Class Notes

College

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1957 Robert (Craig) Brown died in September 2016 following open heart surgery, Gail Detgen Brown writes. Married for 56 years, Gail and Craig had three children and four grandchildren. “As a student of Mason Wade at Rochester, he became interested in Canada and went to the University of Toronto to do his master’s, intending to stay only a year. Remaining to do a PhD, he then taught Canadian history and Canadian-American relations at the University of Calgary and the University of Toronto, where he became chair of the history department, a dean, president of the Canadian Historical Society, and a member of the Royal Society.”

1961 Ron Karpick sends a photo and writes, “Carl Hunt and his wife, Joyce Shoemaker, took my wife, Jane, and me for a long weekend cruise in August from Annapolis to St. Michaels, Maryland, aboard Carl’s 54-foot 1986 Hatteras Motor Yacht.

1964 Alice Parman cowrote the second edition of Exhibit Makeovers: A Do-It-Yourself Workbook for Small Museums (Rowman & Littlefield) with the exhibit team at the Museum of Natural & Cultural History at the University of Oregon. . . . Joan Bertinelli Tobey sends a photo and some news. “I was traveling with Globalbike (check it out at Globalbike.org) to Tsaadiane [Tanzania], where recipients of Globalbike’s bicycles were showing my group how they have been using the bikes to carry water, produce, and goods.” On the way, she met a Tanzanian man wearing a Rochester sweatshirt. “It was refreshing to see the blue and gold in such a remote place,” she writes.

1966 Claudia Schatz (see ’39 Eastman).

1967 Alan Carmasin (see ’68). . . . Lucien Lombardo addressed the United Nations’ Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva, Switzerland, in May, following publication in 2016 of an article he coauthored entitled “Law Reform, Child Maltreatment and the UN Convention on the Rights of the
was the AP World History chair, wrote textbooks, gave lectures, and was the beneficiary of myriad fellowships. She had a loyal following of students who kept in touch with her postgraduation. Louise’s friends remember her as “a wonderful mother passionately devoted to her two daughters” and as someone who “courageously stood up for her beliefs and was unafraid to express them.” … Drew Mittelman celebrated his 70th birthday in September with many classmates, along with more than 60 others. Of his Rochester friends, “these are all people I have seen regularly through the years,” he writes. “This is the first time we have all been together and it was fantastic for everyone to be there and just celebrate our lives.” Pictured from left to right are Myra Zauderer Brodner, Charlie Norris, Dave Ragusa ’76W (Mas), Larry Brodner, Mike Finberg, Dana Mittelman ’05, Paul Vance ’69, Drew, Al Lobel ’69 (MBA), Ron Goldberg, Joanne James Finberg, Cathy Jones Minehan, Dave Lyons ’69, Alan Carmasin ’67, Betsey Lamb Lyons, and Donna Carlson ’81. Steve Lasser ’69 also attended, and Dave MacIntyre was invited but unable to attend.

1969 … Steve Lasser (see ’68), … Dave Lyons (see ’68), … Paul Vance (see ’68).

1970 Cynthia Rauker Rigby was awarded the Kentucky Medical Association’s “Community Connector” designation at the association’s annual meeting in Louisville. The Community Connector program highlights physicians who have been leaders both in their local communities and in medicine and have completed a public health or public education service element. Cynthia is pictured with Kentucky Medical Association board chair, Dale Toney.

1971 Jerry Newman sends a photo captioned, “Rocky took a road trip this summer to see the Who in concert in Canandaigua with my daughter, Aurora Newman ’17, and me.” … Joan Levy Zlotnik sends a photo and a note: “We continue to get together 50 years after first meetings; several of us met during Freshman Week and Summer Orientation and have maintained our friendships, sharing life cycle events and fun times, including getting together on Cape Cod in August.”
Teacher, Scholar, and Academic Leader:
Hugo Sonnenschein ’61

One of the most prominent economic theorists of his generation, Hugo Sonnenschein ’61 is equally at home crunching mathematical models, leading a classroom discussion, and guiding the nation’s leading universities. A former president of the University of Chicago and provost at Princeton University, he is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society. A Rochester trustee, he was awarded an honorary degree from the University this fall in recognition of his achievements as an academic leader, scholar, and teacher.

My childhood
I was surrounded by love and I received considerable attention. But I have no recollection of my mother, who died when I was very young. I was raised by my aunt and her family in a modest home in Brooklyn. At age nine I moved to boarding school, and I completed high school at Oakwood Friends. My fellow students and teachers were good people and I learned a lot.

Neither my father nor my aunt attended college. Yet they cared about what I would become and they valued education.

I was a happy child, and I’m grateful for the love, attention, and values that I was surrounded with in my early years and throughout my life.

My Rochester days
Elizabeth Gunn Sonnenschein ’61, ’62N and I met in our freshman year. I was 16. Beth given my math background. Bingo! I found a paper on “social choice” and the work of Kenneth Arrow. It was another “love at first sight.” “Life Partner and Scholarly Mission”: I owe so much to Rochester.

My scholarship and teaching
Graduate school was a breeze. Rochester had prepared me very well. I finished my PhD at Purdue at age 23 and was appointed assistant professor at the University of Minnesota. I was promoted to full professor at age 27. I work with mathematical models of social science phenomena. A theorem that bears my name characterizes the mathematical structure of multimarket demand and supply functions.

My proudest achievements include the extraordinary success of my students, some of whom have gone on to teach at Harvard, Berkeley, Stanford, Princeton, Chicago, Yale, and other outstanding universities worldwide. Several have held important positions in government and in the private sector.

My time as president
I served at the University of Chicago during a time of change. I felt that it was essential to elevate the place of undergraduate students at the university. We put substantial resources into student life. I called on the faculty to reexamine our core curriculum and this generated controversy within the university and in the larger society. Chicago

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and to help it to serve society. We are expected to lead the cheers, but we must also hold up a mirror. Great universities need to be challenged. I am immensely proud of the quality of faculty and students who came to Chicago during my tenure as president. Two were subsequently awarded the Nobel Prize, and a third, admittedly a half-time appointment in our law school, went on to become President Barack Obama.

**My service as a trustee**

I have spent considerable time with the trustees of Chicago, Princeton, and Rochester. These universities have a unique ability to make this a better world. Especially, if one values democracy and appreciates the importance of ideas and a well-educated citizenry. Rochester trustees have been generous with their contribution of resources. But more important has been their wisdom, their different perspectives, and their critical understanding of the discovery and learning that goes on at Rochester. The trustees work in support of an outstanding faculty and superb academic leadership. It has been an honor to serve with such a dedicated and talented group.

**My life today**

I am in my Chicago office most every day. Beth is a retired cancer epidemiologist. We serve on boards, with a tilt toward advanced learning, child welfare, and community service. Our grandchildren are at universities in D.C., England, New York, and Chicago. They will make the world a better place. We stalk them! We remain in contact with Rochester classmates, and we enjoy theater, biking, and music. Beth belongs to a recorder group. It is a long way from Brooklyn. Some of what has been most formative began at Rochester. Meliora! ☮

—*As told to Robin L. Flanigan*

Pictured are (seated, left to right) Joan, Ethel Bernstein, Stanley Berman, (standing) Peggy Fiddler (Nick Fleisher’s wife), Charles Tabb, Randi Fox Tabb (Charlie’s wife), Andrew Bernstein, Nicholas Fleisher, and Marc Zlotnik.

1972 **Tom Bonfiglio** has published his fifth book, *The Psychopathology of American Capitalism* (Palgrave Macmillan), part of the publisher’s Critical Political Theory and Radical Practice series. Tom is the Gaines Professor of Literature and Linguistics at the University of Richmond.


1975 **James Kennedy** writes: “Hi, Rochester friends. I wanted to share a link to a sci-fi short story I’ve written, in which a character is a University of Rochester astrophysicist (my initial dream as a freshman). Besides aliens and asteroids, the tale also touches on politics, the media, and faith.” The free e-book can be found at Medium.com/@jimkenney.

1977 **Peter Friedenberg**, a real estate lawyer with the Boston firm Sherin and Lodgen, was selected by his peers for inclusion in the peer review publication *The Best Lawyers in America 2018* (Woodward/White). Best Lawyers highlights the top five percent of practicing attorneys in the United States.

1978 **Barry Bergen** celebrated two milestones last June. He writes, “I retired from my position as professor of history at Gallaudet University. My 25 years of service there included seven years as chair of the Department of History and Government, now the Department of History, Philosophy, Religion, and Sociology, and three additional years as program coordinator for the history program.” In addition, “I celebrated 20 years with my partner, Jim Schank. We were legally married in a private ceremony in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, in April 2015.” . . . **Michael Corp**, a partner in the law firm Hancock Estabrook, has been selected for inclusion in *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* for 2017. Michael is the chair of the tax, trusts and estates, and elder law and special needs department. . . . **Kevin Maier** sends a photo and a note: “On August 27 I competed in the World Multisport Championships in Penticton, Canada, where I was invited to be on Team USA and finished eighth in the 60–64 age group in the aquabike, completing the two-mile swim and 75-mile bike in 4 hours 29 minutes. Penticton hosted the first annual week-long Olympics-type festival of multisport races put on by the International Triathlon Union, which included sprint duathlon (run/bike/run), standard duathlon, cross triathlon (off-road triathlon), aquathon (swim/run), long-course triathlon, and aquabike. A total of nearly 5,000 athletes from 39 countries competed in the six events.”

1979 **Steven Goldberg**, an environmental litigation attorney with Downey Brand, was named a Northern California Super Lawyer and was recognized by Sacramento Magazine as a 2017 Top Lawyer. . . . **Valerie Leeds** wrote George Sotter: Light and Shadow (James A. Michener Art Museum) to accompany the museum’s retrospective exhibition of the Pennsylvania artist’s paintings and stained glass. Light and Shadow is the first publication devoted to Sotter’s work.
KUDOS

School of Medicine and Dentistry Honors Alumni, Friends

During a Meliora Weekend ceremony, medical school alumni and supporters were recognized for their achievement, service, and humanitarian initiatives.

Dean’s Medal
Joseph Lobozzo II
Lobozzo founded JML Optical Industries—a company that designs, manufactures, and distributes high-precision optical components and equipment—in 1972. He served as president and CEO until he sold the company in 2011. A long-standing supporter of the Medical Center, Lobozzo has been a member of the center’s board for 17 years.

His support has led to the creation of the Joseph M. Lobozzo II Professorship in Pediatric Surgery and funding for a SMILEmobile, a custom-designed, wheelchair-accessible, mobile dental clinic that allows the Eastman Institute for Oral Health to provide first-of-its-kind access to people with special needs. He has also supported efforts to improve access to the Eastman Institute for patients in wheelchairs and other projects at the Medical Center.

John N. Wilder Award
Frank LoGerfo ’66M (MD)
LoGerfo holds the title of William V. McDermott Distinguished Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School and is retired chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Nationally recognized for his research on vascular bypass grafts as well as techniques to treat patients with diabetes, he directs training programs for medical students and surgical residents.

In 2004, he and his wife, Judy, established the Frank W. and Judith M. LoGerfo Scholarship Fund. LoGerfo also endowed a summer research traineeship at the School of Medicine and Dentistry in recognition of the role that such experiences played in his career.

Alumni Service Award
Seymour Schwartz ’57M (Res)
Holding the title of Distinguished Alumni Professor of Surgery, Schwartz joined the School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1957.

His research focused on liver physiology, portal hypertension, platelet physiology, and the effects of carotid sinus nerve stimulation on hypertension. Although he performed as a general surgeon, vascular surgeon, cardiothoracic surgeon, and pediatric surgeon, his major clinical impact was in the field of hepatobiliary surgery.

Alumni Achievement Award
Antonia Eyssallenne ’01M (MS), ’04M (PhD), ’06M (MD)
Eyssallenne is the program director of the Internal Medicine–Pediatrics Residency Program and assistant professor of internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Miami’s Miller School of Medicine/Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. She also serves as director for the Intensive Care Unit for Partners in Health at University Hospital in Mirebalais, Haiti; is a medical education consultant with Project Medishare for Haiti in Miami; and is cocreator and program director of Hospital Saint Damien/Bernard Mevs Pediatric Residency Program in Port au Prince.

Humanitarian Award
Sophina Manheimer Calderon ’11M (MD)
Calderon provides medical care to disadvantaged populations in the United States and abroad. As a member of the Navajo Nation in Arizona, she is a family medicine physician at Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation in Tuba City, a small town on the western end of the Navajo Nation in northeastern Arizona. She also provides inpatient obstetrics labor and delivery services in a midwife provider role. She serves as the HIV officer for the hospital, providing care and education for both providers and patients in the community.

Humanitarian Award (posthumous)
William Gamble ’59M (MD)
Gamble was a professor emeritus of surgery at the University of Minnesota’s medical school, maintaining an active clinical practice for 33 years until his retirement in 1999. He taught surgical ethics and surgical technique at Minnesota throughout his career. With more than 47 years of clinical practice and teaching, Gamble influenced generations of students and residents. The award was accepted by his widow, Katherine, and other members of his family.
... Sharon Porcello, a member of Bond, Schoen Eck & King’s Buffalo law office, has been recognized in the 2017 Upstate New York Super Lawyer Top 25 Women list in the field of business litigation.

1981 Donna Carlson (see ’68).

1992 Jeff Powers sends a photo from his long-distance bicycle trip. He writes, "Greetings! I just completed a 4,200-mile, two-month, (mostly) solo bike trip from my home in Seattle to my parents’ home in Delaware. Stopped in Rochester, of course. Read about my adventures at Venividibici.wordpress.com."

1993 Geoffrey Prior (see ’11).

1991 David Kemp, a captain in the Navy, sends a photo of himself with fellow NROTC alumnus Erik Wignes ’93 (right). “We ran into each other at Navy Recruiting Command in Millington, Tennessee. I am currently the commander of the US Military Entrance Processing Command, whose mission is to evaluate all applicants who desire to enlist in the Armed Forces. Erik, who is in the Navy Reserve, currently works for Deloitte on transformation issues for the Navy.” ... Tiffany Taylor Smith was hired into the newly created position of executive director for inclusive excellence education and professional development at the University of Dayton in Ohio. Before that, she ran TR Taylor Consulting, a firm she founded in 2001. In addition to her consulting experience, she worked as an adjunct professor of psychology at Kean University and Seton Hall University in New Jersey for 11 years. She taught courses on life-span development and child and adolescent psychology. Tiffany held various roles in human resource development, diversity, and sales management with Procter & Gamble before founding the consulting firm.

1995 Laura Grow D’Angelo ’00E (MA) writes: “I have been appointed to serve on the Advanced Placement (AP) Music Theory Development Committee. According to the College Board, ‘these dedicated educators play a critical role in the preparation of the course description and exam for AP Music Theory. They represent a diversity of knowledge and points of view in their fields and, as a group, are the authority when it comes to making subject-matter decisions in the exam-construction process.’ The AP development committees represent a unique collaboration between high school and college educators.” Laura has taught for 23 years, the past 20 in the Webster Central School District, where she teaches Music Theory I and AP Music Theory. In addition, she’s a grader of AP Music Theory exams for the College Board and has been a presenter at the AP National Conference as well as at the reading sessions for the exam. ... René Mogensen was awarded his PhD at the Conservatoire at Birmingham City University, England. A composer, performer, and educator, he received his MA from New York University and MM from the Royal Academy of Music, Aarhus. His composition “Views From Plato’s Cave,” a piece for trombone and computer written for trumpbonist Niels-Ole Bo Johansen and premiered by him in 2009, is included on Johansen’s 2017 CD, Identity Problems (CDKlassisk). ... Erik Wignes (see ’91).

1996 Navya Rah Rose ’97 (T5), a community program organizer, youth mentor, and volunteer with the Chicago-based international charity organization Zakat Foundation of America, was named a 2017 Movers & Shakers honoree by Cary Magazine in Cary, North Carolina.

1998 Keila Baez writes that she married Kevin Shehan in Detroit in October 2016. Pictured with Keila are Ellen Makovsky, Jen Hoffman, and Danielle Johnson. ... Matthew Rosen (see ’99).

1999 Marc Samuelson sends a photograph from a mini reunion in Niskayuna, New York, in August. From left to right are Marc, Daniel Fiedler, Andrew Lesser ’00, Jacob Russell, Matthew Rosen ’98, and Brian Dowling. Marc writes, “We all met at Rochester 22 years ago and have been friends ever since. Daniel Fiedler started with us in 1995. He had to drop out his senior year but recently began taking classes toward his history degree. He now is two classes away from graduating from Rochester and should do so by the end of this year.”

2000 Andrew Lesser (see ’99).

2001 Jonathan Orent has been promoted to member attorney at the national plaintiffs’ law firm Motley Rice. He focuses his practice
on representing people harmed by dangerous and defective medical devices and pharmaceutical drugs. Jonathan served as a law clerk with the Missouri State Public Defender Youth Advocacy Unit and as a legal intern for Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois before joining Motley Rice. He earned his JD from Washington University School of Law.

2005 Dana Mittelman (see '68).

2006 Christopher Lee (see '08).

2008 Erik LaLone (see '09). Greg Skipton sends a photo and update. He writes, “Alumni of the music music West floor met up in Montreal for a ‘Dirty Thirty’ birthday bash reunion from June 16 to 19. Many members of the group either have turned 30 or will be turning 30 this year. The group took advantage of Airbnb and all were able to stay and celebrate together in L\’H\’otel Particulier in Griffintown. Members came from California, Illinois, New York, North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. It was an amazing time filled with good food, wine, music, and laughter.” Pictured are: (back row, left to right) Katie Maloney ’10, Christopher Lee ’06, Adam Gross ’09, ’10 (MS), Rebekah Porter, Andrew Bochenko ’09, Greg, Kate Cieply Skipton ’09. Peter McLoone ’10, ’11 (MS); (front row, left to right) Elizabeth Swovick ’10, Lauren Corrigan ’09, Courtney Callanan ’09, Sharon Hopcraft Alongi ’09, and Tony Alongi ’09. . . . Avraham Sommer (see ’11).

2009 Sara Allen (see ’08), . . . Tony and Sharon Hopcraft Alongi (see ’08), . . . Mathew Bielecki (see ’11), . . . Andrew Bochenko (see ’08), . . . Courtney Callanan (see ’08), . . . Lauren Corrigan (see ’08), . . . Adam Gross ’10 (MS) (see ’08), . . . Katherine Herman ’09E, ’17M (see ’63 Eastman), . . . Melanie Pelcher joined the New York State Master Teacher program during the 2016-17 school year. “Melanie teaches physics and launched a Project Lead the Way biomedical science program at Henninger High School in Syracuse, New York.” writes her husband, Erik LaLone ’08, . . . Kate Cieply Skipton (see ’08).

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2016 Maryanna Krewson (see ‘11), . . . Gaelynn Petry (see ’11).

2017 Aurora Newman (see ’71).

Graduate ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

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1991 Brenda Keegan (PhD) has published a chapter titled “Thoughts on Success and Failure” in a new book on aging. Aging Wisely . . . Wisdom of Our Elders (Jones & Bartlett Learning) by Irving Silverman and Ellen Beth Siegel.

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Janet Garber (MA) writes, “Dream Job, Wacky Adventures of an HR Manager, my comic debut novel, was a runner-up in the Shelf Unbound Best Indie Book contest and a finalist in the 2017 Next Generation Indie Book Awards.” Her website is Janetgarber.com.

Jay Stratton (MA) published Pomona’s Lost Children: Book of Uncommon Antique Fruits (Chautauqua Gorge Press), a cookbook and farm memoir.

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Eastman School of Music

1939 Harold Schatz passed away in July in Los Angeles. His daughter, Claudia Schatz '66 (College), remembers him as "a passionate musician and a lover of classical music, especially chamber music, his entire life." She adds, "Although he majored in viola, he spent his later years playing the violin, which he continued playing until the age of 99."

1950 Tanya Lesinsky Carey '62E (MM) has published the book Father Lach's Slovak Boys Band 1937 European Tour (CareyWorks), a true story about 65 boys giving 70 concerts in 80 days. Tanya is an artist-teacher at Roosevelt University in Chicago.

1972 Michael Crumb '84E (MA) retired in June from the Spencerport Central School District where he served his last six years as superintendent of schools. He worked in education for 38 years as a teacher, an administrator, and a leader in New York State public schools, including as a music teacher in the Lyons and West Irondequoit school districts for 19 years. Joining him at his retirement celebration were two former student teachers who are now career music teachers, Cindy Ross Briggs '92E (Newark Central School District), and Patty Grimes Welch '91E, '97E (West Irondequoit Central School District). ...Gary Stith (MM) compiled and edited The Conductor’s Companion: 100 Rehearsal Techniques, Imaginative Ideas, Quotes and Facts (Meredith Music) based on a nationwide survey of outstanding middle school, high school, and university band and orchestra directors.

1983 Composer Akmal Parwez's (PhD) solo viola piece, “When Stars Are Weeping,” was premiered by violist Cornelia Petroiu at the George Enescu Philharmonic in Bucharest, Romania, in February. “It was one of the 16 works chosen as the result of an international competition,” Akmal writes. The performance can be viewed at YouTube/akmalparwez.

1982 Carl Atkins (DMA) (see '85).

1983 Susan Miller Herman (MM) sends a photograph of herself and her husband, James Herman '87M (PhD), after his commencement ceremony in 1987 when Susan was pregnant with their daughter, Katherine Herman '09 (College), '09E, '17M (PhD). Another photo shows James, Susan, and Katherine at her ceremony this past May.

1984 Michael Crumb (MA) (see '79).

1985 Donald Kendrick (DMA) sends an update: “Carl Atkins '82 (DMA) and I were the first two DMA conducting students at the Eastman School of Music when the program was initiated. I started with James Smith, and, halfway through my program, he left to teach at George Mason University. So Director Robert Freeman asked me to take over the choral music department for the next year while they did a national search. I was also the early recipient of the Louise Rogers Goucher
ALUMNI STRATEGY

Meet the National Alumni Board

The first meeting of a newly constituted National Alumni Board took place during Meliora Weekend. Designed to provide a strategic perspective on Rochester’s alumni initiatives, the board is chaired by Carol Karp ’74, a University trustee whose daughter, Sarah, is a 2011 graduate. The vice chairs are Jane Zimelis Cohen ’67 and Drew Mittelman ’68. Mittelman’s daughter, Dana, is a 2005 graduate.

With an eventual membership of about 30 people, the board complements the work of other initiatives, including the Diversity Advisory Council, class programs, the regional network leadership cabinets, and school alumni councils.

The current members of the board are (back row, left to right) Kayleigh Stampfler ’08, Noah Pizmony-Levy Drezner ’00, John LaBoda ’02, Jeffrey Stone ’87, ’91M (MD), Paul Lanzone ’03, assistant vice president for alumni relations, Christine Branche ’83, Nathan Novosel ’12, and Jordan Smith ’18, the 2017-18 president of the Students’ Association; (front row) Cohen, Karp, and Mittelman.

Scholarship that included a work project under the guidance of my Eastman advisor, Alfred Mann. I was fortunate to conduct the Eastman Sing in the early years, also. I have such happy memories of my time at Eastman. In June 2018 I will retire after 33 years as the director of choral activities at Sacramento State School of Music, where I initiated the graduate degree program in conducting. I will continue my post as the music director for Sacramento’s Schola Cantorum and Sacred Heart Church and as music director for the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra. The photo is of me conducting that ensemble with organist Ryan Enright ’12 (DMA).”

1989 Christine Milioto Capani writes, “I’m thrilled to announce that my son, Jonah Capani, will be continuing the Eastman legacy.” Jonah began this fall as an applied music and voice (baritone) major and also plans to study audio and music engineering on the River Campus. . . Paulina Zamora (MM) has released two CDs on the Delos Music label, Brahms: The Three Piano Trios and Claude Debussy: Douze Études.

1991 Patricia Grimes ’97E (MM) (see ’79).

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1997 Patricia Grimes (MM) (see ’79). . . Andrés Mojica (MM) appeared as solo recitalist at the renowned Festival Casals of Puerto Rico in March. He was also the artistic director of the First International Organ Festival of Puerto Rico held in January. Andrés is the organ professor and organist at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus.

2000 Laura Grow D’Angelo (MA) (see ’93 College).

2005 Kylene McClain (see ’11 College).

2009 Katherine Herman ’09 (College), ’17M (PhD) (see ’83). . . Nicholas Finzer (see ’13).

2012 Yi-Yang Chen performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City in October. He sends a photo and this update: “It was a harvest year for me in 2017. Not only have I been selected to be the assistant professor of piano and theory at East Tennessee State University, I also captured three first prizes totaling $21,000: Washington (D.C.) International Competition, Waring (California) International Piano Competition, and Five Town Music Competition (New York). As a 2017 grant recipient from Mu Phi Epsilon Foundation, I spent three weeks in Europe playing concerts and doing research. I want to give all the credit to Eastman, especially to my teacher Douglas Humphreys, who inspired me as a musician and as a better person. And I am so glad that I made the decision to return to my alma mater for my DMA. I take pride in this institute, and I am thrilled for my new career in both performing and teaching and to share what I learned at Eastman with my students, audiences, and the community.”. . . Ryan Enright (DMA) (see ’85). . . Hongsup Lee writes, “It is a tremendous honor to share some great news with all the Eastman community. As an alumnus looking back, the precious time while I was studying at Eastman was the cornerstone that helped me to find my own musical voice, especially in the composition area. As an archetypal classical pianist, reinterpretation and recreating music was unfamiliar at first; however, the refreshing experience I got from all the creative musical training at Eastman opened my eyes to develop my own genre of music. I am now staying in Korea, and my first debut album Back to Classics: Bach (The Classic Art) was released internationally. The album showcase was held at Ilishin Hall in Seoul in May.”

2013 Michael Conrad (MM) writes, “I released the album New Angle with my 15-piece ensemble, the All Angles Orchestra, featuring Alex Sipiagin. The group features a unique instrumentation that forces the jazz and classical worlds to collide. The CD was released on Outside In Music, a record label created by fellow Eastman alumnus Nicholas Finzer ’09. I was recently selected as one of eight participants worldwide for the 2017 Metropole Orchestra Arrangers Workshop in the Netherlands. Out of more than 100 international submissions, my piece, ‘Spherical,’ was selected as one of three finalists in the Spheres of a Genius Composition Competition, a Jam Music Lab and Vienna Radio Symphony partnership celebrating 100 years of Thelonious Monk. I have been an ASCAP Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer Award recipient for the last four consec-
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Trustee Barry Florescue ’66 Remembered

Barry Florescue ’66, a longtime member of the Board of Trustees, is being remembered for his business acumen, entrepreneurial spirit, and engagement with the University.

Florescue, who was elected to the board in 1998 and served in several advisory capacities, died in October at the age of 73.

President and CEO Joel Seligman paid tribute to Florescue’s commitment to Rochester, particularly his support for an undergraduate business program named in Florescue’s honor.

“Barry’s more than two decades of support have made a lasting impact and have been recognized over the years on campus,” Seligman said. “His extensive philanthropy will be a meaningful part of his legacy, including his devoted work with the Florescue Family Foundation and other charitable organizations. His impact will be felt on campus and throughout many other communities for years to come.”

As a business leader, Florescue is credited with transforming the struggling food services company Horn & Hardart into a prominent corporation, taking the company within a decade to $700 million in sales and $150 million in net worth. He also served as chairman of the board and CEO of Century Financial Group and CEO of the hotel amenity company Marietta.

At the time of his death, Florescue was chairman of the board and president of BMD Management Company, a privately owned business that manages more than 30 commercial real estate properties in Florida, Colorado, New York, and Utah.

In addition to his service as a trustee and member of several board committees, Florescue served on the Flaum Eye Institute Advisory Board and the Simon Executive Advisory Committee and was cochair of the Florida Campaign Cabinet.

As an undergraduate, Florescue earned a business degree at Rochester from a program that was retired in 1972. At the time, the Simon School—then the School of Business Administration—turned its focus to graduate studies.

In the early 2010s, when the University relaunched an initiative in undergraduate business education as a partnership between Simon and Arts, Sciences & Engineering, Florescue provided key financial support to the newly created major.

In recognition of his generosity, including additional support for scholarships and fellowships for students, the major was named the Barry Florescue Undergraduate Business Degree Program.

Florescue told Rochester Review in 2011 that he hoped the program would prepare students for success. “When I learned that the University was considering reestablishing the business major that I pursued as an undergraduate, I knew this was an important area of the dynamic curriculum that was worth supporting,” he said. “I am pleased to be a part of this new program, knowing that it will prepare our students to become successful players in the world of business.”

Charlie Miersch ’78(MBA), a former senior associate dean at Simon, said Florescue was an esteemed colleague and long-time friend who loved his country and the opportunities it represented.

“His courage, drive, and business acumen served as inspiration to me and many others,” Miersch said. “Having known Barry for over 30 years, I can attest to his commitment to the University and undergraduate business in particular. As a scholarship recipient himself, he wanted future generations to have the same opportunities he did. His generosity and vision made that possible.”

—SCOTT HAUSER
Jack Keil ’44: ‘The Funniest Man I Ever Knew’

I first met Jack Keil ’44 when I went to the University in 1941. I left to serve during the war and graduated with the Class of ’47. In 1942, Jack was called into the Air Force, where he had a heroic career flying European missions over the oil fields and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his services as a bombardier navigator. He came back to the University to graduate with his class.

After the war, we were both in New York City. Jack had wanted to be an actor but ended up working for an advertising agency, and I worked in publishing. We had mutual friends, but we didn’t really get to know one another well until we were both University trustees and were appointed to the Library Trustee Visiting Committee, which became the Libraries’ Advisory Council. For a time, we chaired the committee together.

We were both very interested in the library. Both of us grew up in Rochester, and we were commuting students. We didn’t have any home on campus except the library, so we knew every inch of that place: the stacks, the study rooms, the reference room, the lounges, everything. We felt very warmly toward it.

When the University began its Campaign for the ’90s, we were concerned that the library didn’t have a prominent place in the budget, and that computers were giving people the idea that books and journals didn’t have much of a future.

Jack and I felt that the libraries needed some protection and promotion, so we went on a missionary journey for the libraries, with the support of four administrations over the years. They tolerated us at first and supported us as we went along for more than 20 years. With the help of past library deans Ron Dow and Susan Gibbons, we tried to keep the library as the center of the campus—which it was and which we believe it should be and continues to be under Mary Ann Mavrinac.

Jack, who died in August at his home in Vermont, loved the work we did at the library, and he and his wife, Barbara, endowed a position, the John M. and Barbara Keil University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian. First held by Nancy Erich Martin ’65, ’94 (MA), the position is occupied now by Melissa Mead.

Jack was one of the funniest men I have ever known. He was a performer, and he was good. He used to re-enact routines from the radio show Vic and Sade, and later, Bob and Ray. My wife, Janet, and I used to travel with him and Barbara. Once we were in a little airport down in the Caribbean, sitting in a coffee shop. Jack jumped up on a table, dancing and singing the Toyota jingle. He worked at the ad agency Dancer Fitzgerald Sample, where he was the creative director, and they’d just gotten the Toyota account. And then he sang the Coa Puffs song. And then he sat down again, and people didn’t know what to make of it. But that was Jack, and he’d do that any time, any place.

He once called me in my office and said the Ad Council wanted Dancer Fitzgerald Sample to do a public service campaign about crime. He invented the character of McGruff, the Crime Dog, and came up with McGruff’s signature phrase, “Take a Bite out of Crime.” He himself was the voice of McGruff for years. He loved doing it, and he kept doing it right up into his 80s.


A big-time jazz fan, Jack sang for years with a jazz combo at an inn in Saxons River, Vermont. He knew the words to everything. Even in his last days, he would go on Friday nights to join them. They loved it, and they played at his funeral.

He was always full of ideas, full of life, and saw fun in everything.

—ANDREW NEILLY ’47

AS TOLD TO KATHLEEN MCGARVEY

Neilly was the president, CEO, and vice chairman of the board of publisher John Wiley & Sons in New York City prior to his retirement in 1995. With Keil, Neilly helped raise $10 million for the libraries. He and his wife also established the position of Andrew H. and Janet Dayton Neilly Dean of River Campus Libraries. Janet had the idea of a lecture series to bring the town and the campus together, and their endowed fund supports the Neilly Series Lectures, a public lecture series sponsored by the River Campus Libraries.