

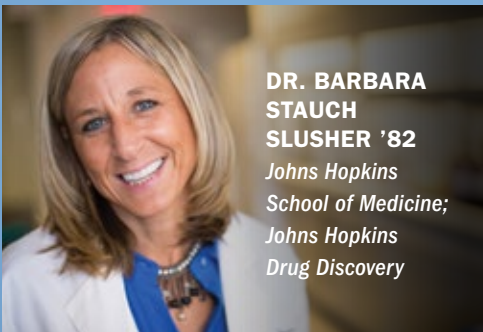
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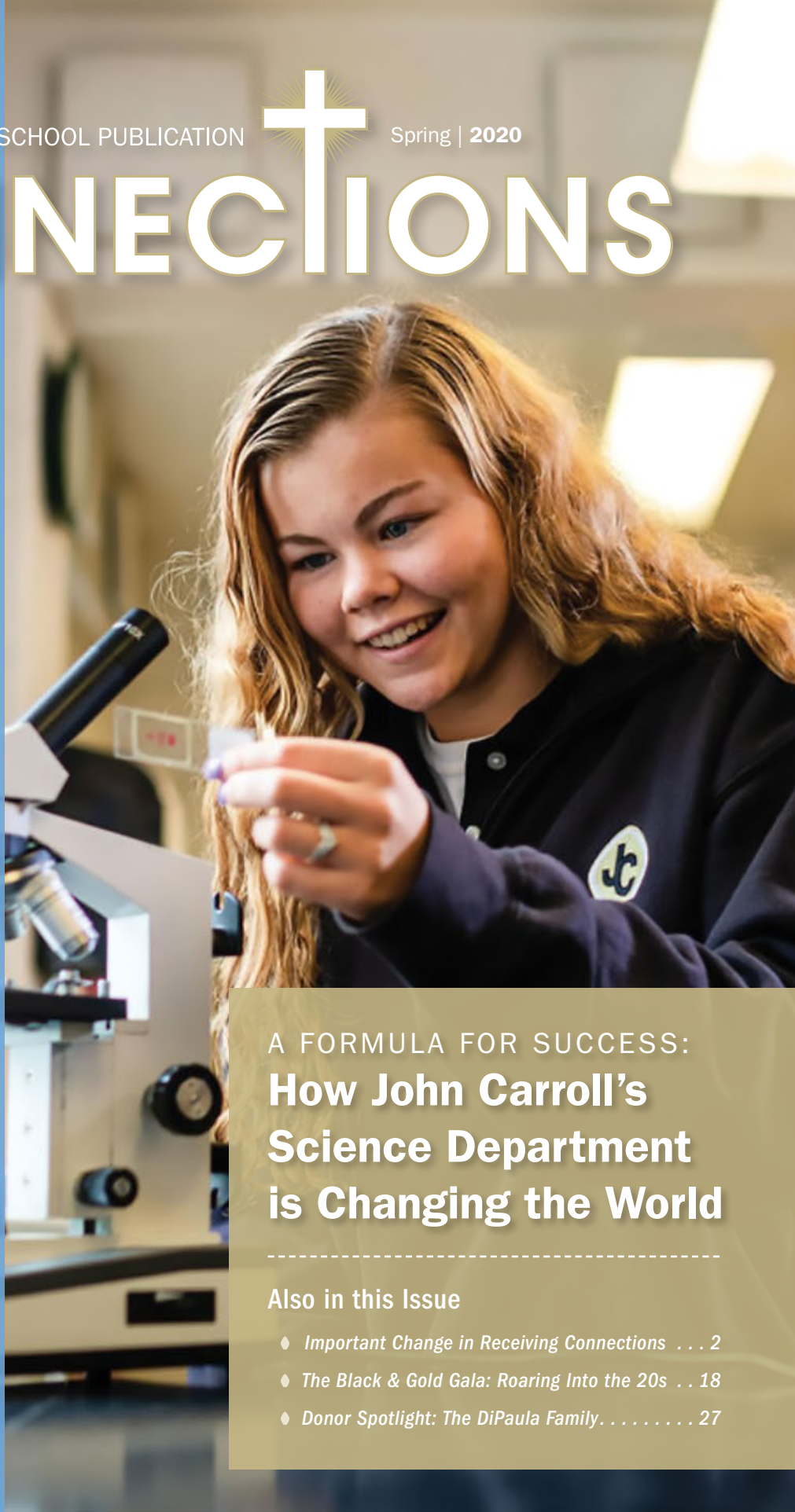
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Message from the President

We are fast approaching the close of another school year. September seems like only yesterday, and graduation will be here in the blink of an eye. Such is the pace of the school year, and the progress at John Carroll.

The class of 2023, 185 strong, was our largest entering class in five years. They began their journey as did the class before them, with their spirits stoked by the fire of Archbishop John Carroll on their freshman retreat. In four years, they will graduate as those before them with the duty to carry forward the legacy of our namesake, one of the most influential and visionary leaders in our history.

Archbishop John Carroll was a Patriot. He was a life-long friend to Benjamin Franklin and advisor to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. He recommended and promoted a government from which citizens could anticipate “all the blessings of justice, peace, plenty, good order, and civil and religious liberty.” John Carroll integrated his Church and faith into the life of the country. He purposefully offered prayers for officials and the government, and in 1791, he wrote “A Prayer for Government” which was to be recited in parishes throughout his diocese.

Archbishop John Carroll was a leader. He designed the organization of the American Catholic Church. In 1789, he was appointed bishop of Baltimore—a diocese which at that time encompassed the entire United States. During his years as head of the American church, the Roman Catholic population of the country grew from about 25,000 to 200,000. In 1806, Carroll oversaw the construction of the first cathedral, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. It was designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe, architect of the United States Capitol.



Archbishop John Carroll was an educator. He was concerned with the education of the faithful, providing proper training for priests, and the inclusion of women in higher education. He founded the Sulpician seminary in Baltimore, which later became St. Mary’s Seminary. John Carroll is credited with establishing the parochial school system in America. He also orchestrated the founding of Georgetown University and served as president of the board of trustees of St. John’s College at Annapolis.

It was with great foresight and providence that the founders of our school chose Archbishop John Carroll as our namesake and inspiration. Collectively and individually, we are advancing his mission and his vision. You can see his thumbprint of innovation, initiative and growth in our curriculum, our enrollment and our inclusive campus. His faith, confidence and courage are embodied in the will of our students and alumni.

Thank you for allowing me to share a little bit of our history and heritage. **Our future is bold and bright.**

“Once a Patriot, Always a Patriot.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve D. Biagio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

President, The John Carroll School



A FORMULA FOR SUCCESS: **How John Carroll's Science Department is Changing the World**

“ *Through innovative practices and curriculum, we prepare students to positively influence a global society as critical thinkers and creative problem solvers...* ”

These words are woven into John Carroll's mission statement and are demonstrated every day within the walls of the John Carroll science wing, where exceptional and dedicated faculty work tirelessly to bring them to life.

With an increasing demand for employment in the sciences, today John Carroll is providing more opportunities than ever before for students to learn, explore and discover in the field of science, thereby leading the way in training the next generation of scientists who just may change the world.

ANATOMY OF A PROGRAM

John Carroll's science curriculum provides an academic, college preparatory setting that seeks to first foster an interest in scientific knowledge and careers, then to ensure students graduate prepared and powered for success in college and in their science careers.

Numerous electives allow students to explore additional areas of scientific study, including:

Forensic Science

Anatomy and Physiology

Marine Biology

Zoology

Introduction to Engineering

JAVA Programming

Robotics

AP Computer Science Principles

Extracurricular science opportunities include the Envirothon Team, Chemathon Team, Science Quiz Bowl Team, Robotics Club, Science Olympiad Team and Girls Who Code.

Science offerings continue to expand each year, with planned future courses in Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics and additional Computer Science areas. Likewise, plans are in place to modernize physical spaces within the department to best align with college and workplace science environments.

THE FORCE OF FACULTY

No program can be successful without the talents of the people who bring it to life, and John Carroll's Science Department faculty brings impressive qualifications and an understanding of best practices in the lab to the halls of John Carroll. With 40% of the science department holding a Ph.D. in their respective fields, their passion and expertise shine in the classroom.

Headed by Dr. Julie U. Baker, they have expanded the science curriculum based upon both the needs and requests of the students and alignment with current college and professional trends. As Dr. Tony Davidson was completing his Ph.D., he was also expanding John Carroll's Robotics Team, which is now nationally ranked. He has also started a Competitive Drone Racing Team, which is quickly becoming a popular sport, with the championship having the second most views of any sporting event on YouTube, second only to the Super Bowl.

The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Academy continues to grow under the leadership of Mr. Mike Monaghan, a former developer and project manager at global research and development powerhouse Battelle. Using his firsthand knowledge, Mr. Monaghan brings real-world experiences into the classroom. Currently, one-third of our student body is a part of the STEAM Academy.

The Science Department faculty utilize a variety of teaching methods designed to meet the needs of the different learning styles of the students. Technology is incorporated into lessons through the use of computer lab simulations, research work, data collection interfaces and sensors, and note taking. Enrichment is provided through outside learning experiences, such as job shadowing and internships, and field trips to science events and businesses. The Diploma with Distinction in Science Program is also available to interested students who will graduate with at least five credits in science, conduct a senior project related to science, and meet other specified grade and science-related experience requirements.

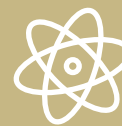
THE PROGRAM PROVIDES COURSES AND ELECTIVES IN FOUR MAJOR FIELDS OF SCIENCE



BIOLOGY



CHEMISTRY



PHYSICS



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE





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- Dr. Jim Kaper '70

IN THEIR ELEMENT: JC ALUMNI IN THE FIELD

John Carroll's highly qualified science faculty and the exceptional faculty who came before them have inspired generations of students to pursue science in college and beyond, and we are proud to highlight four of them who have gone on to follow paths that may just change the world.

For Dr. Jim Kaper '70, it was long-time John Carroll science teacher Mr. John Buppert who inspired him to pursue a science career. Dr. Kaper was first introduced to microbiology in Mr. Buppert's classroom before going on to receive undergraduate and doctorate degrees from the University of Maryland and to complete post-doctorate study at the University of Washington.

Today, Dr. Kaper is an internationally recognized microbiologist with specific expertise in the molecular pathogenesis of diarrheal disease pathogens. His research accomplishments include developing a genetically engineered vaccine for the prevention of cholera and characterizing the molecular mechanisms by which *E. coli* causes disease. He has edited six books and published nearly 400 journal articles and book chapters. He has trained more than 60 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the area of enteric pathogenesis, many of whom now hold leadership positions in preeminent academic institutions.

Currently the Chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology and Vice Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dr. Kaper credits Mr. Buppert for nurturing his love of science and inspiring him to teach. Dr. Kaper says, “Mr. Buppert taught me how important it is to capture students' imagination at that critical time in high school to open new possibilities for them.”

Dr. Kaper also credits John Carroll for teaching him invaluable lessons about hard work, self-discipline and the importance of working collegially in a team, which has led to a career in which he is not just successful personally, but is working on research that could have global impact.

Dr. Kaper served on John Carroll's Board of Trustees from 2003–2012 and, 50 years after graduating from the school, continues to be very involved at John Carroll because it was so important to him and his career development. “I want to help the school in any way I can to ensure that faculty may continue to have the same highly influential effect on future generations,” Dr. Kaper explains.

Also making discoveries that are changing the world, Dr. Barbara Stauch Slusher '82 is Professor of Neurology, Psychiatry, Pharmacology, Neuroscience, Medicine and Oncology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the Director of Johns Hopkins Drug Discovery. Dr. Slusher has published over 200 scientific articles and is the inventor on more than 80 patents and applications. Dr. Slusher received her undergraduate degree from Dickinson College where she graduated as valedictorian, majoring in Chemistry. She received her Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Molecular Sciences from John Hopkins School of Medicine while simultaneously earning her master's degree in Administrative Science from the Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business.

While at John Carroll, she was inspired by her science teachers, especially chemistry teacher Ms. Laura Costello. Dr. Slusher says, "At that time, it was a rarity to find a female role model in chemistry, but Ms. Costello was inspiring and stimulated my initial interests in pursuing a scientific career." She took advanced courses to discover what aspect of science to focus upon, and eventually decided on Chemistry, Pharmacology, and Drug Discovery.

Through her work, Dr. Slusher has discovered drugs in her lab that are now going into clinical trials, including the use of immunotherapy for cancer, which will disarm the cancer so the immune system can fight it. She is excited to see shifts in therapeutic discovery with a move toward cell therapies and gene therapies, including the first gene therapy for children with blindness. After decades of failures, she is now seeing successes in these new areas.

During her career, Dr. Slusher has remained involved at John Carroll, serving as a Senior Project mentor and assisting many students with career exploration. With her as a resource, students interested in chemistry and bio-medical research have gained firsthand lab experience to better understand what being a scientist really means. Dr. Slusher says, "I thoroughly enjoy spending time with students who share a mission in science and medicine with mine. It is incredibly rewarding to see students learn and notice the 'light go on' as they put their classroom knowledge into practice."

He may not be quite as far along in his career as Dr. Kaper and Dr. Slusher, but Jonathan H. Galarraga '12 is already making big things happen in the world of science. Currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Bioengineering at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Galarraga has received numerous research

In October, John Carroll science faculty traveled to University of Maryland's Health Sciences Research Facility III for a tour of its cutting-edge lab facilities led by Dr. Kaper. Dr. Slusher also hosted the group at Johns Hopkins Drug Discovery Labs. The purpose of the visits was to gain information on ways to enhance John Carroll classrooms, labs and curriculum to best prepare students for real-world scientific environments.



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awards, including a National Science Foundation – Graduate Research Fellowship. After graduating as Valedictorian from John Carroll, he received his bachelor’s degree in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Delaware, where he conducted undergraduate research as a Eugene du Pont Memorial Scholar on polymer synthesis and characterization. His current research focuses on the biofabrication of cell-laden hydrogels for cartilage tissue engineering.

The field of biofabrication, which can broadly be defined as the use of additive manufacturing technologies for processing and organizing living materials comprised of cells and biomaterials, is beginning to inform the design and implementation of therapies in the clinic. Two large issues that have persisted for decades within medicine include the shortage of organs available for transplantation and the large costs associated with drug discovery in the pharmaceutical industry. It is expected that continued research on the 3D printing of living cells will lead to future therapies involving the transplantation of 3D printed tissues and new drug screening models that enhance the efficiency of pharmaceutical drug development.

Mr. Galarraga credits John Carroll teachers Mrs. Deroba and Mrs. Jansing-Kaestner with sparking his interest in science through their engaging teaching approach. “Without the countless fun demos and experiments I performed in these classes, I am not sure if I would be performing biomedical research today or pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania,” he says. The world just may be very glad he did, as his goal is to perform impactful research that supersedes borders and fosters international collaborations, since the toughest challenges that persist in medicine will have to be solved through teamwork and the contributions of many people.

Mr. Galarraga in turn has played a role in guiding the future career path of one of John Carroll’s young alumni, Ms. Chesca Basilio '18, who is currently a sophomore Biomedical Engineering major at the University of Delaware. During her senior year at John Carroll, when she was applying to colleges, she was also deciding between physical therapy and biomedical engineering. To better inform her decision, she contacted Mr. Galarraga, who told her about his college experience and put her in touch with a student at the University of Delaware who helped her lock in on both her major and where to study.

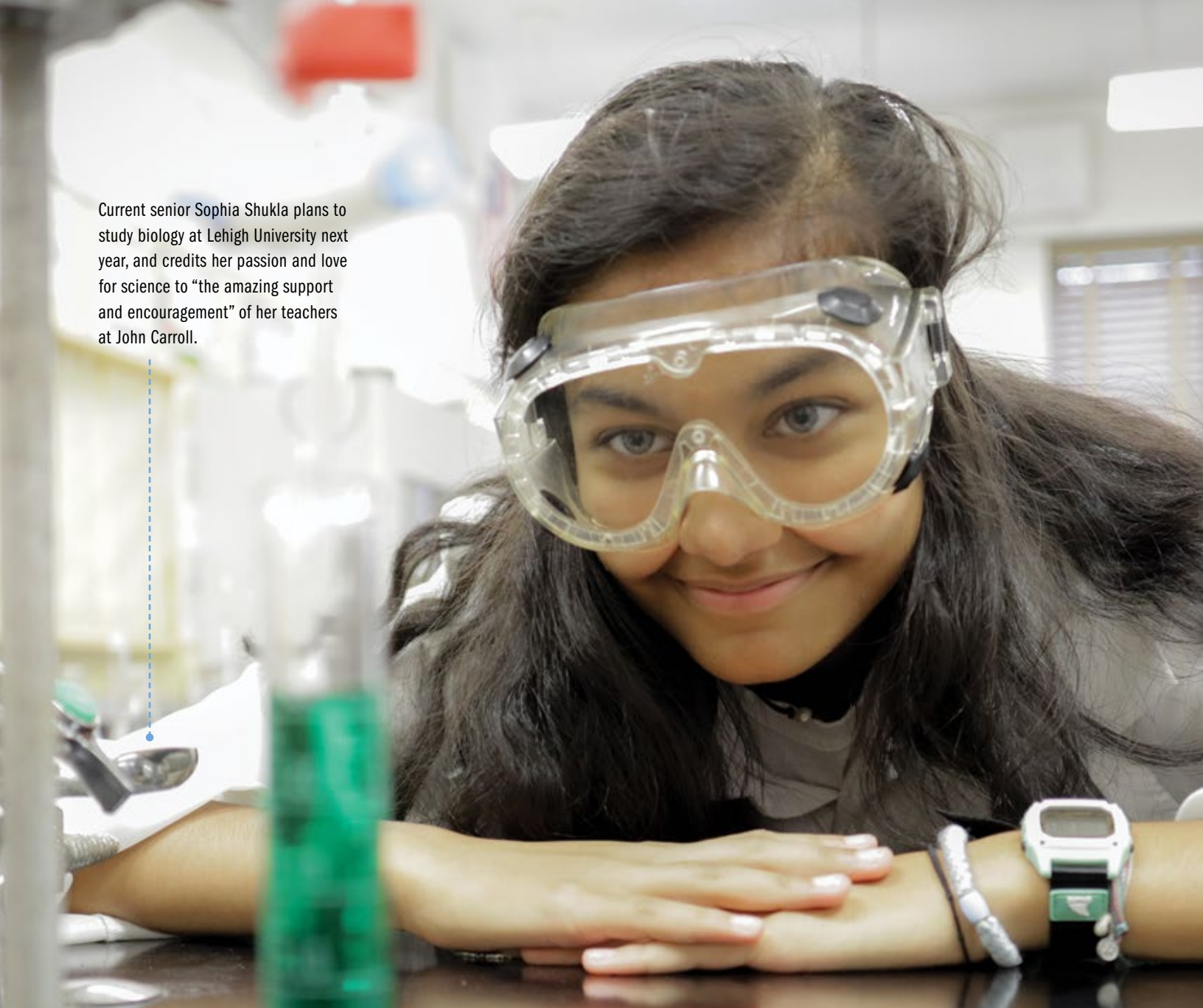
At Delaware, Ms. Basilio is involved in the Honors Program as a representative and resource for first year honors students, as the Family Coordinator for the Assistive Medical Technologies Club, and as an undergraduate researcher for the Delaware Limb Loss Lab. In addition to Mr. Galarraga, she credits John Carroll and her Senior Project with helping her narrow her focus of study. Ms. Basilio says, “I was able to shadow professionals in the careers in which I was interested, and eventually decided to focus on prosthesis, making a fully functioning prosthetic arm for a patient as my Senior Project.”

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Ms. Chesca Basilio '18 designed and produced a prosthetic arm as part of her Senior Project, which ultimately led her to work as an undergraduate researcher for the Delaware Limb Loss Lab.



Current senior Sophia Shukla plans to study biology at Lehigh University next year, and credits her passion and love for science to “the amazing support and encouragement” of her teachers at John Carroll.

During her career exploration, Ms. Basilio developed a relationship with a pediatric physical therapist, who had a patient who would benefit from an adaptive motorized car, and she became the leader for the car project for that patient. This experience led to Ms. Basilio becoming involved with the Assistive Medical Technologies Club, a disability advocacy club that provides personalized assistive devices for people in the local community. Through the club, she has been involved with projects including sensory stations for young adults with autism, a feeding device for a man with a fused wrist, and an adaptive basketball catapult for a gym class at a school for disabilities.

MOMENTUM AND IMPACT

What pieces of advice do all these impressive scientists offer to current Patriots? Go beyond the classroom. Work with mentors. Find your passion. Dr. Kaper advises, “Everyone should find a mentor or mentors, someone who can help advise you and

guide you and open up new possibilities to you, someone you can really talk to in ways to advise you on what is best.” Dr. Slusher encourages students to pursue not only the coursework but get internships and practical experience, adding, “It is just as important to learn what you don’t like as it is what you do.” Mr. Galarraga adds these additional words of wisdom: “Find what you are passionate about, whether it be athletics, the arts, volunteer service, or academics and approach your coursework and extra-curricular activities with an open mind.”

This advice from these alumni experts is on full display throughout the John Carroll Science Department. Mentoring and providing real-world experiences through Senior Project, diversifying course selections, encouraging an open mind, being available to help those who need it—these are all at the core of John Carroll’s science curriculum. **Together, John Carroll students, faculty and alumni are changing the world, and the future is bright.**



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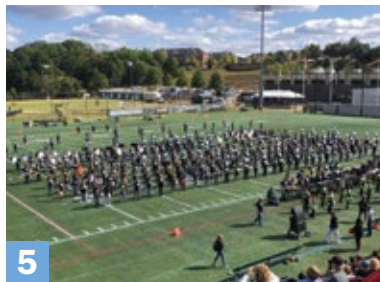
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- 1 **SPIRIT WEEK** | Building on traditions like powder puff, pep rally and class color day, this year we added a Faculty vs. Student Quiz Bowl to show off our smarts in addition to our school spirit and athleticism! Our Patriot football players and cheerleaders even made a special appearance on **Good Morning Maryland** to get everybody pumped for our big homecoming game!
- 2 **IRONBIRDS** | The first John Carroll Spirit Night at the Ironbirds game was a great way to celebrate the start of the new school year. Bella Voce sang "God Bless America," students ran sideline games and our athletes paraded around the bases as friends and families cheered them on.
- 3 **OPEN HOUSE** | More than 700 people visited John Carroll during Open House – the most in five years! The school was buzzing, and it was a great opportunity for all, including the smiling parent volunteers pictured, to show off our school to prospective families.
- 4 **RING SIZING** | Juniors took their first step in getting their long-awaited class ring in October. The Institutional Advancement team gave each junior a Ring Pop to tide them over until they get their beautiful JC rings.
- 5 **BAND AT STEVENSON** | Members of the JC band had the opportunity to take classes from Stevenson University faculty and to perform at halftime of the Stevenson University football game with the SU band.

BACKSTAGE PASS | As part of a partnership with radio station WXCX, seniors Kate Gromacki '20 and Abby Carson '20 had the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into producing a concert, even interviewing rising country music star Caroline Jones before her performance on WXCX's performance stage.

GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS | In October, John Carroll families hosted 10 students and two teachers from Gymnasium Josephinum in Hildesheim, Germany. The exchange students got to experience what it is like to be a student at JC for two weeks.

6 **SENIOR UNITY DAY** | Seniors kicked off their final year at JC with the traditional Senior Unity Day complete with a fun scavenger hunt, service project and, of course, a class photo!

7 **FRESHMAN RETREAT** | The Class of 2023 got to spend time at the Baltimore Basilica as a freshman class field trip to get to know their new classmates, hear from an alumni speaker, and learn about Archbishop John Carroll.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE | This year we collected 7,003 of cans to deliver to local food banks to help people in our community have a nice Thanksgiving meal – more cans than we have collected in the past four years!

ACADEMIC WING



What's New at JC?

When school opened this past fall, we welcomed the largest freshmen class in five years – a total of

185
new Patriots

NEW CLUBS

During this year's Club Fair, students had the chance to explore **more than 40 clubs** including this year's new additions:

One Love | A place to learn about healthy and unhealthy relationships, how to identify and avoid abuse, and how to love better.

Girls Who Code | A safe and supportive environment for girls to learn how to computer code, connect and explore careers.

Friends R Family | Student-led effort that promotes mental health awareness and self-care techniques.

Culture Club | A fun space to learn about other cultures from all over the world and share your own with different activities and games.

Cooking Club | An in-demand club where students learn how to prepare their favorite dishes as well as new ones, evaluate nutrition and sample cultural foods.

Boom Whackers | A fun and informal way to learn music at a very basic level.

Yoga Club | A calming space to learn the practice of yoga, grow in strength, ability and acceptance, and develop coping skills for stress and life.

Patriettes | A female a capella group.

NEW CLASSES



CYBER SECURITY



SPORTS
BROADCASTING
& VIDEO
PRODUCTION



DANCE SEMINAR



AP COMPUTER
SCIENCE-PART B

Every Patriot Has a Story



1 Maddie Evering '20 was honored as John Carroll's nominee for the Charlie Riley Community Service Award, presented to students in Harford County who are serving their school and community through community service, extracurricular activities and leadership.

2 Alexis Loder '20 and **Katie Yurechko '20** were recognized as Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program, placing among the top three percent of students who entered the 2020 competition by taking the 2018 PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

3 Pinnacle Staff - The *JC Pinnacle* received the top award in a nationwide contest by the American Scholastic Press Association. The editorial staff consisted of Editor-in-Chief Maureen Healy '19 and Managing Editors Madison Kozera '20 (left) and Delaney Runge '20 (right).



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4 **Leo Hojonoski '20** participated in the Centennial High School Model UN Conference and won "Best Delegate," which is awarded to the highest rated delegate on a given committee.



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5 **Jason Yan '22** and **Sarah Xiang '20** competed in the Northwest Maryland VRC Classic against 28 Robotics teams from around the state. Their team advanced to the finals, where they teamed with Towson High and ultimately triumphed over Calvert Hall and Hereford to win the tournament and qualify for states.



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6 In November, John Carroll students (pictured left to right) **Alex Mullin '22**, **Tommy Sukiennik '21** and **Jamison Blondell '20** attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis with St. Margaret Youth Ministry as part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore delegation. **Shannon Olsen '13** was a chaperone. Jamison, Alex and Tommy participated in three days of concerts, prayer, inspirational speakers and networking with 23,000 teens from across the country.



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7 **Brian Thompson '20** was named one of Harford's Most Beautiful People on top of receiving a Youth Service Award from the Governor's Office for his work with the veterans at Perry Point.



Champions!



1 BOYS XC CHAMPIONS | After completing the regular season undefeated, the Varsity Boys Cross Country team captured their third consecutive MIAA "B" Conference championship. Also undefeated on the year, the JV Boys Cross Country team captured the JV MIAA "B" Conference title. In the open division, John Carroll won with a perfect score. Three races—three wins!

2 COACH PUCKETT | Not only did **Varsity Field Hockey** upset first seed Mount de Sales in the semi-finals, but they helped long-time JC coach **Alice Puckett** notch her 400th career win. Puckett was also named IAAM Coach of the Year, *Baltimore Sun* Coach of the Year, and received a Milestone Award from Maryland All-State Field Hockey!

3 FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONS | The fifth-seed Field Hockey team defeated second-seed Bryn Mawr 2-1 in the IAAM "B" Conference championship. **Jamie Alatzas '21** and **Emma Campitelli '22** secured the victory with their scores during the championship game. This is the first championship they have won since 2016.

4 EQUESTRIAN | JC's **Equestrian team** earned Champion at their Claddagh Manor home show against six other teams, including Garrison Forrest and Oldfields School. These kids worked many hours a day leading up to the show, prepping over 20 horses, preparing jump courses, and prepping tack among other tasks required to supply five visiting teams with horses to show on.

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5 GIRLS XC CHAMPIONS | The Girls Cross Country Team brought the IAAM "B" Conference Championship back to JC after a six-year absence! They secured this victory at McDaniel College with the help of **May Berger '21** who placed 5th and **Tori Novak '23** who placed 6th.

BATTLE OF BEL AIR | The Battle of Bel Air Commissioner's Cup is back where it belongs! John Carroll defeated the Bel Air Bobcats in a weeklong schedule of cross-town rival matchups. The Boys Varsity Volleyball team sealed the victory on Friday with a win over the Bobcats!

COACH BRINKMAN | Coach Brinkman secured his **100th win** over Curley in overtime. This win advanced the football team to the semi-finals.



National Letter of Intent

Congratulations to the following seniors from the Class of 2020 (pictured below) who have committed to continuing their athletic careers in college next year. Be sure to visit our Facebook page to see an album of photos featuring these hard-working student athletes.



BASEBALL | Charles Hafer (West Virginia Wesleyan), Tyler Leach (High Point University), Aiden Ruiz (California University of Pennsylvania), Gavin Wingard (California University of Pennsylvania)



GIRLS SOCCER | Nia Christopher (Towson University)



FIELD HOCKEY | Ellie Bruggeman (Ursinus College), Kate Gromacki (Washington College), Alexis Loder (Johns Hopkins University)



GIRLS LACROSSE | Gabrielle Baikauskas (Furman University), Ryleigh Casserly (University of Alabama, Huntsville), Bryn Fitzkee (Ohio State University), Katie Hormes (High Point University), Kaitlyn Sydnor (Marquette University)



GYMNASTICS | Emma Ingrassia (Southern Utah University)



SOFTBALL | Jules Donnelly (Christopher-Newport University), Emma Ritter (Virginia Tech)

Congratulations to the following student-athletes who were selected for these prestigious honors:

MIAA/IAAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Boys Volleyball | Noah Milliron '20

Girls Soccer | Nia Christopher '20, Ellie Hollin '21

Girls Tennis | Lily Dippel '21, Gracyn Meisz '21

Field Hockey | Kate Gromacki '20, Alexis Loder '20, Katelyn Patrick '20

Football | Caleb Atabong '20, Austin Brinkman '20, Braden Clark '20, Roman Hemby '21, Malik Scott '20

Boys Soccer | Michal Gradus '21, Gavin Greene '20

Girls Cross Country | May Berger '21, Victoria Novak '23

Boys Cross Country | Michael Chipi '20, Nick Singelakis '23

ALL-COUNTY

Boys Volleyball | Garrett McNulty '20, Noah Milliron '20

Girls Soccer | Nia Christopher '20, Ellie Hollin '21, Ally Krieger '21, Kiana Miller '20

Field Hockey | Ellie Bruggeman '20, Kate Gromacki '20, Alexis Loder '20, Katelyn Patrick '20

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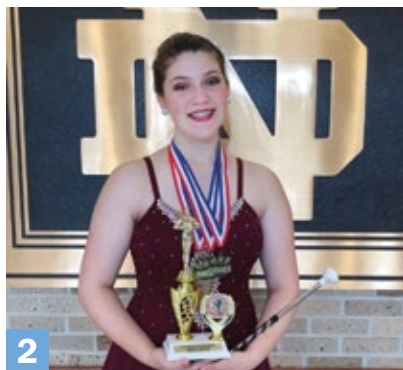
Girls Cross Country | May Berger '21, Victoria Novak '23

Boys Cross Country | Michael Chipi '20, Nick Singelakis '23

More Patriot Stories



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1 **Emma Campitelli '23** was named *Baltimore Sun's* Athlete of the Week for her role in securing field hockey's first championship since 2016, including two game-winning goals in their post season run.

2 **Gianna Houck '22** competed in the National Baton Twirling Competition at Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN. This is a week-long competition with about 2,500 twirlers competing from U.S. and Canada. She placed 7th in her XStrut, 8th in Duet, and she won 1st place in her Solo.

3 The **Varsity Cheer team** attended the NCA Cheer Camp on August at Sandy Hill Resort for the first time. The team spent four days as a cheer team and a family, to practice what they love to do together.



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4 At the Maryland All-State Field Hockey banquet, **Ellie Bruggeman '20** and **Alexis Loder '20** were honored as 1st Team All-State players.

5 The **Varsity Boys Basketball** team was busy over Christmas break, working with special needs athletes from the Lehigh County Special Olympics in Pennsylvania before traveling to Atlanta for the Pinecrest Christmas Invitational Tournament, which they won! While there, they visited MLK National Historic Park, which includes Martin Luther King's birthplace and childhood home. Coach Goldberg is very proud of his team for their behavior, saying "The number of compliments we got from people about their respect level, holding doors for others or just saying thank you was amazing!"



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6 The **Wrestling** program had the privilege of spending an afternoon with the U.S. Army 20th Special Forces Group who are being deployed to Afghanistan. Several members of this elite unit were very accomplished wrestlers, so after giving the students a tour of the facility and a background on the types of missions they conduct while deployed, they led a team-building exercise that stressed not only teamwork but leadership, accountability of personnel and equipment, and physical activity.

7 **Alec Gossman '20** was presented with the Sportsmanship Award at the JC Equestrian show at Claddagh Manor.

This Indoor Track season, a number of students set school records. At a December Indoor Track meet in PG County, **Emma Ritter '20** broke the school record in the 55 and won the event, beating out 80 girls, then beat her own record a week later! In January, **Nick Singelakis '23** and **Emily Baranoski '22** broke school records in the 3200 and pole vault, respectively.



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JC is bursting with pride over three of its female student-athletes who received IAAM character coins, which are awarded to opponents who "display significant elements of fair play, integrity and respect." Each Varsity Girls Head Coach is given two coins at the start of the season, and at press time, JC athletes awarded coins include **Mya Gerbes '22** (Soccer, presented by McDonogh Coach Canellakis), **Emma Ritter '20** (Volleyball, presented by Archbishop Spalding Coach Rombach) and **Miranda Dillon '20** (Basketball, presented by McDonogh Coach Bard Rees).



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WINTER CONCERTS

On December 2, John Carroll musicians took the stage in their Winter Music Concert. A couple weeks later, the lovely ballerinas of John Carroll's College Preparatory Dance Program displayed their talents during the Winter Dance Concert.



THE BROTHERS FOUR

Internationally known and loved folk revival band The Brothers Four performed to a packed house in November at John Carroll. The evening also featured performances by the JC Chorus, Bella Voce and the new female a capella group, the Patriettes.

THE MUSIC MAN

Under the direction of Mr. Larry Hensley, talented members of John Carroll's award-winning theatre department performed "The Music Man" to packed houses on November 8–10.



A Night to Remember: The Black & Gold Gala 2019

On November 6, more than 400 friends came together to celebrate John Carroll and pay tribute to our dear friend Andy Klein '71 at an unforgettable and poignant evening—*The Black & Gold Gala: Roaring into the 20's*.

Our school community paid tribute to Andy by posthumously awarding him the Medal of Honor for his numerous contributions to John Carroll, including his vision for and support of the Holocaust Remembrance Program. Accepting on his behalf, Sarah Klein '01 spoke movingly about her father, the great work he did and the dedication of the family to carry on his legacy.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the John Carroll community, this year's Black and Gold Gala raised an impressive total of \$176,000. Guests at the Gala accepted and exceeded the challenge to stand together to continue Andy's work and invest in the future of John Carroll, contributing \$100,000 to fully endow the newly established Andrew P. Klein Memorial Peace and Justice Grant. This grant, awarded annually, will support members of the John Carroll faculty and staff who exemplify the qualities of peace, tolerance, social justice and service to others, and will support projects that are representative of the legacy of Andy Klein's passion for, and commitment to, social justice. In addition to the grant, the Gala raised \$76,000 to fund campus renovations and student scholarships.



Members of the Klein family, including Andy's children and wife, Jayne, were on hand for the momentous occasion.

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Alumni from all decades gathered for a group photo at the Gala.

Attendees at the event enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Zeffert & Gold, then danced the night away to music by 'Round Midnight while anxiously awaiting the announcement of raffle winners who walked away with great prizes, including Tuition Bucks, a VIP Ravens package and a one-carat diamond valued at \$5,500! It was an enjoyable night for all in attendance, who came together for a great cause.

The generosity displayed by the John Carroll community reflects the sentiments Andy himself expressed when he said, "I'm proud to support this school that I love and got so much out of. And I will continue to support John Carroll in every endeavor, because they make this world a better place."



Chuck '68 and Pat Boyle



First Principal of John Carroll, Dr. Ray Wanner and wife, Linda



Current students dressed as Living Statues



Jake '92 and Amy '92 Hollin with Board President Betsy Campion and her husband, Kevin

Sarah Klein '01 pays tribute to her father



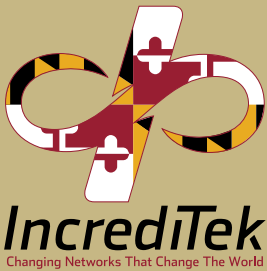


President's Reception

This past Giving Tuesday, we gathered with some of our most generous donors to thank them for all they do for John Carroll at the annual President's Reception. Our guests were treated to music by our talented students and student speakers who shared with them the impact the generosity of our donors have had on each of their lives. Thank you to all of our supporters!

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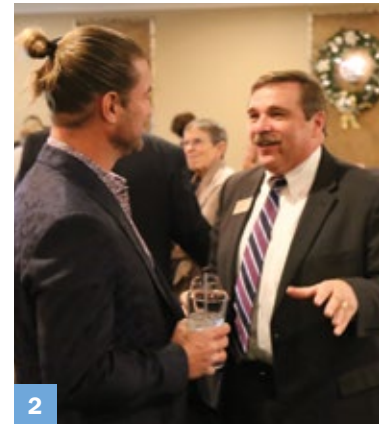
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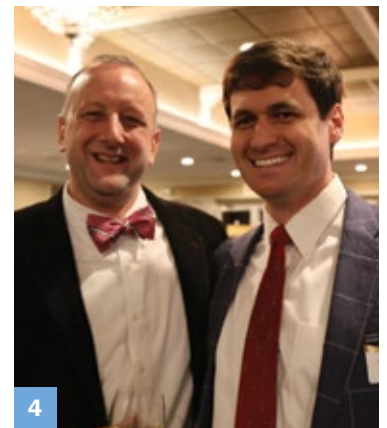
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1 Collins, Myers, O'Connell and Ward



1 2008 Girls Lacrosse team



2 Soccer Reunions



2 "The Music Man" Alumni Reception



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1 HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to this year's Athletic Hall of Fame inductees:

- Scott Collins '98 (Basketball, Soccer, Golf, Football)
- Ashley Myers '05 (Soccer)
- Andrew Cranford '05 (Volleyball)
- Maureen O'Connell '87 (Soccer, Basketball, Softball)
- Coach Al Ward '70 (Football, Baseball)
- Isaiah Philmore '09 (Basketball)
- 2008 Girls Lacrosse Team

HOMECOMING TAILGATE

Thanks to all of our alumni who came back to cheer on our Patriots and made this the biggest and best Homecoming Tailgate yet!

2 SPECIAL REUNIONS

1969 Football Reunion and 50th Anniversary of the 1969 Championship

On October 25, we welcomed members of the 1969 football team back to campus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their big championship.

Soccer Reunions

This fall, soccer alumni of all ages came back to campus to watch all four JC soccer teams take on cross-town rivals C. Milton Wright, and stayed for a special reception where we recognized the 1979 and 1989 boys soccer championship teams and the 1984, 1989, 1999, 2004 girls championship teams.

"The Music Man" Alumni Reception

Theatre alumni attended a pre-show reception celebrating the fourth production of "The Music Man" at John Carroll; previous productions were 1969, 1991 and 2006.

3 BLACK (AND GOLD!) FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR

The Alumni Association kicked off what it hopes will become a fun new tradition – the first Black (and Gold!) Friday Happy Hour held the day after Thanksgiving, while many alumni are home visiting families. Thanks to everyone who came out and made it a great inaugural event!

Interested in volunteering for the Alumni Association? Contact **Susan Butcher Roarty '95** at sroarty@johncarroll.org or **410.838.8333, ext. 2106** to learn how you can get involved!

Class News & Notes



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1960s, 1970s & 1980s

1 **Sydney Walsh '22** visited her first cousin once-removed, **Regina Butler O'Rourke '68**, a member of JC's first graduating class, in Kauai, Hawaii, where Regina lives, along with her two children and three grandchildren. Regina is a first cousin of JC's Director of Marketing Kathy Walsh.

2 Country Life and Merryland Farms co-owner's **Michael Pons '75** (pictured) and **Josh Pons Jr. '72** hosted friends and family at the 34th Annual Maryland Thoroughbred Maryland Million. Their horses were seen in the Winner's Circle on Maryland Million Day and some of their stallions have produced multiple winners.

3 **Joan Franetovich DeSoto '76** works for the Johns Hopkins Health System as an e-learning program manager and instructional designer. Several years ago, Joan moved back to Bel Air with her husband, Kim, and son, **John '20**. The DeSotos also have the good fortune of currently hosting **Wenhao Zhang '22**, a JC International student. Arriving from China for his first time in America, Wen quickly became part of the family!

4 In January 2019, **John Walsh '79** joined the management team of Vigilant Inc., an early-stage

drone technology company that is revolutionizing drone safety, identification, communication and data capture.

5 **Larry Clarke '82** wrote, produced, directed and starred in *Three Days with Dad*, also starring Tom Arnold, Brian Dennehy, Leslie Ann Warren and JK Simmons. His movie is now available for viewing on Amazon, Comcast and iTunes. Larry lives in Los Angeles with his wife, writer and comedienne Fielding Edlow, and daughter, Ellis. Photographed are Larry along with his brother **Marty '75** and sister **Ronnie '72**.

6 After spending 16 years in forensic science, **Dr. Susan Blankenship '86** moved into academia, where she is currently the program chair and professor for the Investigative Forensics Program at the University of Maryland University College and earned her Doctor of Management in 2015. Dr. Blankenship visited John Carroll to share her expertise with Dr. Ketchum's Forensics class in the fall.

7 As her Senior Project, **Katie Yurechko '20** started the *Friends R Family* club to promote mental health. This fall, Friends R Family hosted alumnae **Vicky**

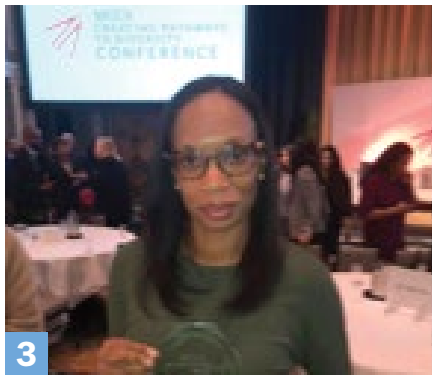
Nicotra '85 and **Paula Nash '85** to talk to students about how to reframe your mind, turn jealousy into gratitude, anxiety into achievement and insecurity into acceptance, and also welcomed members of the JC community to join her in Yoga Under the Lights, taught by **Heather Gallant Gagnon '89**.

8 **Shawn E. Lupold, Ph.D. '88** was promoted to Full Professor of Urology and Oncology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He holds the Catherine Lola and J. Smith Michael Endowed Chair in Urology and presides over a laboratory in the Brady Urological Research Institute which focuses on the molecular biology of prostate cancer. He developed the first RNA aptamers targeted to a cancer cell surface antigen. His discovery has been widely studied as a delivery agent for various therapeutic and imaging packages to prostate cells and tumors. Shawn and his wife, Heather, and their two teenage daughters, Grace and Erin, live in Ellicott City.

Debbie Harner '89 was appointed as public services and education archivist at Goucher College.



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1990s

Lisa Genrty Rulney '92 was recently named Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and CFO at the University of Arizona. She has a long history with the university, where she has worked since 2001.

If you saw *Hope's Legacy* on the Hallmark Channel, you can thank **Stacy Malone Bowen '92** for the floral design plan! Stacy's work was also seen in the halls of JC this fall, as she created all the beautiful arrangements at the Black and Gold Gala!

1 **Lawrence Lanahan '93**, a duPont Award winning journalist, has been traveling and sharing the work of his latest book, *The Lines Between Us: Two Families and a Quest to Cross Baltimore's Racial Divide*. He is pictured with **Beth Thomey Knapp '93** and longtime JC teacher and alumn **Rob Heubeck '85** at a reading of Lawrence's book.

2 If you visit the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, you will see work by **Josh Cogan '95**. His portrait of

Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative which was initially photographed for the cover of *Newsweek* is on exhibit, and has inspired so many, including Steven Spielberg.

3 **Shayon T. Smith '95** received the 2019 Rising Stars Award at the Minority Corporate Consul Conference. **Yelee Kim '95** was there to support her.

4 **Larry Noto '95**, owner of MusicLand, was awarded the state comptroller's Cornerstone Award for Local Business Excellence, an award which recognized businesses as the heart and soul of the community.

5 **Jeremy Rosendale '95** began a new role as Director of Member Engagement & External Affairs with the Greater Baltimore Committee. He looks forward to working with the great members, and future members, along with stellar business and civic leaders in Baltimore and central Maryland to advance better policies to create jobs, improve

transportation and increase quality of life throughout our great city and state.

6 The Daily Record recognized **Bob Titelman Jr. '99** as one of their Very Important Professionals (VIP) Under 40. Bob is a partner at Skylight Creative Ideas, a full service promotional products company that has been a leader in the advertising specialty industry since 1977.

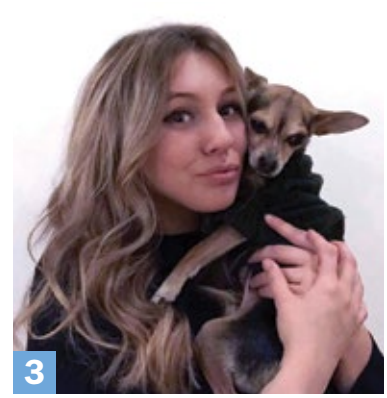
7 **Kate Magsamen '99** worked for an independent expenditure organization (SUPER PAC) that was working to re-elect Louisiana Governor Bel Edwards (D) called Gumbo PAC. She did a lot of oppositional research and helped raise \$13.6 million over two and a half years.



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2000s & 2010s

Congratulations to **Jessica Chapman Nusbaum '00**, John Carroll's World Languages Department Chair, who finished her M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction. She recently traveled to San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico to learn about Dia de los Muertos. As part of her capstone project, she completed a research project with student volunteers in her Spanish 3 class, providing guided meditations and mindfulness tactics to reduce foreign language anxiety.

Congratulations to **Nick Perry '01** who welcomed baby James Anthony in September.

Kerry McAvoy '02, principal at One Environmental Group, was appointed to the Leadership Council of the newly formed Women in Manufacturing® Association (WiM) Virginia Chapter.

If you are ever in Santa Barbara, make sure to check out Bettina, owned by **Brendan Smith '02**. It was recently named one of the Best Restaurants in Santa Barbara by *Coastal Living Magazine!*

Inaugural Young Alumni Outstanding Achievement Award recipient **Kyle Hoedebecke '02** was selected as one of the Top 10 doctors of 2019 by Doctors' Choice Awards.

Katherine Kunkel Halstead '07 welcomed baby Brielle Alaina Halstead on August 6.

1 Although she didn't "Beat Bobby Flay" it was exciting to see The Hot Dry's chef de cuisine **Sarah Murray '07** take on famous chef Bobby Flay on *The Food Network!*

Kaitlyn Shackelford '09 has been hired by the Department of Defense and will train in the Baltimore/DC area beginning in September. She has worked in the Office of the Harford County State's Attorney for the past 2+ years as a legal clerk in the Circuit Court Division. Kaitlyn has a B.S. in Political Science from Hood College, 2013; and a M.S. in Homeland Security Management from Towson University, 2017. And it all started in U.S. History, Rm. 317, during the 2007-2008 school year!

Instrumental Music Instructor and JC Band Director **Casey Knell '11** has been a part of Baltimore's Marching Ravens for the past 4 years and is currently the trumpet section leader and brass coordinator. This past summer, she accompanied the band to Canton, Ohio for Ed Reed's Hall of Fame induction, and has had numerous solos during this season's halftime performances!

2 **Katelyn Wolf Capozzoli '13** married Michael Capozzoli on September 7, 2019.

3 **Rita Watson '14** recently moved to Prague in the Czech Republic where she is teaching English. Rita lives there with her dog, Tito.

4 In what has been dubbed as one of the greatest comebacks in the history of "The Game" (Harvard vs. Yale), **Kurt Rawlings '16** led Yale to victory in the last 88 seconds of this year's match-up. He ranked fourth nationally in points per game and was named a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, the FCS Offensive Player of the Year, and was

named Ivy League's 2019 Football Player of the Year and Asa S. Bushnell Cup recipient. He was also selected to play in the East West Shrine game, the oldest all-star game for college seniors aspiring to play in the NFL. He is photographed with former teammate **Ben Blessing '19**, who just finished his first season at Holy Cross.

5 Congratulations to **Jake Dengler '16** who recently signed to play soccer professionally with Loudoun United, an affiliate of D.C. United.

Avery Jones '17 had his career-best production as a receiver at Elon.

6 **Gabrielle Lambert '19** invited JC Science Department Chair Dr. Julie Baker and Science Faculty Dr. Andy Ketchum to watch her Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry research presentations at Stevenson University in December. Both projects had to do with developing lab protocols that could easily be used on a high school level. Her biology project had to do with extracting DNA from bananas. Her chemistry project involved developing a protocol for observing carbon quantum dots in a sucrose solution. Dr. Baker says, "Gabrielle did a great job with both presentations—we are very proud of her!"

While attending a meeting at the College Council Advisory Board at University of Mary Washington in December, JC College Counselor Mrs. Carrie Siemsen caught up with **Olivia Webster '19**, a student at UMW.

In Memoriam

Please pray for the souls of these deceased alumni, parents, grandparents and friends who passed away between July 16, 2019 and January 15, 2020.

Coach Neal Drexel

Longtime softball and football coach Neal Drexel (pictured on the left) passed away in 2019 after a battle with dementia. His players described him as a wonderful man and a joy to play for, the kind of coach that went above and beyond for every single one of his players. His players knew he genuinely cared about them and wanted the best for them, as athletes and as people. He was elected to the John Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002 and was named the 1995 *Baltimore Sun* Girls Softball Coach of the year.



Alumni

Joseph Gay '73
Brian Johnston '79
Timothy O'Brien '73
Zachary Owens '02
Raymond Reider '68
Patrick Saucer '78
Timothy Smith '69

Parents

Ellen Andon
Rita Beach
James Decker
E. Neal Drexel
Paul Haviland
Grace Heath
Carol Sofia

Grandparents

Gloria Baldauf
Dolores Hutton
Kathleen Mignini
Delores Sterbinsky

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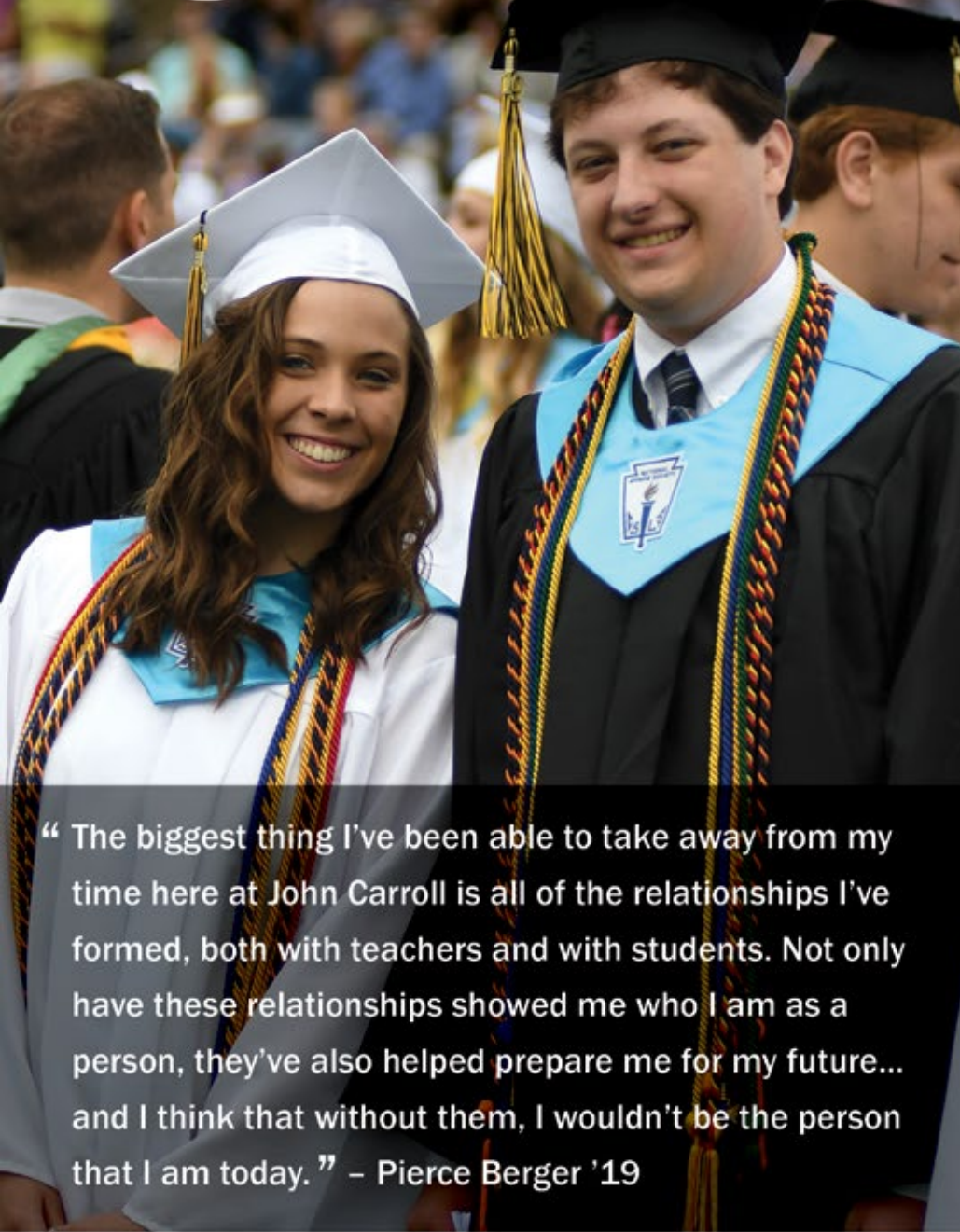




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Donor Spotlight

Tony & Margaret DiPaula (P '05 '07 '11) have been consistently giving to John Carroll for over a decade. When asked why they continue to support the school long after their children have graduated, the DiPaulas respond, “We want JC to remain a strong institution that is available to give others the same wonderful opportunities and experiences our children experienced. We as parents met some great people who share our beliefs and values and who became great friends even after our children left JC. We also acquired a sense of connection which makes us want to stay involved with JC events.”

The DiPaulas attribute the value of a John Carroll education to not just the high caliber of instruction, but also to the commitment of faculty and staff who facilitate service opportunities and work to instill and reinforce values in students. For instance, accompanying the senior class to Washington, D.C. to see the Holocaust Museum and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an experience Mr. DiPaula says he will carry with him forever.

Mr. & Mrs. DiPaula challenge others to continue to give back because of John Carroll’s “dedicated faculty and staff, its academic excellence, its reputation in the community and the State, and the opportunities it offers to its students and families. JC is the only private, Catholic high school in Harford County, and giving keeps it strong and vibrant, and offers a local option rather than having to travel outside the county for private school.”



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- Spring Music Concert – May 17
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