To some segments of the population, documents such as the Bible or the Constitution are to be followed word-for-word without deviation. Is it possible to come to a consensus when it seems these bedrock principles are at stake?

**MC:** What are the bedrock principles? From Jesus’ point of view, it is to love your enemy. In Judaism: slow to anger, demanding justice for the oppressed and the poor, always willing

to extend mercy. So, for those folks who take a few scripture passages literally to promote their agenda, I would ask them to elucidate their bedrock principles. Look at the deeper motivation behind and ahead of God’s action in history. For people who are oppressed, such as slaves out of Egypt, that’s pretty clear. Jesus could not be more clear: Love your enemy.

**Carlow University Magazine:** What’s the role of a university when we have conflict and disagreement?

**BS:** Carlow is an example other colleges and universities could and should emulate. I’m very proud of our mission statement—of our role in developing leaders committed to creating a just and merciful world. This role is embedded in every faculty member’s course material. It is invaluable. And it is our duty to put it out there.

**MC:** I also have to lean on Carlow, not only as Carlow, but as a Mercy institution. Very soon after the Orlando attack in June, Dr. Mellon sent us a letter, and I’ve been struggling all summer with the challenges she presented. She said, ‘we talk about a just and merciful world,’ and very poignantly and pointedly she asked, ‘what are you doing for it?’ And I thought, well, I’m teaching. But there’s probably more.

**BS:** There’s always more. ■

**Online extra!** Listen to the full interviews at [www.carlow.edu/magazine](http://www.carlow.edu/magazine).



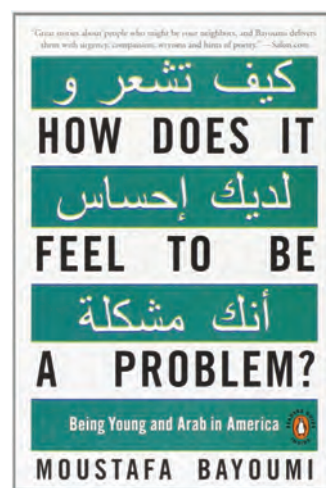




## ► CARLOW ATHLETICS COMMERCIALS A HIT!

Carlow University began airing a series of three television commercials featuring our athletes with the theme “I Play for Carlow” during the summer 2016 Olympics. We’re proud to announce that the commercials were recognized as the First Runner Up in the Education Category of Pittsburgh’s American Marketing Association 2016 competition.

**Online extra!** Watch the commercials at [www.carlow.edu/magazine](http://www.carlow.edu/magazine).



Moustafa Bayoumi’s book *How Does It Feel to Be a Problem?—Being Young and Arab in America* is Carlow’s 2016 student common reader, selected by Carlow President Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD, who hopes the book will spark further conversation about injustice in our world today. Bayoumi was a guest speaker during Carlow’s September Academic Convocation.



Janice Nash, DNP, Excellence in Nursing Award recipient.

## ► NURSING EXCELLENCE

Carlow nursing students secured a terrific pass rate (94.44%) on the 2016 NCLEX RN licensure exam—the highest in Pittsburgh for the third year running!

In addition, members of the Carlow nursing community were recognized for Excellence in Nursing by *Pittsburgh Magazine*. Janice Nash, BSN program director, received the Excellence in Nursing Award for Academics. Nursing faculty Jessica Huber ’10, instructor/course coordinator, and J. Ann Spence, assistant professor, were named as runners-up. Twelve Carlow alumni received awards of excellence, including Angela Balistrieri ’01, ’12; Anthony Battaglia, Jr. ’00; Jacqueline Collavo ’83; Amber Egyud ’07, ’08; Loretta Filitske ’90; Dawndra Jones-Hornsby ’94, ’06; Judith Kaufmann ’84; Mary Kish ’92; Marianne McConnell ’75; Joy Peters ’12; Margaret Quinn Rosenzweig ’81; and Shelley Neil Watters ’01, ’04.



On November 12, in response to what has become a national opioid epidemic, Carlow’s College of Health and Wellness presented “Taking the Pain Out of Prescribing Opioids,” a half-day continuing education conference in line with Centers for Disease Control initiatives on opioid prescription and management of chronic opioid use.



## ► BRINGING BACK A CLASSIC

Carlow University Theatre (CUT) brought life to the oft-forgotten 1924 comedy *Beggar on Horseback* for the first two weekends in November, in celebration of Pittsburgh’s bicentennial. The play was written by Pulitzer Prize-winning Pittsburgh playwrights George S. Kaufman and Marc Connelly.



Photo by Brandywyne Dugan '17

## ► POPE TWEET

On September 29, Catherine McAuley’s 238th birthday, Carlow students, faculty, and staff tweeted a videotaped message to Pope Francis. Through song and words in Spanish and English they introduced the Pope to Carlow and asked for Catherine McAuley’s canonization.

**Online extra!** Check out the video at [www.carlow.edu/magazine](http://www.carlow.edu/magazine).



## ► NEW SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTES DIRECTOR

Jessica Ruffin, former chief operating officer of Coro Pittsburgh, is the inaugural director of the Social Justice Institutes at Carlow University. The Social Justice Institutes include the Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility, the Women of Spirit® Institute, the Center for Youth Media Advocacy, and the Center for Community Engaged Learning. Ruffin was also recently named a *New Pittsburgh Courier* Woman of Excellence.



# GETTING SOCIAL

Keep a finger on the pulse of Carlow's digital social scene by checking out updates like these at [CARLOW.EDU/SOCIAL](http://CARLOW.EDU/SOCIAL).



**1.** A group of sisters from multiple denominations, including the Sisters of Mercy, gather in the 1950s.

**2.** Patrick Martyn and Sam Thauvette, admissions counselors, star in a series of ongoing Facebook Live videos. Topics include the application process and how students can apply for financial aid.

**3.** Nursing student Mary Gitau just became an American citizen! Assistant Professor of Biology Laura Schatzkamer, and her class threw a party to celebrate.

**4.** Behind the scenes of Carlow's newest TV commercials—airing in Western Pennsylvania on cable and network television December through February.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT TEVIN SCOTT

BY ANN LYON RITCHIE

Spend a few minutes talking with sophomore liberal studies major Tevin Scott and you'll pick up on his love of learning. That's why the liberal arts attracted him. As did attending a small college in the midst of a vibrant city. But his connection to Carlow goes deeper still.

"I chose Carlow for its dedication to social justice. Social justice is important to me because you can't have a successful society without it," he says.

Scott seeks to learn from his classmates and other community members. Although he does not practice any one religion, he participates in activities offered through the Office of Campus Ministry. He enjoys meeting people of different faiths, getting involved in discussion, and sharing his own views.

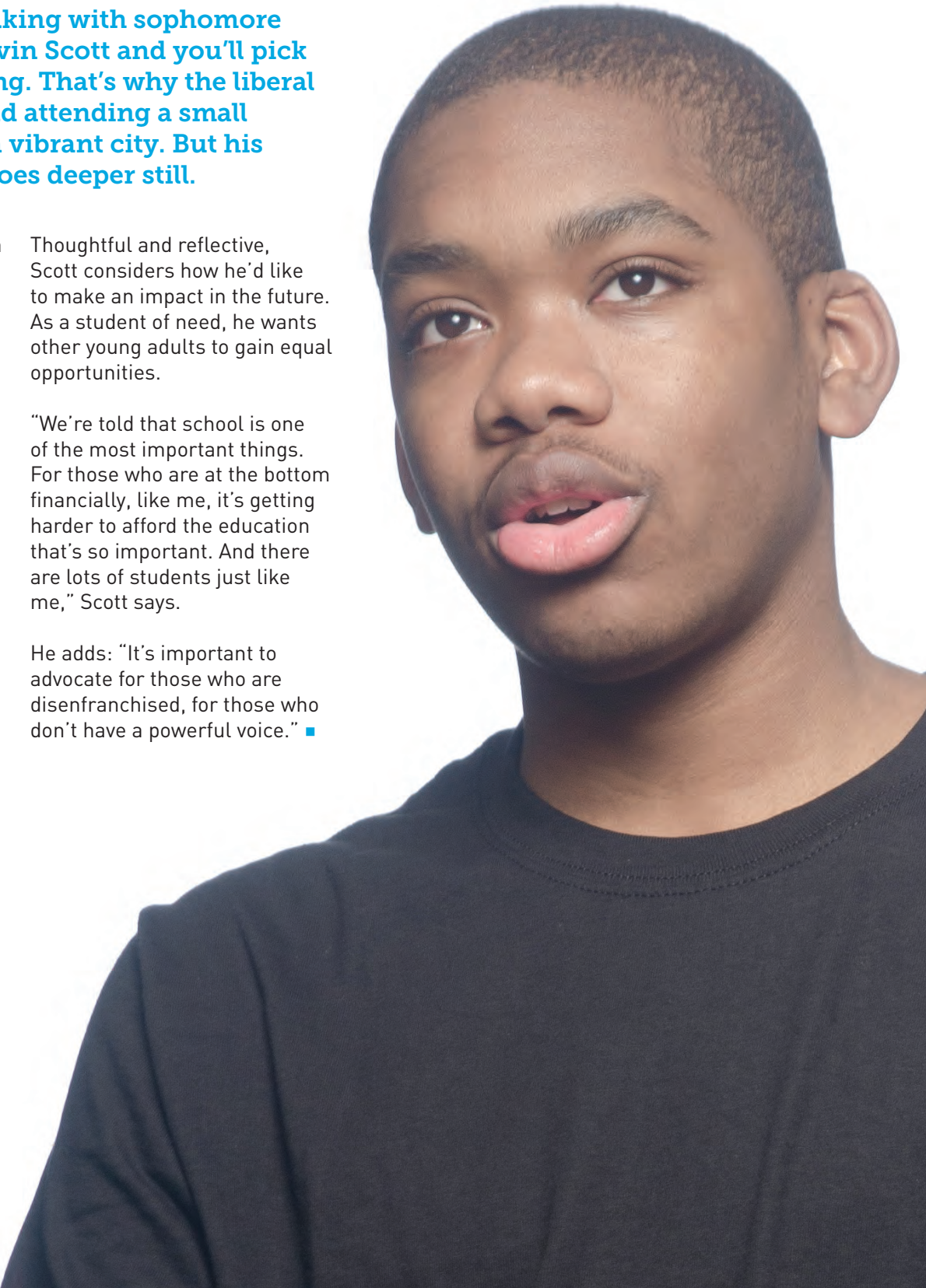
More than anything, Scott looks forward to studying abroad in Lyon, France in the summer of 2017. A native of Pittsburgh, he feels crossing an ocean will give him a sense of independence, while allowing him to study the French language he loves.

"I'll gain communication and interpersonal skills," he says. And maturity."

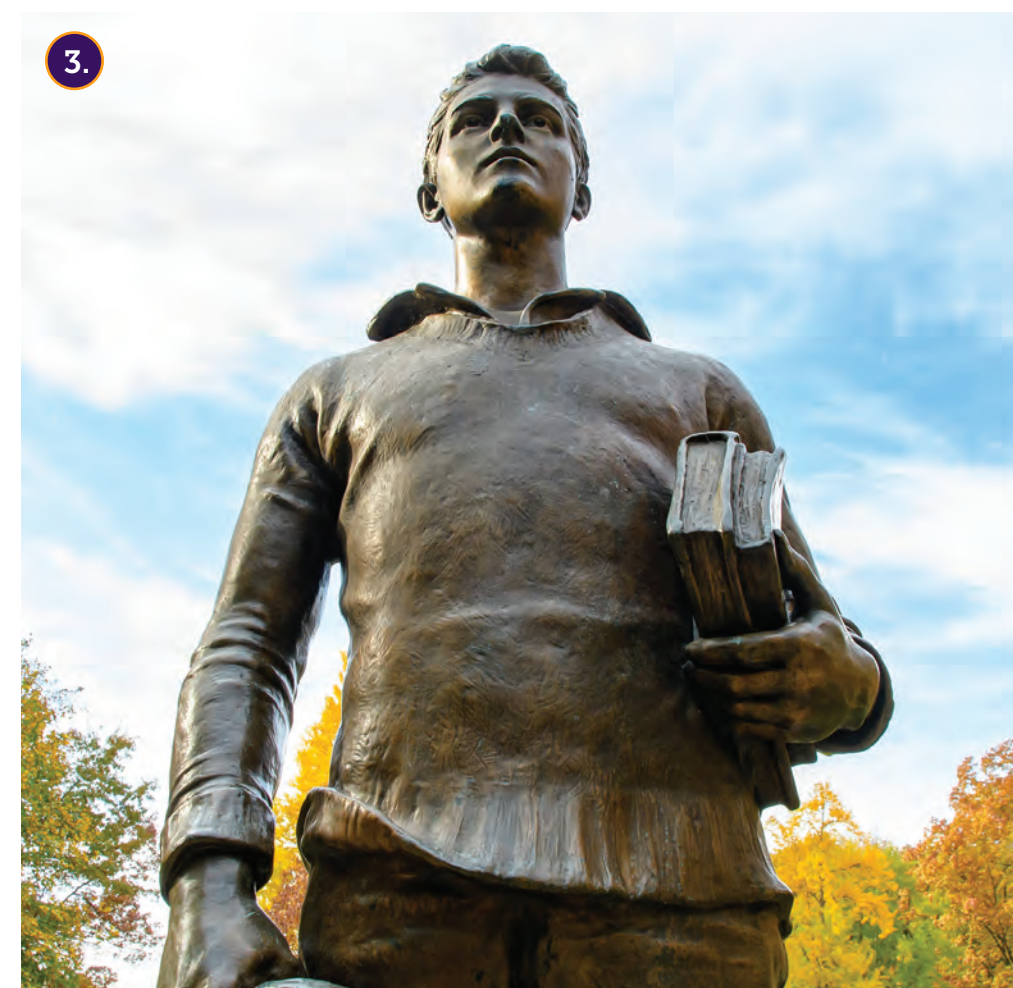
Thoughtful and reflective, Scott considers how he'd like to make an impact in the future. As a student of need, he wants other young adults to gain equal opportunities.

"We're told that school is one of the most important things. For those who are at the bottom financially, like me, it's getting harder to afford the education that's so important. And there are lots of students just like me," Scott says.

He adds: "It's important to advocate for those who are disenfranchised, for those who don't have a powerful voice." ■







# THE WORLD IN A NEIGHBORHOOD

Students rave about Carlow's beautiful campus—in the middle of the coolest part of the city: Oakland.

Our Oakland neighborhood is filled with a diverse mix of grand architecture and renowned museums; quaint coffee shops and international cuisine; theaters, parks, and countless eclectic treasures. You never know what you might find.

**1.** Oakland mural by Pittsburgh artist Kyle Holbrook. Corner of Atwood and Sennott Streets. **2.** Doors of Oakland celebrates art on the doorways of area businesses. This mosaic by artist Alix Paul graces the door of Tong's Cuisine, Semple Street just below Forbes Avenue. **3.** *The Spirit of American Youth*, a sculpture by Daniel Chester French, Schenley Park. **4.** Locks of love—a trend born in Paris—now adorn the Schenley Park Bridge.

Online extra! Tour Oakland with us at [www.carlow.edu/magazine](http://www.carlow.edu/magazine).





# CHEESE, PLEASE.

Generations of Carlow Students Fueled by Sciulli's Pizza

BY JAMES FOREMAN

With additional reporting by Jonathan Winkler,  
Oakland Business Improvement District

**SCIULLI'S PIZZA** is more than just a place to get great pizza on a college student's budget. (A large pepperoni pizza will only set you back around 10 bucks.) It's a bona fide Carlow University institution.

Oriente Sciulli and his brother, Antonio, came over from Italy in 1965. Like so many immigrants, they found employment in the steel mills. When those same mills started to close, the Sciullis saw an opportunity instead of a setback.

Located at 3404 Fifth Avenue, right across from Frances Warde Hall, the university's main residence hall, Sciulli's Pizza was founded by the Sciulli brothers in 1981. Those 36 years equal thousands of Carlow students, many of whom have fond memories of Sciulli's—and are eager to share them.

A Facebook post about Sciulli's on Carlow University's page brought out dozens of comments from the many lives—and stomachs—touched by the brothers' pizza.

"Sciulli's is the 'Cheers' of Carlow....everybody knows your name there," writes David Gallaher, associate professor of chemistry. "At least the names of the Chemistry faculty, that is."

Courtney Durante: "I miss the food so much. Love that place!"

Kimberly Bousquet: "Best. Pizza. Ever."

Anita Brown Levels: "Good people!!! So glad they're still there."

Gemma Wesolowski Rusnak: "It is the absolute best!!! Ate there many times as a student and have taken people there on visits to Pittsburgh!!! Miss their pizza!! Still talk about how good it is."

These days, Oriente has plenty of help from his nephews Luciano and Eutimio, a couple of Pittsburgh guys with just as much passion for the food as their uncle—the ingredients, from the sauce to the dough, are made fresh every day.

If you're hungry and around Carlow's campus, give Sciulli's a try. Like so many of Carlow's alums, you'll probably go back again. And again. And again. ■



Nikia Tucker '15

# HOPE ON THE STREETS

Carlow Alum—and Operation Safety Net—Reach Those in Need | BY DREW WILSON

Not long after Nikia Tucker started volunteering with Operation Safety Net, she asked herself, "How do you not take this home with you?"

The answer? You can't help but take it home with you. Not if you have a heart.

Tucker earned her master's from Carlow's family nurse practitioner program in 2015 and today works for UPMC in the University Physicians' gynecological obstetrics and reproductive office. She has spent hours as a volunteer with Operation Safety Net's Severe Weather Emergency Shelter.

Operation Safety Net is an award-winning Pittsburgh Mercy community outreach program that serves in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, bringing medical care and hope to the homeless on the streets of Pittsburgh.

Research shows that people experiencing homelessness frequently distrust hospitals, says Tucker.

"The majority feel they weren't treated like human beings when they went to the hospital," she says. She contrasts this with Operation Safety Net's approach.

"The homeless know about Operation Safety Net, and Operation Safety Net knows their names, their camps, and where they hang out."

Knowing names and faces can be a double-edged sword.

Tucker will never forget a young heroin addict who was pregnant after being sexually assaulted. A prenatal care visit revealed that the baby had a chromosomal abnormality and was not likely to survive. The woman

was unwilling to go to a shelter or a hospital for further evaluation.

She did deliver the baby, who was subsequently addicted to heroin. A few weeks later, Tucker found her back on the street.

"The scar from her Caesarian section was wide open," recalls Tucker.

Operation Safety Net staff convinced her to go to Pittsburgh Mercy's Wellspring Drop-in Center for medical treatment and wound care education. That was the last time Tucker saw her.

"I couldn't find her again. I don't know if she is okay," says Tucker, "but I keep looking for her—even when I'm not volunteering for Operation Safety Net. I'll never stop looking." ■





# HOLISTIC CARE FOR ALL

**PITTSBURGH MERCY HEALTH CENTER** is nestled in the heart of the city's historic **SOUTH SIDE** neighborhood. A refuge for at-risk patients seeking primary care, this modest brick building is distinct in its mission to connect patients with a variety of medical specialists. **BY ANN LYON RITCHIE**

▲  
City dwellers easily walk to clinics in Pittsburgh Mercy's complex on Ninth Street.

Although open to anyone, Pittsburgh Mercy Family Health Center focuses on mental health patients.

In 2015, McAuley Ministries awarded a \$125,000 grant to expand and enhance women's services at the clinic. Subsequently, Carlow University and Pittsburgh Mercy have partnered in the program; faculty provide care while students receive preceptor training.

A Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health clinic across the street often refers patients.

"Patients are often referred by caseworkers and other behavioral health specialists," says Deborah L. Mitchum, DNP, director of Carlow's Master of Science in Family/Individual across the Lifespan Nurse Practitioner program (MSN-FNP).

Mitchum is the clinic's nurse practitioner, specializing in women's health.

"I've seen women who have never had a gynecological exam before," says Mitchum. "Women who are psychiatrically impaired won't walk into a practice for care just anywhere. Some of them really have special needs. Here, they are accompanied by caseworkers, who make their appointments, watch over them, and make sure they get their prescriptions filled."

Two Carlow students joined the clinic's team over the summer of 2016, supervised by Mitchum, in fulfillment of their MSN-FNP degree requirements. They were exposed to gynecological care, contraceptive prescriptions, and cervical cancer screening.

Carlow student Danielle Williams praises the clinic's work to connect behavioral health needs with primary care.

"Women's care is not easy," says Williams, who worked at Allegheny General Hospital for six years. "Breast exams and pap

smears are uncomfortable. The nursing model is holistic and helps to put women at ease, providing health care that is more like a partnership."

Kristy Cloonan completed a rotation alongside Williams. A working mother of three, Cloonan is employed by UPMC Passavant Hospital. She expects to finish her MSN-FNP in 2017.

"It's important for a woman to understand the how's and why's of her body, which are rather complicated. I like being able to advocate for and teach people how to take care of themselves," Cloonan says.

Cloonan admires the patient-centered care provided at the clinic.

"Medical care is so complex. You need a central place to pull all of the different aspects together—physical, psychological, dental, nutritional, and so on. A team is your best bet," she says. "This is the future of health care."

The behavioral health setting has been eye-opening.

"I watched with awe as the preceptors interacted with mental health patients, treating them with such patience and respect. I will be taking that forward in my own practice," Cloonan says, "that's how everyone should be treated."

Learning to care for the entire community is what Carlow's program is all about, says Mitchum. Holistic care is especially important when dealing with mental health diagnoses—which too often complicate other illnesses.

"The MSN-FNP program is community-based," she says. "We teach them primary care. Of people. All people." ■



Northview Heights native Towan Hall and Chanessa Schuler '12 during summer 2016 Crossing Fences interviews.



# CROSSING FENCES

BY ALISON JURAM D'ADDIECO

## SUMMER SIZZLES ON THE CITY'S NORTH SIDE

this mid-July Thursday. Three teenage boys have ditched the heat—they're in the computer lab of a former school building on West Commons.

The boys are a bit on edge, and yet today's the day they've been waiting for. It's time to start asking questions.

They're part of Crossing Fences, an oral history project with deep roots in neighborhoods across Pittsburgh.

A project of Saturday Light Brigade (SLB) Radio Productions, Inc., Crossing Fences believes in the powerful role mentors play in transforming lives and employs an age-old technique in making these connections: storytelling.

Since 2012, SLB has linked African American male teens with male role models from the boys' own neighborhoods. In summer 2016, 41 male students (ages 11-18) and 31 men (ages 25-69) participated.

The boys ask about career paths, triumphs, and challenges, and then write reflections based on their conversations. In the process, they learn interviewing, digital recording, and audio editing skills.

Stories, reflections, and photographs for each neighborhood are distributed via public radio, SLB StoryBox kiosks in libraries and community centers, and on the website neighborhoodvoices.org.

Chanessa Schuler, a 2012 Carlow mass media graduate, is manager of oral history and youth advocacy programs for SLB. Crossing Fences is her baby.

"A lot of these youth need role models," she says. "They're dealing with things we just don't know about. This opportunity can change their lives."

The first interviewee today is 35-year-old Northview Heights native Rod Rutherford. His story sounds like a dream to these boys.

Not only did Rutherford graduate from high school, but he also went on to be a two-time All-Big East quarterback at the University of Pittsburgh—and a Pittsburgh Steeler. Today he's an ethics trainer and high school sports consultant.

The boys ask him his secrets to success.

"There are no secrets," says Rutherford. "It's about hard work. Believe in what you want to do. And don't let people tell you that you can't do anything."

Rutherford knows it's tough. He grew up without a dad—but was fortunate

**"It's about being selfless... knowing that you have your own struggles, but putting them aside and turning to help your neighbor."**

—Chanessa Schuler, 2012 mass media graduate

to have a supportive mom who pushed him to succeed.

"Playing in the NFL gave me the opportunity to witness and experience things, so I can tell people like you that it is possible. Set goals. Accomplish the first goal, and it will give you the momentum to keep going."

Next up is 27-year-old Towan Hall, another Northview Heights native. He's founder and host of CommonConversation412 a Pittsburgh podcast show that provides a voice for urban communities.

The boys nod along as Hall recalls what it was like to live with the knowledge that his father was in prison.

"There's some things you get in your mind that a father should be there for," says Hall. "Like sports, or promotions

in school...Not having the support and the love at the events... sometimes...you know." His voice trails.

More nodding.

"Some people are going to try to get you to do things that aren't right," he says. "But even if you feel like it can fix a situation temporarily—or it can get you some cash—don't fall into anybody else's path."

Sixteen-year-old Taquan Peters is one of the boys conducting the interviews today. He can't get over the fact that these successful adults were once just like him.

"He's a business man. I had no idea he went through all that," says Peters. "Like he says, there are bad people out there trying to make you do stuff. It's good to hear from him. It makes me think."

Schuler can relate to some of the things these boys are experiencing. When she was 15, her mother passed away, and she spent her teen years living in public housing with her sister. Family members encouraged her to keep her dreams alive.

At Carlow, Schuler volunteered annually as part of Alternative Spring Break. She also developed strong ties with Carlow's Youth Media Advocacy Project (YMAP), which led her to an internship with SLB and, ultimately, her current position.

"It's about being selfless," she says. "Knowing that you have your own struggles, but putting them aside and turning to help your neighbor."

And being neighbors, making strong connections, is the key.

"It's important to talk to guys like these," says 14-year-old David Staples, as the interviews wrap up for the day. "Maybe one day I can be like them." ■

**Online extra!** Link to Crossing Fences interviews at [www.carlow.edu/magazine](http://www.carlow.edu/magazine).





Clockwise from top left: Sister Cynthia Serjak, RSM, Sister Jean Murin, RSM, Sister Patricia McCann, RSM, Sister Georgine Scarpino, RSM, PhD.

# WORKING TOWARD A JUST *and* MERCIFUL WORLD

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BY DREW WILSON

*"Don't believe an accident of birth makes people sisters or brothers. It makes them siblings, gives them mutuality of parentage. Sisterhood and brotherhood is a condition people have to work at." —Maya Angelou.*

Working at their sisterhood—or even just plain working—is familiar territory for the **Sisters of Mercy**.



“I SAW BEING A SISTER AS A WAY TO BE IN THE WORLD, TO BE OF SERVICE IN THE WORLD, and yet to have the opportunity to cultivate a deep spiritual life,” said Sister Cynthia Serjak, RSM, a writer, composer, and frequent speaker on issues of music and spirituality, liturgical life, and religious life.

From the outside looking in, a deep spiritual life may seem a life spent in quiet contemplation and prayer. There is certainly that aspect, but to dismiss it as only that is to miss so much of what makes the Sisters of Mercy who they are. Their name, “Sisters of Mercy” continues to be synonymous with community service.

The first Sisters of Mercy in the United States arrived in Pittsburgh from Carlow, Ireland in 1843, spending most of their time in the community, seeking the poor, the sick, and the uneducated. The Sisters built schools and, in 1847, opened Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. In 1929, they established Mount Mercy College—which is today Carlow University.

Sister Georgine Scarpino, RSM, PhD is a strategic planning consultant, meeting facilitator, teacher, and former high school principal. She also serves on the Institute Anti-Racism Transformation Team of the Sisters of Mercy and coordinates local Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support groups.

Sister Georgine lists a number of qualities that hold this community together. “It’s history for one, but it’s also service to the poor. We’re not afraid to go somewhere and start something. The sisters accepted the invitation to go to Peru. It’s a hard place to live because people are so poor. There is no infrastructure. Just to pick up and go—that takes courage.”

Courage, as portrayed in American popular culture, would rarely be thought of as the act of bringing poor people clean drinking water, but the Sisters of Mercy stand apart in many important ways.

“The first thing would be what we call charism—our spirit,” said Sister Cynthia. “Catherine McAuley built a house in Mercy to take in young women who didn’t have any place to go. We are looking to see who those people are today.”

Sister Cynthia knows about reaching out to those less fortunate. For years, she would share music (on her keyboard) with individuals at area homeless shelters. They made music together—some of which they ended up recording. She says she’s often contacted by others who want to reach those in need.

“The biggest question I hear...is, ‘How can I make a difference in the world for the better, and who can I connect with to help me? I don’t want to do it on my own.’ ”

The Sisters of Mercy are determined to make those kind of connections. Unfortunately, it’s often not terribly difficult to find people in need in the world today.

“We all have human rights that are God-given to us,” said Sister Jean Murin, a registered dietitian and administrator for 45 years and now the justice coordinator for Mercy Communities of Pittsburgh, Erie, Rochester, and Buffalo,

as well as a member of PATH (People Against the Trafficking of Humans).

“We must make sure that everyone has these human rights... It doesn’t make any difference what your race is, what your sex is, what your sexual preference is. We just seek what is good for the individual.”

The Sisters have sought what is good for individuals since their founding in Dublin, Ireland so many years ago. And they’ve been at the forefront of many historic moments in the struggle for human rights ever since.

On March 14, 1965, Sister Patricia McCann, RSM, led a group including more than 20 Mount Mercy College students to Alabama to join the now infamous Selma to Montgomery march in support of voting rights for black southerners.

“I remember one conversation with a Black man who had been with the Marines in Iwo Jima in World War II,” recalled Sister Patricia, who has extensive experience in religious and educational administration and is today chair of the board of McAuley Ministries.

“This man had never voted in his life because when he would go to vote, he would have to take a test, and the test asked him to write the Constitution. It was so clear that the people of Alabama whom we encountered in Montgomery did not want Black people voting.”

In 1968, after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the protests came closer to home.

“The 1960s were scary,” remembered Sister Jean. “Our whole world was changing. One of the memories I have is looking out the window of the 11th floor [of Pittsburgh’s Mercy Hospital] where I lived and seeing the National Guard in uniform with rifles on every street corner and the Hill ablaze.”

And in spite of the fires and dangers to themselves, still they marched for justice.

“Sister Ferdinand would put up a sign that read ‘The Sisters Will March at 4 p.m. Be at [Freedom Corner].’ ”

Amazingly—almost unbelievably—in spite of all the inhumanity and injustice they have witnessed in this world, to a Sister, they still have hope in the future.

**Editor’s Note:** Any discussion of community at Carlow begins with the Sisters of Mercy, who remain at the heart of our university. Audio of the full interviews with Sisters Cynthia, Georgine, Jean, and Patricia is available as an online extra at [www.carlow.edu/magazine](http://www.carlow.edu/magazine).

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—Jean Murin, RSM



“Yes, I am hopeful,” said Sister Jean. “I took a visitor through the Hill. I showed her Freedom Corner and told her we marched many times from there to the Federal Building. People are resilient. Enough good people in the world will help, and with God’s will they will heal.”

And they have the faith that a just and merciful world is possible.

“Oh yes, of course, because it’s not just our idea,” said Sister Patricia. “This year we are celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and Pope Francis has asked for people to go back to the spiritual and corporal works of Mercy. Feed the hungry. Clothe the naked. Visit the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Bury the dead. These values are not limited to the Sisters of Mercy.”

The Sisters have taken up those causes, but don’t think that it’s all action and little contemplation or prayer either.

“Personally, I’ve seen that prayer does work,” said Sister Jean. “Sometimes I feel that God, when He gives us challenges or She gives us challenges, also gives us the grace to carry them out.” ■



**"The team motto is  
'ALL IN.'  
That means you do  
everything you can to stay  
true to who you are."**

**-John LeGrande**

# BEYOND B-BALL

**Celtics' Coach and Players Teach Skills—and Life Lessons—to Area Youth.** BY KRISTIN SEAMON

John LeGrande was on lunch duty during the sixth annual P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Camp in the Oliver Citywide Gymnasium on Pittsburgh's North Side when a lanky teenager plopped down across the table from him.

"So, what did I talk to you guys about yesterday?" asked LeGrande, a 6-foot-11 forward on the Carlow men's basketball team. It's no wonder he's known around campus as Big John.

"Discipline" the camper said.

"Exactly," LeGrande said. "Discipline. Obeying authority. Staying true to your brand—whatever you say you are, that's what you have to own up to. Keeping your word. Going to college. What college are you going to go to?"

"I want to go to college and play basketball," the camper said, "at LSU."

"Thinking big," LeGrande said, with a grin. "I like it."

That's exactly what the camp encourages young athletes to do.

P.R.O.M.I.S.E stands for Protecting and Restoring the Order of Mankind with the Initiative of Serving Elders. And the camp teaches more than basketball

skills. These boys and girls, ages 8-18, are learning about life.

The sixth annual P.R.O.M.I.S.E. Camp is run by Jakim Donaldson, who plays professional basketball in Europe, in memory of his brother, Jehru Donaldson, who was the victim of gun violence in 2007 when he was just 18 years old.

"Jakim hosts this camp to stand up to gang violence," LeGrande said. "I'm here because I support everything that he does—giving back to the community and the kids. He is definitely a good guy to look up to."

Donaldson paid for all the food and start-up costs of the first camp so that children could attend for free. Today, he accepts donations from individuals and businesses. The staff is made up of volunteers who work from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each summer for three days straight.

Carlow men's basketball coach Tim Keefer has been volunteering since the camp's inception, and he encourages Celtics players to join him. LeGrande was a natural fit.

The Celtics' Big John attended Oliver as a freshman and sophomore before

graduating from Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School.

"I'm a North Side kid," LeGrande said. "I've been where they are, and I'm past where they are."

Campers are divided into groups and rotated through stations that include dribbling drills, shooting drills, defensive drills, and speed and strength workouts.

Each day, a different speaker addresses topics such as goal-setting, discipline, and the importance of attending college.

This year, one of those speakers was LeGrande. He says the camp's mission reflects what he is learning as a team player at Carlow.

"The team motto is 'All in,'" he said. "That means you do everything you can to stay true to who you are."

"Carlow Athletics is a Champions of Character program, and that's all about community. If I can give back to a kid and help him learn that message and not fall into some of the traps that I fell into, I want to do that." ■

John LeGrande and Carlow men's basketball coach Tim Keefer





SIERRA VECCHIO

*Carlow Cross Country Athlete Makes School History—after Switching Her Major and Her Sport.*

# CHANGE is GOOD

BY KRISTIN SEAMON

Entering college can be a difficult adjustment, even when everything goes according to plan. But sometimes, even the best-laid plans change.

Junior Sierra Vecchio enrolled at Carlow as a nursing major and planned to play soccer. But the summer before her freshman year, she decided she was really interested in being a physician's assistant.

She decided to switch her major to biology.

She also decided not to play soccer her freshman year—so that she could really dive into her major and maybe graduate early. To stay in shape, Vecchio started running. A lot.

"I ran all around campus, all around Oakland...and I realized that I really enjoyed it!" she says. "And the cross country team girls told me I had good times."

So, in addition to switching her major, she switched her sport. To cross country, starting her sophomore year.

And she wound up making history.

Vecchio broke the school record in the 5K and the 6K, was named the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Runner of the Week, and placed seventh at the KIAC Championship. She was the first runner in Carlow history to be a conference medalist and the first to be named First-Team All-Conference.

In her two seasons with the Celtics, she has seen tremendous growth in the program.

"We have a lot of new talented runners, and the dynamic is really good. It's fun to be around them all," she said. "The coaching staff has really helped us improve. I think in the upcoming years, the program will really take off. The

incoming groups are continually better and better."

Vecchio will graduate this year and is awaiting her acceptance to physician assistant school. Looking back on it, everything about her Carlow career was unexpected, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

"Carlow is so close knit," she says. "It kind of feels like a family. The academics are great, and the small class sizes are wonderful. The professors always know you, and they are up to date with what you are doing in athletics. I love it." ■



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## A SEASON OF FIRSTS

**2016 saw new teams in men's soccer and men's and women's golf. In Fall 2017, Carlow will offer men's and women's track and field.**

1. Zach Talley, a junior respiratory care major from Finleyville, Pa.
2. Hailey Schleich, a sophomore biology/perfusion technology major from Copley, Ohio.
3. Gregorie Paluku, a freshman communication and media major from Pittsburgh.



# SHE PLAYS FOR CARLOW

WHAT’S IT LIKE TO BE IN A TV COMMERCIAL? MORE IMPORTANTLY, **WHAT’S DIFFERENT ABOUT BEING A CARLOW ATHLETE?**

BY KRISTIN SEAMON



*Kristina Hudock at the net while filming 2016 Carlow commercials.*

**KRISTINA HUDOCK HAS SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS** in the St. Joseph Hall gymnasium. But one Saturday morning this past summer, this Carlow volleyball student-athlete saw the gym in a whole new light. She was invited to star in a commercial that would air in the regional television market during the 2016 Olympic Games.

“The gym was lit up so differently,” said Hudock, a junior early childhood education major from Uniontown, Pa. “I was expecting something small, but there was an actual film crew, and that’s when I realized this was a big deal. It was really cool.”

Hudock was joined by teammates Mia Marmion and Michaela Koran. Their jumps, digs, and sets took center stage. Hudock saw the finished product for the first time while she was watching the gold medal-winning Team USA women’s gymnastics squad.

“My grandma actually called, and she was like ‘It’s on! It’s on!’ My mom was waiting for it and wanted to record it,”

Hudock recalled, with a smile. “There was Simone Biles, and then there was Kristina Hudock—Whoa!”

Beneath the glamour was a message Hudock was proud to share: What drives a Carlow athlete. The commercial highlighted values Hudock and her teammates take seriously. Respect. Trust. Dignity. Faith.

“It was exactly what I would want to tell anyone about being a Carlow athlete,” Hudock said.

“My coach respects me 100 percent. Being a Carlow athlete is about playing for something bigger than me—playing for Carlow. None of our jerseys have our names on the back. It’s about playing for respect for the school and respect for each other, and having the Champions of Character attitude while we play. It means being a great athlete and a great person all-around.” ■

**Online extra!** View the volleyball commercial at [www.carlow.edu/magazine](http://www.carlow.edu/magazine).

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# Leaving a LEGACY



BY ALISON JURAM D'ADDIECO

**Carlow University's Class of 1966 graduated in a time of tumultuous social upheaval. Vietnam. Civil Rights. Busloads of students traveling south to march from Selma to Montgomery.**

**This year, as the Class of 1966 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation, they sought to do something different for their alma mater. To create a class legacy.**

What they chose to support couldn't be more fitting. Inspired by a \$10,000 galvanizing gift from classmate Norma Jean LeClair, the class raised a total of \$73,156. Their legacy? The Class of 1966 Legacy Endowment for the Social Justice Institutes.

The newly created Social Justice Institutes of Carlow University include The Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Social Justice, the Women of Spirit® Institute, the Center for Youth Media Advocacy, and the Center for Community Engaged Learning.

Guided by the mission, history, and traditions of Carlow and the Sisters of Mercy, the Institutes aim to facilitate systemic change by informing practice and educating for social justice. Programs will support faculty research, providing opportunities and securing partnerships for community-based learning, and serving as a conduit for community engagement.

LeClair is thrilled to support the new Institutes.

"Social justice issues are just as relevant today as they were in the 1960s," she says, "especially issues pertaining to women and race. There is still so much work to be done."

LeClair knew she wanted to give back for her 50th anniversary. The seed gift for the Legacy Endowment was part of a larger \$50,000 gift she and her husband, Robert LeClair, gave to the institution earlier this year.

But what stands out most is the enthusiasm of all of her classmates and the support of the university. Together with classmates Kathleen Pollock Panepinto and Jane Macel Fiore, LeClair spearheaded the class giving initiative, and she hopes the entire process will serve as a model for future class giving.

"Our class reunion committee began Skyping and emailing and trying to figure out what we wanted to do," recalls LeClair. "We decided if this



Norma Jean LeClair '66 and her husband, Robert LeClair

was going to be a class legacy, then we needed to pick something the class as a whole could get behind."

Anita Dacal '69, Carlow's executive director for university advancement, knew many of the 1966 graduates from their Mount Mercy years together. "They were the movers and shakers on campus," she says. Dacal created a list of ideas for LeClair—and she and her classmates instantly zeroed in on social justice.

"Social justice was so important to us when we were there," says LeClair. "As a class in the 1960s, you can't get more involved than we were then. Because we picked an issue that was important to our class, that really encouraged people to give."

And give they did. They reached the \$25,000 needed to endow a fund at Carlow—which included additional support from the Capozzi

Kirr Challenge Grant. They also dramatically increased their support for the 2016 Carlow Fund. LeClair is thrilled that she and her classmates could come together to make such a difference in the lives of others. Because for LeClair, education has been life-changing.

When you ask what drives her, she'll point to those Mercy values—and the education she received as an undergraduate. The scholarship that brought this small town girl from Donora, Pa., to Pittsburgh made a world of difference.

"I would not have been able to go if I hadn't received a scholarship," recalls LeClair, who now lives in Philadelphia. "I've always had a mind to repay that gift, in some way."

And so she has—quite generously. She created a scholarship fund in 2013 in honor of her parents—to which she added \$10,000 this year. The Angelo Grazzini and Helen Stimak Grazzini Scholarship is earmarked for students from the Mon Valley area. And the \$30,000 Norma Jean Grazzini LeClair Challenge Grant doubled new gifts and increased gifts overall to the Carlow Fund.

LeClair reflects on a favorite Benjamin Franklin quote—one her husband memorized as a freshman at Penn—in considering where to share one's time, talents, and treasures.

"If a man empties his purse into his head," quotes LeClair, "no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." ■

*Opposite page:  
Members of the Class of 1966 present their Legacy Endowment during Homecoming Weekend. L-R: Jane Macel Fiore, Kathleen Pollock Panepinto, Norma Jean LeClair, and Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD.*



# HOMECOMING 2016



**HOMECOMING 2016**, October 7-9, was a huge success—drawing the largest homecoming crowd to date. Highlights of the weekend included a popular murder mystery dinner in A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology—and a trip to Pittsburgh’s Lawrenceville neighborhood to sample local brews and cuisine. Alumni worked alongside current students to pack hygiene supplies for the homeless, and listened attentively as students described their involvement in the 2016 Roots of the Civil Rights tour.

**Online extra!** Carlow President Suzanne K. Mellon, PhD, highlighted exciting new university developments at a Homecoming Town Hall gathering. Read her address at [www.carlow.edu/magazine](http://www.carlow.edu/magazine).



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- 1. Class of 1966
- 2. Corwin Manker and Shallegra Moye '08
- 3. Henry Blanker and Virginia Crosby Blanker '66
- 4. Nancy Ward Pollack and Margo Hoffman Lane '66
- 5. Joan Davis '56, Shirley Phillips-Marvin '56, and Nancy T. Brown '56
- 6. Chloe Giovanetti '17 and Hannah Tajuddin '17



# Alumni ACTIVITIES

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## NEWS

### 50s

**Mary Jo Dunn Wuenschel '52** published a book, *Adventures in Ministry*, chronicling her work in the Catholic Church.

### 70s

**Nancy Picciano Zimmerman, PhD '73** retired as associate dean for academic affairs in the Graduate School and a professor in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina.

**Carol Doyle Glock '75** was featured in the *Observer-Reporter* article "W&J Professor Pushing for Clinical Drug Trials" on her battle to overcome inflammatory breast cancer. As founder of the Glock Foundation, Glock continues to encourage breast

cancer patients to participate in clinical trials.

**Heidi Hylton Meier, DBA, CPA '77** received the 2016 Outstanding Ohio Accounting Educator Award at the American Accounting Association's Ohio region meeting on April 8.

### 90s

**Barbara Mistick, PhD '90** co-authored the book *Stretch: How to Future-Proof Yourself for Tomorrow's Workplace* with Karie Willyerd, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

**Julia M. Glencer, Esq. '93** earned the Student Bar Association's 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award and was featured in a *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* article. She is a professor of legal research and writing at Duquesne University School of Law, where she has taught for 10 years.

### 00s

**Tamiah Bridgett '00** founded Diversame, an African-American hair care company whose first product is a hair dryer Tamiah invented for styling curly hair. Diversame received \$50,000 from the startup accelerator AlphaLab Gear and will be testing its prototype in Pittsburgh at Phillip Pelusi Salons and Diva Den.

**Jane Gullish Milligan '03** was promoted to charge nurse after celebrating 10 years as a dialysis staff nurse at Liberty Dialysis in Baden, Pa.

**Lisa McClimans Garchar '04** and her husband, Joseph, married in 2008 and had three children, Kaylee in 2010, Matthew in 2013, and Elliannah in 2014. Her oldest son, Joey, graduated from high school in 2016. Lisa received a master's degree in psychology in June 2015 with a specialization in applied behavior

analysis. She is a behavior specialist and mobile therapist at Regional Behavioral Consultants in Mercer County, Pa.

**Molly Prosser '07** debuted her poetry collection, *Rubbernecking*, published by WordTech Communications. **Fred C. Shaw '08** wrote a review of the book in *Pittsburgh City Paper*.

**Fred C. Shaw '08** published the poems "Caravan" and "Initiation" in the summer issue of *Brilliant Corners*, and "An Outhouse in Forest County" and "Sex-Ed" in the winter issue of *Nerve Cowboy*. "Paper Signs" was featured in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Verse Envisioned Anthology*, and "You Can't Be in Heaven and On Earth at the Same" will appear in the fall issue of *Poet Lore*. He published a book review of *Knitting the Andy Warhol Bridge* by Ann Curran in *Pittsburgh City Paper*.

**Denise LaRosa '08** debuted as an author, publishing the children's book *Empty Shoes*, which is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and [momtalkdenise.com](http://momtalkdenise.com). LaRosa will donate \$1.00 to Soles4Souls for every book sold.

**LaTrenda Leonard Sherrill '12**, deputy chief of education, Office of City of Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto, and **Latasha Wilson-Batch '13**, executive director, Best of the Batch Foundation, were both honored as *Pittsburgh Magazine's* 2016 40 under 40 awardees.

### 10s

**Kevin Finn '11** wrote the poem, "The Warrior's Song," which will appear in the *North American Review Quarterly*.

**Lea Steadman '12, '14** was promoted to a CRA mortgage originator, after being a community development associate student loan specialist at Dollar Bank.

**Samantha Barret '13** was an invited reader for the Free Association Reading Series on May 6, 2016 and Mad Fridays Reading Series, a Carlow-sponsored reading series, on May 13, 2016.

**Theresa Herrle Barry '13** published the poems "In the Land of Fish Knives" and "Emptied of All but Wildness" in the *Woven Tale Press Literary and Arts Magazine* (England)

in September. Her poem "The Girls of Goat Island," published by *Cordite Poetry Review* (Australia), can be read online.

**Jane Harrington '15**, was shortlisted for the Colm Tóibín International Short Story Award (Wexford, Ireland) for "Settling." Its companion piece, "Strangers on the Road," published in the current issue of *Circa*, can be read online. Both stories are part of her novella *Flight* that is a finalist for the Dana Awards.

**Maeve Murray '15** was accepted to the Monologamy IX Festival for her monologue, *I Am Fortune*, which was performed by Carlow's theater group during its Spring 2016 show.

**Leah Maxson Propst '16**, accepted an apprenticeship with Veteran's Place of Washington Boulevard where she will act as the employment coordinator.

Alumni—are you interested in helping current students with professional development? Join the Carlow University Alumni-Student E-Mentoring LinkedIn group launching February 1, 2017. [linkedin.com/groups/12020856](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12020856)

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Westmoreland Museum of American Art. L-R: Bernadette Burger Skoczylas '69 and Janis Durick '06.



Carlow Alums in Ireland. The recent Coyne family trip to Ireland included several Carlow alumni. L-R: Mary Grace Parme Bente '80, Kathleen Coyne Ward '77, Eileen Cunningham Butler '92, Margaret A. Monahan '76, Karen O'Hearn Foley '88, and Mary Margaret Murray Parme '82.



Westmoreland Museum of American Art. L-R: Patricia A. Graff '10, Linda Wagner '96, and Diane L. Hendrick '11.



Matilda show and alumni lunch. L-R: Bobbi Fink '11 and Ashley Kunkle '11.



BIRTHS

**Melinda Rován Corallo ’05** and her husband, Keith, welcomed a daughter, Julia Marie, on May 31, 2016.

**Abigail Schwartz Hodnick ’06** and her husband, Nicholas, welcomed a son, Hayden Nicholas Hodnick, on April 13, 2016.

**LaTrenda Leonard Sherrill ’12** and her husband, Tracey, welcomed a son, Tracey Sherrill, Jr., on September 26, 2016.

MARRIAGES

**Ashley Popojas ’09, ’13** married Ryan Burger on June 9, 2016.

SYMPATHY TO

50s

**Marcella Martin Link ’51**, for the loss of her husband, Harold Link, July 8, 2016.

**Anna La Marca D’Eramo ’52**, for the loss of her husband, Victor P. D’Eramo, September 23, 2016.

**Anna Marie Churilla Hanlon ’55**, for the loss of her son, James “Chip” Hanlon, June 16, 2016.

**Marion Froelicher Flaherty ’58**, for the loss of her sister, Barbara Froelicher Gorr, August 21, 2015.

**Lois Miller Huston ’58**, for the loss of her daughter, Ann Lynn Huston Holmes, April 30, 2016.

60s

**June Meckler Cox ’63**, for the loss of her brother, Donald A. Meckler, March 22, 2016.

**Dorothy Nonic Gerhard ’63**, for the loss of her husband, George Calvin Gerhard, August 12, 2016.

**Frances M. Ujhazy ’64**, for the loss of her brother, Joseph L. Ujhazy, Jr., March 31, 2016.

**Cassandra Greco Ruane ’65**, for the loss of her mother, Mildred Greco, April 21, 2016.

**Bonnie Heh, RSM ’69**, for the loss of her mother, Ida Heh, September 22, 2016.

70s

**Molly Dennison Houghton ’74**, for the loss of her husband, Charles F. Houghton, Jr., June 2, 2016.

80s

**Kimberly Pogozelski Schattauer ’84**, for the loss of her husband, Jack Schattauer, April 17, 2016.

**Donna Gary Vereb ’84**, for the loss of her husband, Robin Edward Vereb, July 28, 2016.

00s

**Lois Newman Conway ’02**, for the loss of her husband, Donald E. Conway, June 1, 2015.

**Roberta Foizey ’03**, for the loss of her son, Elliott Helterbran, July 8, 2016.

**Deborah Mucha, PsyD ’07**, for the loss of her mother, Rosemary Mucha, June 5, 2016.

10s

**Marla Sasko ’14**, for the loss of her father, Paul J. Sasko, April 2, 2016.

**Angela Marshall ’15**, for the loss of her grandmother, Irene Marshensic, February 12, 2016.

IN MEMORIAM

40s

**Martha Pillar Noroski ’43**, June 22, 2016.

**Helen Donahoe Dreven ’44**, August 27, 2015.

**Patricia Bour Kennedy ’44**, May 27, 2016.

**Anne Bernatonis Allalunis ’47**, June 7, 2016.

**Marjorie Kraft Neubert ’47**, July 7, 2016. She is survived by her sister Joan G. Kraft ’51.

50s

**Ruth Kane Tobin ’51**, October 1, 2016.

**Dorothy Gloekler Hannon ’52**, July 30, 2016.

**Barbara A. Keane ’52**, September 15, 2016.

**Sister Mildred Boeh, CSJ ’55**, March 4, 2016.

**Mary Haney Wilson ’56**, July 24, 2015.

**Sister Mary Archangela Galecki, CSSF ’58**, October 25, 2015.

**Marianne Dunn Geier ’58**, July 6, 2016.

**Sister Virginia Kovalcik, RSM ’59**, October 28, 2016.

60s

**Eileen Roscoe Willison ’60**, July 3, 2016.

**Barbara Wehrle Alexander ’63**, September 24, 2016.

**Sister M. Angeline Frantz, OSF ’66**, June 10, 2016.

**Lucy Strong ’66**, November 8, 2015.

**Maria Liang Ludmer, MD ’67**, March 18, 2015. She is survived by her sister Hildegardis Liang Hui ’64.

**Patricia Wagner Musante ’67**, March 4, 2016.

70s

**Jo Ann Iannuzzi ’72**, July 18, 2016.

**Veronica Jacob Gresko ’75**, April 16, 2016.

**John Katella ’78**, April 29, 2016.

**Joanne Haines Weber ’79**, April 26, 2016.

90s

**Anna Marie Posavetz White ’92**, May 8, 2016.

**Maria Harden, CSJ ’96**, September 22, 2016.

**Julie Jenkins Ramsey ’99**, July 7, 2016.

00s

**Carolyn Levish McNally ’03**, April 18, 2016.

**Kimberly Kardes Plecenik ’03**, July 23, 2016.

**Ashley Stang Esposito ’06**, October 6, 2016.

FRIENDS

**Joseph A. Massaro, Jr.**, December 30, 2015.

**Annemarie Smeltzer**, November 2, 2016.



**Legacy Dinner.** *L-R:* Kae Coughlin Spark ’56 with Mary Erwin, daughter of the late Eleanor Keener Midgley ’43.



**Legacy Dinner.** Scholarship recipients with faculty. *Front Row, L-R:* Nakita LaPrade, Emily Evanagelista, Molly Mitchell, Erika Kellerman, Chrys Gabrich, PhD, and Alexis Williams. *Back Row, L-R:* Danielle Merlina, Michael Balmert, PhD, Kylie Owoc, and Alyssa Stillwagon.

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## EXPRESSIONS

### Thin Ice

by Rebecca Cole-Turner

This is the velvet moment  
when deep darkness lifts  
across the river  
along the ridge of the hills beyond.

Perched on the eastern tip  
of Sycamore Island  
hugging the shoreline,  
a flush of mallards  
breaks out of the tight huddle  
that has kept them warm and alive  
overnight in sub-freezing temperatures.

They're ice skating. One-by-one,  
like school children in single file formation,  
each duck slowly waddles out on the fragile ice  
that has formed around water's edge.

Overhead, a cloud floats by, palest gray  
flowing into ripe peach. One duck slips through the ice,  
as if she forgot to look where she was going.

Nearby Canadian geese awake, leisurely float  
around as if to greet them, and perhaps suggest  
that new ice is thinnest and not to be trusted.

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