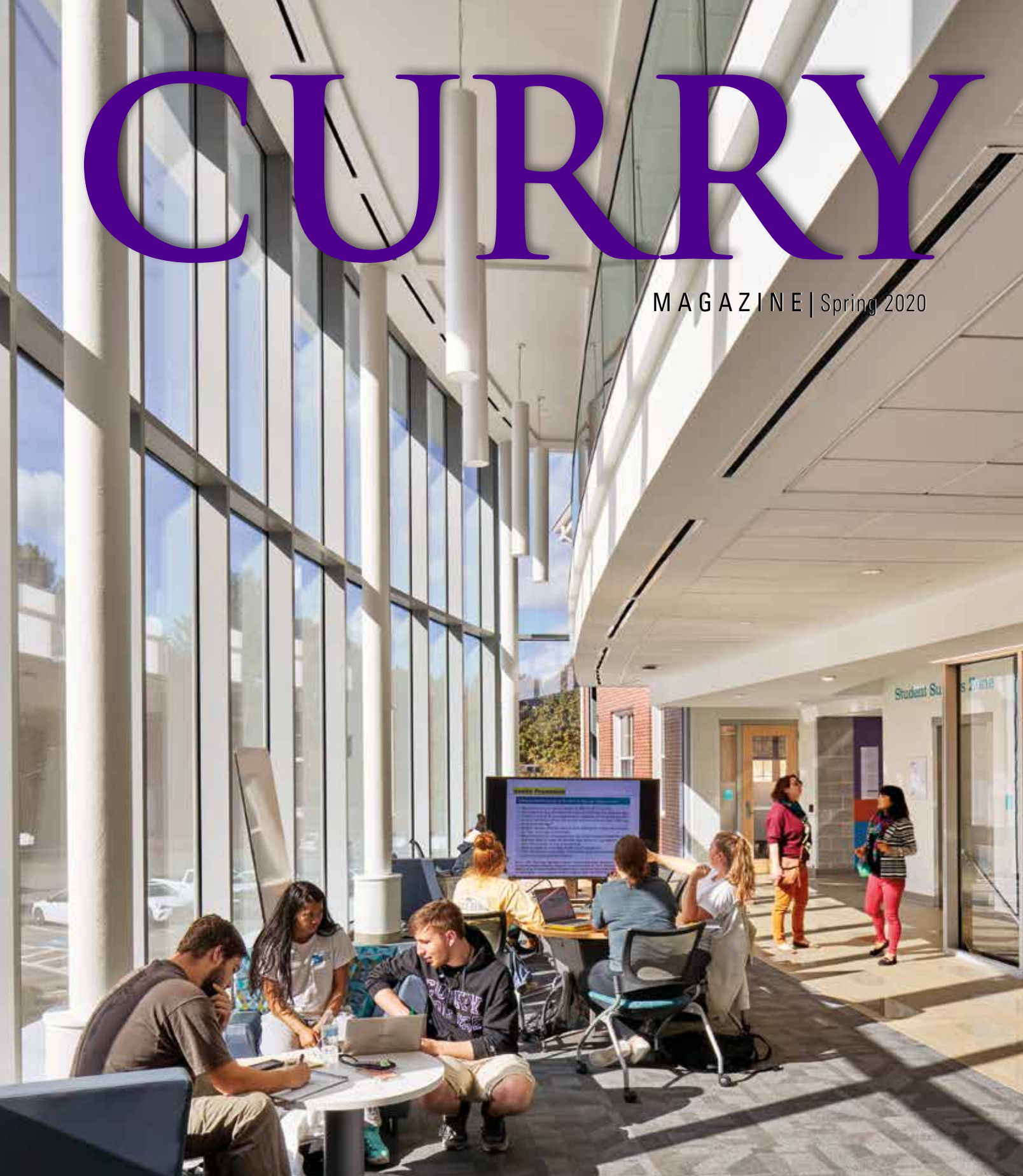


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## FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT QUIGLEY



As we prepare to conclude the 2019-2020 academic year, there's no doubt that Curry College is very much a college on the move. Our commitment to strategic planning and the concerted efforts of all members of our community to fulfill our mission for student success have inspired us and ensured that we continue to advance and improve.

In this issue of *Curry Magazine*, I invite you to learn more about the many ways in which our College has grown better and stronger. You'll read about innovative academic programs like our new Forensic Science and Sport and Recreation Management majors and our enhanced Graphic Design major and minor, as well as about new partnerships, like our membership in the Boston Advanced Academic Consortium along with six other colleges.

At Curry, we strive to build not only a culture, but also a campus that supports our academic community and our students in every way possible. This fall, we celebrated the opening of our new 36,500 square foot Learning Commons, featuring the state-of-the-art Science and Research Center, designed to move our students and our College forward by providing the space and tools to facilitate our approach to teaching, learning and meaningful outcomes. You'll also read about other transformative facilities, such as our new home for men's and women's ice hockey, the Canton Ice House.

Our PAL program, this year celebrating 50 years of excellence in education for our outstanding students with learning differences, is one of the vital ways

in which Curry fulfills its mission to support the unique strengths of every student. In this issue, read an interview with Program Director Dr. Laura Vanderberg, and learn more about PAL's history, as well as its bright future exploring neurodiverse learning and using technology to support the innovative delivery of programs and services, all in the name of current and future student success.

That success is always first and foremost in our endeavors, and we strive to provide an environment in which students can thrive, at an institution with which our alumni, parents and friends are proud to engage for a lifetime. As Commencement approaches, I know that our entire community joins me in celebrating the achievement of our graduates and wishing them even greater success in the bright futures for which Curry has prepared them.

Congratulations to our soon-to-be graduates and their families, and best wishes to all of our alumni, who we are so proud of and grateful for.

*Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr.*  
Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr.  
President, Curry College

## Expanding the Academic Portfolio: New Programs

As an important initiative in the *Vision in Action 2018-2022 Strategic Plan*, Curry continues to add to its robust roster of academic programs, including new undergraduate majors leading to exciting future career paths:

**FORENSIC SCIENCE**

An interdisciplinary program that blends the sciences with curriculum from criminal justice and psychology, the Forensic Science major prepares graduates for careers in crime science or lab technology, including specialized areas like crime scene investigation, Forensic DNA, Forensic chemistry, trace evidence, firearms examination, questioned document, fingerprints, arson, and drug analysis. [curry.edu/Forensics](http://curry.edu/Forensics)

**SPORT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT**

Housed within Curry's Business department, the new major offers unique management, marketing, and strategy curriculum to help students succeed in the businesses of sport and recreation. The career-focused program will prepare graduates to be critical thinkers, interdisciplinary in their approach, and capable of effectively managing and marketing sport and recreation enterprises across an array of markets. [curry.edu/SportandRec](http://curry.edu/SportandRec)

**GRAPHIC DESIGN**

A newly enhanced Graphic Design major and minor led by Curry's Fine and Applied Arts Department is beginning Fall 2020. In addition to the introduction of seven new studio courses, program enrichments will include improved lab resources and a greater emphasis on emerging design technology, ensuring that students are industry-ready and fully prepared to compete in the design field. [curry.edu/GraphicDesign](http://curry.edu/GraphicDesign)

**SIX MINORS BEGAN IN FALL 2019:**

- Creative Writing
- Cybersecurity
- Forensic Science
- Law and Society
- Science Education (Grades 5-8)
- STEM Education (Grades 1-6)

Graduate and Continuing Education programs also continue to grow with a Master's of Science in Accounting, as well as two new 5th Year options, an MBA and a Master's in Criminal Justice.



We are very pleased to be expanding our academic portfolio at the College, partially because this increases our competitive advantage in the higher education marketplace, but most importantly, because it enables us to offer our students as many opportunities as possible here at Curry to learn, grow and ultimately go on to successful future careers," says Provost David Szczerbacki. "We're proud of the progress we have made, and there's much more to come."

## College Partnerships Provide Pathways to Success

This year, the College forged partnerships with several leading area institutions, designed to benefit current and future Curry students in a variety of ways.

As members of the newly formed Boston Advanced Academic Consortium, Curry and undergraduate students from the seven partner colleges can now enroll in graduate courses at UMass Boston during their senior year and then complete their master's degree on a rapid timeline.

A partnership with New England Law Boston provides preferred admission for Curry graduates seeking to enroll in law school, just as one with Regis College does for its Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (MACP) program.

"These partnerships benefit Curry students financially, in that incentives are provided for admissions such as waived application fees, or

scholarships. But they also benefit them logistically, making their graduate application process as easy as possible, or in the case of UMass Boston, accelerating their graduate studies. This will provide our students with clear pathways to pursue their future educational and career goals," says Michael Bosco, assistant vice president for academic affairs.

Moreover, Curry has also entered into agreements with Quincy College (for Criminal Justice), Massasoit Community College (for RN-BSN), and Milton Public Schools (for all Continuing Education programs) to allow graduates (and in the case of MPS, employees) of those institutions preferred admission to Curry for Graduate and Continuing Education.



"We are deeply committed to our mission of educating students to engage in meaningful careers and active citizenship, and we are pleased and proud to provide students from our partner schools these opportunities to advance their careers with us," says Curry College President Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr.

## Psychology Professor Dr. Ann Marie Leonard-Zabel Appointed Global Goodwill Ambassador

Dr. Ann Marie Leonard-Zabel has been selected as a Global Goodwill Ambassador (GGA) and designated a "Humanitarian" for her dedication to volunteerism, service, and teaching. Through LinkedIn, the GGA is a social initiative that works to recognize individuals leading global humanitarian work. The program includes roughly 10,000 ambassadors worldwide.

"It has always been a dream of mine to continue to assist others globally and make a difference," said Leonard-

Zabel. "I am grateful to the GGA leadership for this appointment and welcoming me into the GGA family."

Both in the U.S. and across the globe, Leonard-Zabel has led volunteer work advocating for children and youth on autism awareness, learning disabilities, and addiction and mental health, among many other subjects. Through the GGA, she has plans to incorporate a new child abuse prevention program within her school psychological services course. Curry students will be trained in a new "My Body is My

Body" awareness campaign that empowers children ages three to 10 to set personal boundaries and recognize inappropriate behavior through a series of songs. The program was created by a fellow Global Goodwill Ambassador and is presented in more than 200 countries around the world. Beyond the new course, Leonard-Zabel hopes her passion for service is infectious among students. "I am so proud of all my students' efforts. I try to instill in each student that volunteerism is a gift to give others who need us the most."

## College Welcomes New Faculty

The Curry community welcomed 18 new faculty members to campus for the 2019-2020 academic year. They are enthusiastic and ready to empower our students to excel, dedicating themselves to success inside and outside the classroom.



**Dr. Michelle Brimecombe**  
Assistant Professor, Business Management

**Johanna Burgess**  
Assistant Professor, Levin Library

**Doreen Callaghan**  
Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Jeffrey Carson**  
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice and Sociology

**Dr. Amy Clemens**  
Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Amanda Crabb**  
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice and Sociology

**Nina Hofman**  
Assistant Professor, Communication

**Dr. Karen Hussar**  
Assistant Professor, Psychology

**Dr. Dan Katz**  
Assistant Professor, Science and Mathematics

**Dr. Rebecca Cudmore Kendall**  
Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice and Sociology

**Julie Martini**  
Assistant Professor, Fine and Applied Arts

**Dr. Kathy McDonough**  
Assistant Professor, Education

**Dr. Nicole Parsons**  
Assistant Professor, PAL

**Dr. Michael Paul**  
Assistant Professor, Science and Mathematics

**Dr. Robert Polewan**  
Assistant Professor, Psychology

**Alison Poor-Donahue**  
Associate Professor, Fine and Applied Arts

**Julianne Walsh**  
Assistant Professor, School of Nursing

**Dr. Sasha Yampolsky**  
Assistant Professor, PAL

## Curry's Plymouth Campus: Celebrating 25 Years

1994-1995

Located in the lower level of a lawyer's building

- One graduate and two undergraduate degree programs
- Three classrooms
- One computer workstation

2019-2020

Located at 20 North Park Avenue

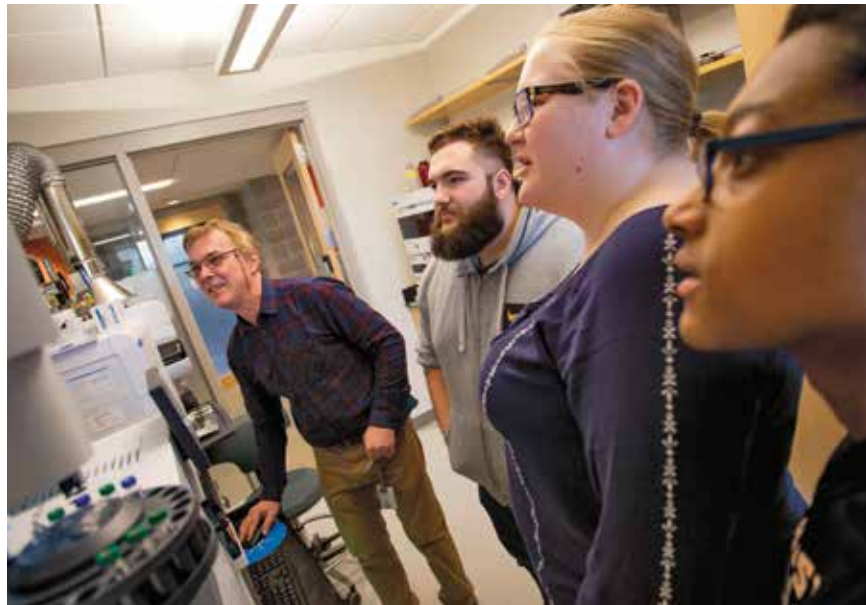
- 11 degree programs (including Accelerated Nursing Program ACCEL)
- 10 classrooms
- Computers, smartphones and laptops abound

Partnerships with transfer colleges, including Cape Cod Community College, Quincy College, Massasoit Community College and Roxbury Community College

Hybrid learning models blending in-classroom lectures with online learning

More than 2,000 graduates

## New Analytical Technology Incites New Era of Research at Curry



The Science and Research Center in the Learning Commons is now home to a series of new state-of-the-art analytical instruments that will allow students to uniquely identify and quantify organic compounds at the part-per-billion level, which is equivalent to measuring one drop of ink in a giant tanker truck.

Supported by a gift from the George I. Alden Trust, the Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GC-MS) and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer (NMR) are two of the new instruments that will allow students to isolate and identify organic molecules, practicing the same type of data analysis led by chemists and biochemists in the field. Students studying chemistry, biochemistry, biology, public health, nursing, and other related disciplines will now have access to state-of-the-art technology to perform experiments as part of the College's laboratory teaching curriculum.

"The technology represented by these new instruments is routinely used today for medical research, pharmaceutical product development, or in forensic labs for trace analysis," says Dr. Sandor Kadar, lecturer in the department of science and mathematics. "After graduating, it is likely that students will encounter one or more of these technologies in the industry or graduate or medical school."

The new technology will support both the undergraduate science curriculum and independent research projects. Led by Kadar and Dr. Marie Turner, professor of chemistry, **Dylan Saraiva '21** is among a group of students

conducting new research using the GC-MS to analyze the chemical components of electronic cigarette products. Preliminary data from the research indicates as many as 100 compounds in sample vaping products, nearly twice the amount published by tobacco companies. "This research is important because I think it's shocking how many teenagers are using these products without really knowing what is in them or the potential danger they cause," says Saraiva.

The research this new technology makes possible is only beginning, and Kadar anticipates conclusions will follow a comprehensive, multi-year research analysis. Ultimately, he hopes, the findings will present new opportunities for students to speak at conferences or publish in an academic journal. "Publishing research is rarely seen at the undergraduate level."

As a senior, **Jason Truong '20** won't be at Curry to see the research through to its completion but is working hard this semester to establish the sample method that other students will reproduce moving forward. "It's interesting to experiment with the different methods. If something didn't work, we work to find out why and try a different approach next time. I've had to invest myself wholly in the project, and it's been a great experience."

For Kadar, it's that exposure to the trial and error of the scientific method that is invaluable. "In science education, it is imperative that students are given a chance to participate in authentic, meaningful research beyond the 'cookbook' experiment model. These new instruments are yet one more way we are making that possible at Curry."

## Honors Program Hosts 'Suitcase Stories' Showcasing the Immigrant Experience

The Curry College Honors Program partnered with the International Institute of New England (IINE) on October 15 to host Suitcase Stories, a live performance series featuring foreign and U.S.-born Curry students and community members sharing refugee and immigrant experiences.



Darren Deng '19 shares his story.

One by one, brave storytellers from the First-Year Honors seminar and beyond stood to tell their stories. At times comical, horrifying, vulnerable, and inspiring, the personal narratives brought to life what it means to be an immigrant in the U.S. today.

To fend off schoolyard taunts, Polish-born sisters **Bella '23** and **Lilly Turner '23** were compelled to Google "how to not talk funny." Today Bella and Lilly have reconnected with their bi-lingual heritage and have a deep curiosity about languages of all kinds.

When **Darren Deng '19** moved to the U.S. from China, he mistakenly tried out for the high school football team, confusing the uniquely American sport

with soccer. He eventually became a defensive back for the Colonels.

These details are among the many that, when taken together, create an authentic personal view of refugee and immigrant experiences. Much of the First-Year Honors seminar, "Influence of Culture," includes reading and discussing autobiographical material, using the storytelling modality to learn about culture. But there is nothing like hearing the details of a peer's experience to make a lasting impression.

"We want to engage students with authentic experiences, real people, telling their real stories. It animates the issues we're talking about. It brings them alive," says Honors Program Director and Associate Professor of Communication, Jayson Baker.

When Carlos DaSilva landed at Logan Airport in the early 1970s, "There was white powder on the ground! I had no winter jacket. I wanted to go home to Brazil on the next plane!" Now a member of the Hingham School Committee, DaSilva is a Suitcase Story storyteller and a candidate for Plymouth County Commissioner.

Growing up, Christian Ko, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist at IINE, rarely felt like he belonged. A classmate once said to him, "You're



We want them to realize that this is the real world," adds Baker. "And if they're going to be business leaders, they need to be able to work across cultural differences."

a strange-looking Mexican, but do you want to be my lab partner?" This interaction was typical for Ko, who was born in Guatemala to Taiwanese immigrants. It's also what passed for "fitting in" in a Texas middle school. But, as Ko says, fitting in and belonging are not the same.

"Storytelling is the fastest way to connect," says Cheryl Hamilton, Director of Suitcase Stories at IINE, the region's oldest immigrant and refugee resettlement nonprofit. "You're experiencing human themes that we all have in common, like fear, hope, or love. It allows all of us to engage with these issues intimately when you're hearing the story unfold in front of you."

**Erin Cullinane '23** and **Mackenzie Vieira '23**, and Suitcase Story storyteller, Aline Binyungo, also told harrowing and at times humorous tales of their immigrant experiences.

## Human + Machine: Google Executive Addresses Business Students on Digital Marketing



“Machine learning won’t figure out what questions to ask.”

That quote, which appeared in Don Batsford, Jr.’s coffee as foam art one morning, describes something integral to Google’s mission as the most visited website in the world, to “organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful.” As Head of Industry at Google, it’s Batsford’s job to ask the right questions to translate data into profit for Google’s largest and most sophisticated advertisers.

On March 2, he shared his thoughts on “Marketing in the Age of Digital Assistance” with Curry students, faculty, and staff. Batsford was hosted on campus as part of the Business Management department’s Signature Business Speaker Series.

Batsford has been at Google since 2014, initially as an Industry Manager/Senior Account Executive, until 2018, when he became Head of Industry. With over 20 years of

marketing and advertising experience, including founding two digital agencies (31 Media and MAQQ), he currently leads the Digital Marketing Experts, Data Analysts, and Media Specialists teams at Google. Partnering with Chief Marketing Officers of advertisers, he and his teams help grow their businesses across a range of products.

Dr. Shavindrie Cooray, Associate Professor of Business Management and organizer of the event, welcomed Batsford to Curry. “This is a great opportunity for our students to hear from an industry leader.”

The theme of machine learning (ML), in which computer systems “learn” from patterns and inferences in data to perform better, was key to Batsford’s talk. He described the current technological and social moment as the “Age of Assistance” in which consumers are more “curious, demanding and impatient” than ever before. Using examples from actual Google search data, he illustrated a 2020 culture in which consumers expect to have personalized responses to their every query literally at their fingertips on their smartphones, and in which a brand’s “ability to leverage data to anticipate their needs will define its ability to grow.”

Google’s philosophy of not “Human v. machine,” but rather “Human + Machine,” in which the marriage of data with human insights is the key to success, was illustrated by the ways in which the company uses marketing

automation to customize information to each consumer as an individual.

Batsford’s talk was followed by a lively Q&A with students, in which questions ranged from cloud-based work and privacy concerns to the future of retail and challenges for small businesses in the information-rich marketplace. To a query about the future of computer science jobs and the value of learning to code for this generation of students, Batsford replied:

“I can’t tell you what your job will be, but I can tell you that there will be computers, and there will be people. If I tell you to get really good at computers and get really good at people, I know I won’t be steering you wrong.”

“I was impressed not just with the speaker, but also with our students since they asked such relevant and intelligent questions,” says Professor Cooray.

Student attendees also appreciated Batsford’s insight. **Joshua Goldstein ’21**, Business Management major/MIS minor and President of the Business Students Association (BSA) who helped to organize the event, says, “It was fascinating to learn from an industry leader how digital marketing is changing with the implementation of machine learning and artificial intelligence. It was a real treat to hear Mr. Batsford speak on campus, an invaluable educational and networking experience for students to learn from such an esteemed business leader in the technology sphere.”

## Jalen Campbell ’18 Publishes Article in Undergraduate Research Journal



In February, research led by Jalen Campbell ’18 was published in the undergraduate research journal, *Gettysburg Social Sciences Review*, a feat that began during his sophomore year at Curry.

“It’s a testament to Jalen’s perseverance,” says Dr. Grant Burrier, associate professor of international relations. Dr. Burrier mentored Campbell and four other politics and history students in an independent research seminar during the fall of 2016. “He could have stopped his research project at any point after our seminar ended, but he instead seized every opportunity to push himself and the research further, even revising multiple drafts after he graduated.”

Campbell’s journal article, “Political Gridlock: The Ongoing Threat to American Democracy,” presents quantitative research on the legislative

implications of a stalemate between opposing political parties and argues for constitutional reforms. “I wanted to know what factors prevent the U.S. government from passing important legislation on central issues, such as racial inequality or climate change, which ultimately led to focus my research on political gridlock.”

In the spring of 2018, Campbell was one of a small group of Curry students selected to present in Chicago at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, the nation’s largest annual gathering of political scientists. “The students had the opportunity to see a professional conference, network, and collect feedback on their work from peers in the field,” adds Burrier.

Dr. Burrier says the opportunity for Curry students to lead research alongside faculty mentors is fundamental to delivering on the College’s mission. “As faculty, we strive to channel their passions and encourage them to dig deeper,” he says.



I’m grateful to the Politics and History department at Curry for their amazing faculty that helped through all the steps along the way to becoming published.”

“With independent research projects in politics and history, our students hone their skills but are also able to directly witness how their classroom content applies to real-world problems. Simultaneously, we are preparing them for the professional world.”

Campbell agrees Dr. Burrier’s mentorship played a crucial role in helping him become published. “I’m grateful to the Politics and History department at Curry for their amazing faculty that helped through all the steps along the way to becoming published,” he says. “It was through the teaching and encouragement of Dr. Burrier, and others at Curry that I was able to accomplish this great achievement.”

Today, Campbell is working for two museums: Eustis Estates, a historical museum in Milton, and the Museum of Science in Boston. He plans to begin new research projects and will pursue a Ph.D. in American Politics at Boston College, Syracuse University, or Temple University. Campbell aspires to become a professor or academic researcher and, ultimately, a politician.



## State-of-the-Art Ice House Now Home to Curry Hockey

A new state-of-the-art sports complex featuring two NHL-sized ice rinks is now home to the Curry Men's Ice Hockey team. Located seven miles from the Milton campus, the newly constructed Canton Ice House (CIH) is the premiere skating facility for the area's largest youth hockey programs.

The Colonels played their 2019-20 season home opener at the top-of-the-line facility with a win over the Endicott Gulls. Curry's hockey community can now cheer on the team from stadium-style seating or enjoy a full-menu café on the mezzanine level, which overlooks both rinks. The Canton Ice House also features a pro shop, a game room, and two

indoor golf simulators. Curry shares the private rink with other local elite hockey and figure skating programs that include Canton youth and high school teams and regional Women's and Men's leagues totaling more than 35 games and roughly 100 practices each week. The Ice House also hosts regional hockey tournaments and figure skating competitions in addition to offering public skating and hockey lessons.

Director of Athletics Vinnie Eruzione said "The Canton Ice House is a top-notch facility and will be a tremendous arena for our players and coaches along with our students, alumni, and friends to watch our Colonels in action. The new rink has also allowed the College

to add an NCAA Division III women's ice hockey program in 2021."

Head Coach TJ Manastersky agrees. "We're thrilled to make the Canton Ice House our new home," he said. "It will provide an elevated and unmatched training and playing environment for our players while also giving our students, friends, families, and alumni a superior home game experience. This move signals a continued commitment to hockey from Curry, and I am grateful for the opportunity. We look forward to building on our proud history and tradition in our new home and establishing new relationships in the Ice House and the community of Canton."

On December 7, a celebration of Curry Hockey's new home was hosted at the Ice House by Curry College Trustees **Robert E. Balletto '79** and **Hon. Anthony M. Campo '79**. In a doubleheader game day, Curry Hockey Alumni took on Boston Bruins Alumni, followed by the Curry Colonels vs. the nationally ranked Salve Regina Seahawks (tied 4-4 after two overtimes, and won by the Colonels with a 1-0 shootout goal by sophomore **Alex Ochterbeck**). The Colonels/Seahawks game also featured the sixth annual Teddy Bear Toss, where new teddy bears are tossed onto the ice when the Colonels score their first goal of the game. Donations benefit local hospitals, shelters, and other charity organizations. The Teddy Bear Toss was facilitated this year by the KJ10 Foundation, in honor of former Colonels Hockey captain **Kevan Joyce '90**, whose family were in attendance, with daughter **Kaitlyn Joyce '19** performing the National Anthem for both games.

A reception for alumni and friends was held in Curry's new private viewing room at the Canton Ice House. President Quigley celebrated this step forward and thanked all who helped make the move possible.

"Curry Hockey's new home demonstrates our commitment to our students, our players, and the broader Curry community," he said. "Today's event also celebrates the support and leadership of Curry's Hockey community. The people joining us today, as well as those who couldn't be here, are one of Curry's strongest examples of camaraderie and dedication. Today belongs to you – for what you have done for the school, for each other, and each generation of players."



## College Adds Women's Ice Hockey Starting Fall 2021

Curry College will add women's ice hockey as its newest varsity athletic program to compete in the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) beginning in the 2021-22 academic year.

The Commonwealth Coast Conference will assume the operation of the Colonial Hockey Conference and sponsor women's ice hockey as a championship sport starting in 2020-21. Curry joins seven other schools - Becker College, Endicott College, Nichols College, Salve Regina University, Suffolk University, the University of New England, and Western New England University

– in the renamed league. A national search for head coach is underway.

Curry joins nearly 70 schools nationwide currently fielding women's hockey teams at the Division III level. The number includes several members of the CCC, where all Curry athletic teams compete. Women's hockey is becoming one of the fastest-growing collegiate sports in the world. USA Hockey's women's registration in 2017-18 was nearly 6.5 times greater than the growth in men's registrations. Curry is the latest institution to join this trend in this ever-growing game.



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1 October 2019 Softball Alumni Game. 2 At the annual Colonels Football Golf Outing, L to R: Mark Peach '00, John Marshall '00, Jason Ouellette '99, and Rance Cooley. 3 Colonels Hockey Golf Outing 2019, L to R: William Dooley '78, Richard "Dick" Lancaster, Jr. '80, Wade Keats '79. 4 Alicia (Viscomi) Williams '09 addresses students as the keynote speaker at Convocation 2019. 5 Jeremy Hmura '09 educates Experiential Education students on personal finance. 6 Susan Meagher '79 mentors women business majors about careers in investment management. 7 Alumni Day at Fenway Park. 8 Marybeth Hemenway and Alex Mager '92 take a selfie at the 21 Club Reception in New York City. 9 Chloe Ferrarone '14 speaks at the Fall Communication Internship Seminar Dinner. 10 The Pezeshkan family welcomes Curry alums in Naples Bay. L to R: F. Fred (former trustee), Stephanie, and Alexander '04. 11 The Lennon family hosts the Curry College Reception in Delray Beach. L to R: Nathan, J. Timothy '90, Timothy, and John (former trustee).





2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the Program for Advancement of Learning (PAL) at Curry College. PAL Director Dr. Laura Vanderberg shares her passion for supporting students with learning differences, what inspires her work, and how she continues to adopt the legacy of Dr. Gertrude M. Webb.

# Learning Differently

By Lynda Curtis

## Did you always see yourself in education?

No. Though I come from a long line of educators, and everyone my whole life told me that I too would be a teacher, I always refused. ‘No, I won’t; I’m going to be a doctor.’ Now, I am a teacher and a doctor, and that stems from my parents and grandparents, who demonstrated a core commitment to learning and development as well as the inclusivity of people who are different. My brother is also a big inspiration for me. He has dyslexia and attention deficit disorder; he is gifted and talented in engineering, mathematics and art, but was misunderstood as a student in a society that didn’t yet have the knowledge or science to understand him. This scientific inquiry became very important to my family. I, too, went on to study cognition, to learn about how we think. For me, it’s the whole realm of thinking that’s interesting. Typical thinking is relatively predictable and unfolds expectedly. It’s the thinking that is different that is the most exciting.

## Speaking of excitement. What excites you about your work at Curry?

I am excited every day to see my students try something new and to take risks. It’s the heart of what we do. We witness our students walk through an incredible journey of self-discovery. They often know from a

young age that things are happening differently for them. They describe being in the classroom as if they are at a magic show. They look around and see people reading, for example. That’s magical, and it’s not happening for them. They think, ‘how do I make that magic happen?’ With our program, students are finally feeling known and accepted for thinking the way they do. I’m excited to be a part of that ‘magic’ that is happening at PAL every day.

## How does PAL uniquely guide students through their self-discovery?

With the legacy of our founder, Dr. Gertrude Webb, PAL created a unique metacognitive model that asks students to think about how they think. For instance, we’re not teaching them to read. We’re teaching them how they read and empowering students to be agents of their learning. Now, we’re integrating that model with technology with our assistive technology curriculum, the iPAL program, and we’ve seen great success with our students as a result. They are understanding how they learn how to learn through technology.

## Apple and the assistive technology industry have highly regarded the iPAL program. Are educators moving toward this digital learning model?

The technology is here, and the students use it every day. It’s our job to

tap into that to support learning and to guide students to be critical users. With our iPAL program, we flipped the traditional higher educational model, in that our students are co-owners of the curriculum. The mobile platform has allowed the faculty and students to learn collaboratively in real-time, and we’re seeing student growth in cognition, learning, and leadership. We recently presented on iPAL at the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) 2020 annual conference, and many attendees are interested in exploring mobile platforms as valuable educational and assistive technology tools.

## What’s next for you and PAL?

We want to do more to disseminate our work in the field to help influence how others adopt their approaches to working with students with learning differences. We’re also exploring new programming on Universal Design for Learning at Curry, where PAL students become mentors and leaders *because* they have disabilities and learning differences, not *despite*. More than anything, I want to continue to see my students go on and use what they’ve learned in PAL in their careers. It’s that impact on lifelong learning that is the legacy of the program and Dr. Webb.



▶ Common space in the Science and Research Center on the 2nd floor.

# SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT: The Learning Commons

By Michelle Adams O'Regan

In the late 1800s, Samuel Silas Curry wrote: "The mission of the School [is to] show you what you are. It will train you to use your power . . . It will bring you into touch with your fellow-men so that you can show them the life that stirs in you."

Though Curry was addressing one of the School's earliest cohorts, his inspiring words are as relevant to today's students as they were over 130 years ago. And perhaps nowhere else on campus is that vision better exemplified than within the gleaming glass façade of the brand new Learning Commons, featuring the Science and Research Center.

The class of 2023 will be the first to experience the 36,500 square foot facility as an integral part of their College experience. The building, which opened in phases throughout 2019, provides extensive collaborative space and centralized academic and student support services, not to mention state-of-the-art labs, learning tools and resources...and a Starbucks. With an emphasis on collaboration and student success, the Learning Commons is designed to ensure that today's Curry students live out their founder's mission on a campus that supports them.

The building was conceived as part of the College's current Strategic Plan, *Vision in Action: A Focus on Student and Institutional Success*, to develop campus facilities aligned with the College's mission.

According to Edutopia, the educational foundation created by innovative and award-winning filmmaker George Lucas, a learning commons is conceptually a physical learning hub for the academic community, spatially designed to encourage teachers and students to collaborate, communicate, and share. Students interact with content, technology, the space, and each other; all learning styles and levels are accommodated; and the maximization of potential is a defining feature...just as Samuel Silas Curry envisioned for Curry College itself.

The planning process, which took place over the course of two years, drew on feedback and collaboration with the entire community, including faculty, staff, members of the Board of Trustees, and especially students. At the opening of the second phase of the facility last fall, President Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr. thanked students for their involvement, saying "it was the students who understood the need and drove the vision for The Learning Commons as a place where learning



The vision for of the Strategic Plan is firmly focused on student success,” says Susan W. Pennini, Vice President of Institutional Planning. “There are so many ways we can use our human, financial and physical resources, but from our research we knew how we could best leverage them to support the success of our students. We knew we had to find a way to bring together all of the student academic support services into one place; we also knew we needed state-of-the-art science labs to support our flagship Nursing program, as well as the sciences which are an area of future growth for the College; and lastly, we knew we needed to up our game around our classrooms to offer rigorous, relevant academic programs of distinction. We needed to have the space, the technology, the furniture that allow faculty and students to have the kind of active learning environment that engages them.”

“It was from all of that information that the Learning Commons was conceptualized. We essentially said ‘What is the biggest impact we can have in this square footage for student success?’ and that informed what the building became. And if that is not, for me, the most poignant example of what strategic planning can do for a campus, I don’t know what another one would be.”

and research have the space and tools to grow. Their contributions added incalculable value to what this building will provide for them, and for Curry students for generations to come.”

**PHASE ONE**

On January 28, 2019, the facility opened in its first phase, encompassing a rebuild of the Science and Research Center building, originally opened on the Academic Quad in 1968.

In the redesigned facility, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology labs are designed to take student experimentation and research to a new level. Along with an enhanced classroom experience, science students now have the advantage of more meaningful one-on-one and small group interactions with faculty members for research projects, preparing them for real-world settings. These new spaces also come

with the tools to support this learning, including the latest in laboratory and data analysis equipment. Curry’s strategic forward focus on the sciences was the key driving force in the development of this new facility.

***This phase included:***

- Active Learning Classrooms
- Advising and Academic Success offices
- Student Collaboration and 24/7 Study Space

***New science labs for:***

- Physics
- Introductory and Organic Chemistry
- Biology and Chemistry Research

**PHASE TWO**

On September 4, 2019, the Learning Commons opened in its second phase, with a new addition to the original building, including an elevated and enclosed walkway to Louis R. Levin Memorial Library.

***This phase included:***

- The Learning Commons Café (serving Starbucks® coffee products)
- The Quantitative Commons to support curricular and co-curricular programming in math, statistics, and quantitative reasoning
- Seminar rooms
- The Writing Center, Speaking Center, Academic Enrichment Center, and Study Away Programs
- Math, Science, and Peer Tutoring
- Assistive Technology Lab
- Disability Services

***New science labs for:***

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Microbiology
- Cell and Molecular Biology
- Faculty offices
- Additional Student Collaboration and 24/7 Study Space



The state-of-the-art Anatomage virtual dissector in the Anatomy and Physiology Lab is of particular interest to science and technology enthusiasts in the Curry community. The human-sized device virtually unlocks mysteries of human anatomy previously only gleaned from the dissection of human cadavers. The tool will be used primarily in anatomy and physiology labs, as well as for forensics and biology courses.



Active Learning Classrooms are designed so that students can work collaboratively while utilizing technology through six television screens; each classroom seats 36 students.

“

The Learning Commons  
is life changing.”

- Rebecca Johnson '22



▶ Common spaces on each floor bring the Curry community together to work, learn and socialize.



▶ State-of-the-art labs provide new opportunities for student/faculty research and learning.

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The Learning Commons is everything we could have hoped for and more. Being in laboratories that are modern and bright and have updated equipment, we then can offer our students modern curriculum, things that are going to prepare them for careers when they leave, whether it's graduate school, medical school or working in a lab environment, all those things are now really at their fingertips.”

- Dr. Stephanie Walker  
Associate Professor, Biochemistry





1 Senior Madison Brooks displays her NCA national champs ring. 2 Wide receiver Gabriel Desouza '23 supports his teammates. 3 Members of the class of 2004 celebrate their 15th reunion. L to R: William Morrison, Leigh Johnston, Rebecca (Gardner) Johnson, President Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr. 4 Admission Ambassadors stand ready to guide alumni and friends through the Learning Commons. 5 The EvvGirl Foundation Charity Hike, a Homecoming tradition. 6 Trustees celebrate the Learning Commons. L to R: Hon. Anthony M. Campo '79, Kathryn M. Sardella '67, M.Ed. '81, W. Patrick Hughes P'96, Dr. Joyce A. Murphy Hon. '99, David K. Hemenway '81, President Kenneth K. Quigley, Jr. 7 Anthony J. Searcy '76 and Ann (Young) Ullmann '76 reconnect at the alumni reception. 8 A future Colonel cheers the team to victory. 9 Greg Estes '19 celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Student Center.



# HIGH STAKES

## Behind the scenes, Golf Channel Director Peter Esposito '88 brings the sport's emotions to the viewer.

By Jana F. Brown



There is a certain tranquility to watching golf on television. The whispered praise for a well-placed shot, the hushed crowds in awe of professional golfers' precision, the perfectly manicured greens cushioning the balls as they land after long flights.

Behind the camera, it's a different story. Because preparation for the optimal viewing experience for those at home is a time-consuming process, planned meticulously by directors and producers so the transmission appears seamless.

One of those responsible for bringing golf to millions of living rooms for the past two decades is **Peter Esposito '88**, Director of Live Tournaments for the

Golf Channel since 1997, two years after the cable news broadcaster debuted its golf-only programming. In the production truck, Esposito is surrounded by a dozen producers and programmers. There are often up to 60 more personnel, spread out over whichever 18-hole golf course is hosting this week's tournament. That includes camera operators, some of whom are standing on platforms, hoisted into the air by 140-foot cranes.

"People are always telling us they had no idea how fast things move and how many people it takes inside a production truck," says Esposito. "Everything is done to optimize the experience for the viewer. Our goal is to bring them the emotion of the event."

As an athlete and Boston sports fan growing up in North Adams, Massachusetts, Esposito at one time had aspirations of being in front of the camera. He recalls practicing his play-by-play skills as a boy and playing sports with his brother, Paul, now a high school hockey coach in Newtown, Connecticut. Peter also played hockey before becoming a referee, and is proud of his 15 handicap in golf. His mother, Marian, still a golfer at 82, was the one who introduced Peter to the game at Taconic Golf Club in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Esposito had an early inkling that a career in sports broadcasting would suit him, and found Curry College perfectly situated near Boston's media activity. In the Communication Department, he found mentors in professors Alan Frank and Bob MacNeil, and his first gig with

the college radio station, WMLN. Internships at WWOR-FM and WLVI-TV followed, including Esposito's first experience interviewing professional athletes from the Boston Red Sox and Celtics.

"A month after I graduated from Curry," says Esposito, "I got a full-time job at ESPN. I can't stress enough how important those internships were for my career."

Over the next six years, Esposito learned the intricacies of the production side of sports broadcasting. He left ESPN at the end of 1994 to join the staff at the fledgling Golf Channel, relocating to Orlando, Florida. Golf has since dominated Esposito's orbit, as he directs tournaments 30 weeks a year. A quick look at his upcoming calendar reveals events in Pebble Beach and Newport, California, two in Florida, and one in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. Over the years, golf has sent Esposito to seven British Opens, two Solheim Cups in Sweden, and countless tournaments in Mexico, Canada, the Caribbean, and beyond. Each venue must be scouted months in advance, whether for the PGA, LPGA, or the developmental Korn Ferry circuit, where aspiring pros play for their PGA Tour cards.

On those site surveys, Esposito drives the golf course with production colleagues to select ideal locations for the announcer's booth, the TV compound, and the more than a dozen cameras that will follow 1.62-ounce dimpled balls – 1.68 inches in diameter – on their journeys around vast acres of fairways, trees, and lakes. For tournament weeks, Esposito and

crew typically arrive on site days in advance for set-up, including driving the course to visualize how the event will present to the television viewers and rehearsing camera angles. Broadcasting golf requires highly specialized knowledge for the cameramen and women, who must anticipate trajectories for each shot so their lenses can follow the action in real time. Every course presents a distinct set of challenges, whether figuring out the best way to showcase the breathtaking views at The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island in South Carolina or catching breaching whales in the background at Hualalai Golf Club in Hawaii.

"Where golf is different than a baseball or basketball game is you have 18 holes as opposed to one court or field," Esposito explains. "In golf, every shot is different, every hole is different. What I love about the sport is that no segment or shot is ever duplicated."

The way he sees it, the vital time for Esposito and crew is the handful of hours each tournament day they are on the air. "It's my job to decide how each shot will look," he says, "when the graphics get put in, which cameras to use."

The mechanics of golf broadcasts must be carefully balanced with the emotional element of the game – the celebratory fist pump after a crucial putt; the tears of joy or sorrow for a missed one; the arm of a caddy embracing the golfer. Esposito considers himself a storyteller first and foremost, anticipating which moments justify multiple cameras, how long to stay on one shot, and understanding the stakes for each golfer.

"In the golf world," he says, "we appreciate how very few players really succeed to the ultimate level, and it's tough to portray to viewers at home that they are grinding for their lives. It can be tough to watch somebody fail. But there are also incredible moments. I get paid to bring that emotion to the viewer at home."

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Photography by Ricky Lee Harrell

## 1947

**June (Schirmer) Buck** worked at two local radio stations for a year or so. She married Robert Buck on New Year's Eve in 1949 and they have four children. She transferred from Massachusetts to Cleveland, to Denver and to Granby, Connecticut. They retired to Nokomis in 1989 and Bob passed away in 2002. June is in the choir at her church and she also visits and writes to shut-ins. She was the head of volunteers for Hartford Symphony for eight years in the 1980s and is still a member and on the Board of Sarasota Music Club, to which she was elected president twice. She is happy to see that Curry has grown way beyond where it started on Commonwealth Ave. and is very proud of Curry's excellent President and achievements.

## 1959

**Lucille Olsen** is an eighty-year old retired elementary school teacher. She would like to be in contact with other Curry grads from the Class of 1959.

## 1960

**Carole (Kriss) Buck** and **Donald Buck** celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on August 12. They are both retired and live in Florham Park, New Jersey and Delray Beach, Florida. They have three children and seven grandchildren. **Peter Warren** is in retirement mode after 58 years of being an active citizen of Harvard, Massachusetts. Peter is now officially retired from the Fire Department, Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Economic Development Committee, Ambulance Study Committee and First Director of the Squad. Along with his wife, **June Warren '60**, he enjoys spending lots of time with their great grandchildren, Deborah and Emma, who live right next door. Unfortunately, another great grandson, Mikey, lives in Florida, so they do not get to see him often. Peter is so very proud of his son, Rob, and grandsons Andrew and Justin, who were able to serve as officers of the Harvard Fire Department while he was the chief. Now, Peter and June enjoy splitting their time between their retirement life in Harvard and their year-round home on Lake Wentworth in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

## 1964

**Jeffrey Helzel** and wife, Judith, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

## 1965

**Barry Epstein** and his wife **Helene (Lieberman) Epstein '64** moved to Boynton Beach, Florida.

**Stephen Perlman** took a Viking Rhine River Cruise on Viking Herja in October 2018.

## 1966

**Richard Statucki** moved from East Hampton, New York to The Villages in Florida in 2017.

**Donna (Solicito) LaBarbera** is a retired teacher.



Recently spotted in Haverhill, Massachusetts, a small gathering of friends from the **Class of 1966** (pictured left to right: **Stan Robbins, Mike O'Grady, and John Lawlor**).

## 1968

**Harold Cohen** is celebrating 50 years as a front-of-house sound engineer at the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair. Mixing the music of Jimi Hendrix playing the Star-Spangled Banner on his guitar was Harold's high point there. In the Woodstock Music film, as well as on records, CDs and DVDs, Harold is referenced by Chip Monk, the festival's Master of Ceremonies, right after a performance of the band Sha Na Na.

**Harvey Glasser** is happily married with three married daughters and six grandkids. Harvey plays golf three to four times a week and loves his life. "Thank you Curry for helping me enjoy retirement years!"

**Toby Marxuach-Gusciora** retired in 2015 from New York City Department of Education after a 25 plus year career. In 2017, he became a Field Consultant for Pace University working with first year teachers in the Teaching Fellows Program.

## 1969

**Lawrence Sporn** retired in January 2019 as Director of Business Tax e-file for the New York City Department of Finance.

**Christopher V. Streit** and his wife **Didi** (formerly **Christine Casey '69**) now reside at the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Florida, but still spend summers in Riverside, Connecticut, where they raised their family. They met during their junior year at Curry and married following graduation in July 1969.

## 1973

**Timothy Garvey** is an associate in the CENTURY 21 Commonwealth Winchester office and was named REALTOR of the Year (2018) by the REALTORS® Commercial Alliance of Massachusetts (RCA-MA).

**Robert C. Thompson, Jr.** is retired and working part time at a museum and botanical garden in Delaware and Florida.

## 1974

**Rick Dalessio** was hired by the Spartans Football team as the offensive backs coach.

## 1975

**Ed and Amy (Shapiro) Kaznocha** met in the Curry Student Union and were married on campus on June 9, 1975, after graduation. Ed retired in 2011 after 33 years of state service as a labor market economist while Amy is a holistic therapist, author and publisher (NewAgeSages.com). Since 2001, they both have enjoyed helping people fill their plant nutrition gaps in evidence-base ways while aiding the environment, as part of a healthy living revolution that offers people a way to be in business for themselves and earn benefits with the Juice Plus/Tower Garden Company. In addition, they have three adult sons and two grandchildren.

**Samuel Savage** opened a business called Superior Technology Solutions with his wife **Debra (Orenberg) Savage '76**, and they celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary.

## 1976

**Stephen Rice** is "semi-retired" but still working as a consultant after a lengthy career in New York.

He worked for the NYS Senate Majority Leader, then as VP/Director of Government Relations/Communications in the banking industry. "Long Live Liberty Hall!"

**Mark Snyder** is the chairman of the Sandwich Finance Committee, Vice-President and a Co-Founder of the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce. He also runs several news sites and fan pages on Facebook, with over 100,000 members, and continues to write weekly columns for Gatehouse Media New England publications *The Stoughton Journal* and *Sandwich Broadside*. Mark also does local reports for WXTK 95.1 FM News department and continues to interview celebrities for PMPNetwork.com.



Mark Snyder pictured with Bobby Orr.



Mark Snyder pictured with Governor Charlie Baker.

## 1977

**Gary Leopold**, President of CP Travel and President and Chairman of the Board of Songwriting With Soldiers, brought together Grammy award-winning singer/songwriters, war veterans, and active service members in a powerful night of music at Nashville's historic War Memorial Auditorium. The one-hour special, which aired October 25 on PBS, included songwriters Radney Foster, Mary Gauthier, Darden Smith, and more.

## 1978

**Jess Farber** had cataract surgery and can practically see Curry from South Florida!

## 1979

**Wade Keats** and his brother **Matt Keats '83**, with Matt's son **Brian Keats '16**, were featured for their leadership of Keats Manufacturing in the July 15 edition of *The Chicago Daily Herald*. The company was started in 1958 by Wade and Matt's father.

# 1981

A group of Curry alumni friends enjoyed a night out at the Boston Garden rocking to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artist, Sir Elton John.



L to R, Front Row: **Betsey (Bartzikis) Forbes '81, Mary (Coleman) Noonan '78, Beth Race, Pat Race '79, Karen (Breen) Moroney '79.** 2nd Row: **Brian Forbes '79, Joe Noonan '79, Tricia (Keating) Cullen '79, Fran Mills '78, Mark Moroney '80.** 3rd Row: **Susan Meagher '79, Cindee (Luca) Dacey '78.**

**Robert Diotalvei** is an Associate Professor of Legal Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Florida, where he was the founding Legal Studies Programs coordinator. He has been a lawyer for over thirty years as a member of the Massachusetts and Florida Bars. He has four degrees and has been published numerous times with over eighty manuscripts in print. Bob was a professional broadcaster for eight years and held managerial positions in radio news ad production. His works have

been published in Southern Methodist University (SMU) School of Law's *Computer Law Review* and *Technology Journal*, *The Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration*, and more. He also serves as an editor for many publications including *The Atlantic Law Journal* and *The British Journal of Social Sciences* and presents at national and regional law-related conferences around the country.

**John Hesslein** was promoted to Vice President and General Manager of CBS, ABC, and FOX affiliate WGGB Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Kathleen May** has been teaching in the Triton Regional School District for almost 20 years.

**Jane (Goldberg) Steckler** is working as a sales representative for WestRock in New York.

# 1982

**Richard Cepulonis** lives in Bloomingdale, New Jersey with his wife, Karen Walters. He is the president of Luretreever Industries, Inc. He invented a device called the "Luretreever," America's premier snagged or lost fishing tackle recovery system. [www.luretreever.com](http://www.luretreever.com)

**James Karamourtopoulos** was Vice President and Commercial Lender for First Ipswich Bank in Ipswich, Massachusetts and is now an Advisor at Hound Software in Boston.

**Bill Robertson** saw his bluegrass musical comedy *Paradise* have a successful run in Los Angeles, and then open to great reviews at the regional Austin Playhouse in Texas.

# 1983

**Jeffrey Larson** is a practicing attorney in Georgia and Massachusetts. His primary areas of practice are criminal defense and personal injury law. He has been married to his beautiful wife, Leeann, for over twenty years, and they have a son, Thomas, and a daughter, Samantha, both of whom they are extremely proud. Jeffrey notes that he "has been away from Curry far too long and needs to return in the very near future."

# 1985

**Rita (Lazzaro) Reali** has returned to her radio roots as news director at 1057 News (WIHG-FM) in Crossville, Tennessee.

**Neil Sherring** has been

nominated by Governor Charlie Baker to serve as an Associate Justice to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Housing Court.

**Jim M. Stapleton** coached the Massasoit Community College basketball team to their first ever NJCAA Championship. Jim has been the head coach for almost twenty years now and has won five state titles and two New England championships. Jim also serves as coach of the women's soccer team.

# 1986

**Marc Coopersmith '86** sent us these great photos of Curry school spirit keeping friends together in Atlanta! Pictured are L to R: **David "Red" Paul '85** (class president) and **Mattie (Porwich) Paul '85, Marc "Coop" Coopersmith '86** (class president), **Sammy Rosenberg '87** (class president), and **Robyn (Hiller) Coopersmith '88.**



**Anton Errington-Wood** worked in the United States for several years after graduating from Curry before moving home to Perth in Western Australia, where he works as a marketing manager.

# 1987



**Paul Clerici** published two new books, *Images of the Modern America: The Boston Marathon* (The History Press) and *Born to Coach: The Story of Bill Squires* (Meyer & Meyer Sport Publisher) in March 2020. A distinguished author, journalist, photographer, runner, speaker and race director, he has run 43 marathons, including the Boston Marathon 23 times, and published four additional books and numerous articles on sports and running. [www.paulclerici.com](http://www.paulclerici.com)

**Catherine (Lane) Lawson** married **Richard Lawson '89** on May 28, 1989.

# 1988

**Karen L. Murphy's** daughter, Kimberly, has had two books published by her kindergarten class for sale only to parents and families. She was also the only teacher at her school to receive a grant for her class.

# 1990

**Sharyn Kazarian** is the Academic Assistant for the Clinical Year at MCPHS University. Sharon works with PA students on their clinical rotations, tracking them through the program and is also in the Manchester-Worcester Physician Assistant Studies Program.

**Michael Yantosca** has been employed at Marsh & McLennan Companies for over twenty years now. Michael has worked in various roles from forming and managing teams within the U.S and India to contributing to multiple projects as an individual contributor on technical projects.

# 1991

**Felix Modestin, Jr.** is teaching and is a sportswriter for ESPN of ABC.

# 1992

**Marc Schwartz** lives in New Jersey and attended Curry from '88 to '89 before transferring. He hopes all is well with his PAL classmates.

# 1993

**Christian Roberts** has moved back to the United States after several years of living and working in Australia, and now resides in Worcester, Massachusetts.

# 1995

**Tim Dailey** left his position as Senior Web Development and Creative Manager for Commonwealth Medicine, a division of UMass Medical School, in 2018 after 12 and a half years, to start a new job at EnterpriseDB in Bedford, Massachusetts as Senior Manager, Digital Experience.

**Michael DiBella** was Vice President of Marketing at IVCi, an innovative collaboration solutions, consultation and services company, and is now Director of Business Development, Enterprise AV at Anixter.

# 1996

**Autumn E. Bunche** started a new job in September 2017, working for the Local Authority as an inclusion team leader in England.

**Rob Hakala** was awarded Best Radio Air Personality by the Massachusetts Broadcasters Association. He is the Program Director 95.9 WATD and host of *The South Shore's Morning News*. Rob is also a traffic reporter for WBZ NewsRadio 1030.

**Constantine T. Papayani** is currently a project manager at SV Microwave in West Palm Beach, Florida.

# 1997

**Sharon J. Petitti Callanan** has two daughters and is currently employed at Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company in Canton as their Senior Accountant.

**Christopher S. Nelson** has been working as an office assistant in the Surgical Oncology Department at the Brigham and Women's Hospital now for 17 years. He loves his job and is working with some great people.

**Calandra Parsons** lives in Asheville, North Carolina and works for *The Wall Street Journal*.



## 1998

**Shumeane Benford** was appointed Boston's new Chief of the Office of Emergency Management.

**Adam Rothenberg** was recently the Senior Facilities Manager at Spotco, one of Broadway's leading ad agencies. He is currently the founder and host of Call Me Adam, an interview website.

## 1999

**Matthew Chant** had a son, William Matthew Chant, who was born January 2, 2018.

## 2000

**Edward Conley** was appointed the new Chief of Police of the Gloucester, Massachusetts Police Department.

**Paul Donovan** was named Superintendent, Bureau of Investigative Services for the Boston Police Department.

**George Juliano**, a Boston Police Department Lieutenant, was honored by the Commission for Social Justice with a 2018 Law Enforcement Award.

**Sean Moynihan** was promoted to sergeant of the Saugus Police Department in September, after 26 years of service as a patrol officer.

**David Plantz** has moved from Roslindale, Massachusetts to Bradenton, Florida as of mid-January of 2019. He is enjoying his life in his new condo which is a big change from living in Boston for eighteen years. He loves the weather, slower pace of life, and his awesome neighbors. The view from his lanai never gets old.

**Leanne Tarkanian** was profiled by *The Boston Globe* on September 26. She is a hall of fame inductee at both Middleborough High and Curry, as well as a special education teacher at Hanover High and pitching coach for the Curry women's softball team.

## 2001

**Beth Budner** has successfully moved into a new apartment and is enjoying her job at Stop and Shop's Peapod in Allston, Massachusetts.

**Ronald Giorgetti** was appointed interim Chief of the Saugus Police Department.

**Carolyn "Lyn" Martin** has joined the Human Resources Department in the new role of Assistant Chief Human Resources Officer for Talent Acquisition for the Massachusetts Trial Court. In this new management role, Lyn will partner with appointing authorities to develop and facilitate a hiring

process that will help them identify their top candidates in an efficient, timely manner. She will spend time with stakeholders throughout the organization to gain insights into skill sets and competencies needed for key roles. In addition, she will seek their input as to how the review and selection process may be streamlined to better meet the needs of the business. She will also oversee time-to-hire data and related metrics, adopt workforce planning and succession practices, and develop strategies to encourage diverse and talented candidates to seek Trial Court positions.

**Michael Richards (MACJ '04)** was promoted to sergeant of the Saugus Police Department in September, after almost 14 years of service as a patrol officer.

**Jose "Joe" Rivera** was named Senior Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police by Springfield Technical Community College.

## 2002

**Tiffany Bentley** has been elevated to partnership at Burns and Levinson. Bentley is partner in the firm's private Client and Trusts & Estates groups, where she focuses her practice on probate and family court litigation and domestic relations, counseling high-net-worth individuals through estate and trust

disputes, divorce, and other family law matters.

**Nicole (Bello) Lombardi** led the Curry College Cheerleaders to an NCA Collegiate National Championship title in April 2019 for the first time in the history of the program. The team, trophy and rings were shown off during halftime at the Homecoming game in October. Nicole also got married to David Lombardi on July 26, 2019 in Ashland, Massachusetts, with several Curry alumni in attendance. **Courtney Smith '02, Patricia Ruiz '02, Izabela Maziarz '02, Amanda (Gentile) Culhane '03, Rebecca Gilbert '02, Kristin Hodgman '10, and Courtney Chester '16** were all able to celebrate with the happy couple!

**Neil Markoff** was awarded the OnCon Icon Award and named to the "Top 50 Human Resources Professionals" list in January. He serves as head of human resources at eGlobalTech, a management consulting firm in Arlington, Virginia.

**Jessica Pollak** has started her own pet sitting company, K Michele Pet Sitting! [www.instagram.com/kmichelepetsittingma](http://www.instagram.com/kmichelepetsittingma)

**Hamilton Wray (MACJ '05)** was promoted to the position of Lieutenant in the Chicopee, Massachusetts Police Department. He will work as the supervisor and second in command of the midnight to 8 a.m. shift.

## 2003

**Amanda (Gentile) Culhane** had a baby girl, Victoria Gail Culhane, on May 12, 2018.



**Jan Wegrzynek** was promoted to the position of Sergeant for the Chicopee, Massachusetts Police Department and will serve as the street supervisor for the midnight to 8 a.m. shift.

## 2004

**Nicole Asselin** signed with Pandamoon Publishing for a baseball mystery series and the first book in the series, *Murder at First Pitch* – set with the backdrop of Fenway Park and the Boston Red Sox – was published in 2019.

**Kevin Manuel (MACJ '13)** was promoted to the rank of Captain in the Plymouth, Massachusetts Police Department.

**Lisa (Irving) Safford** married Brett Safford on August 10, 2019 at Danversport Yacht Club with many members of her Curry family in attendance. She continues to work for

Centene Corporation in New Hampshire as a social worker for the developmental disabilities population.



## 2005

**John McCormick**, a member of the Easton, Massachusetts Fire Department, was promoted to Lieutenant.

**Lynne Murray** is enrolled in the Master's in Library Science program at Syracuse University on scholarship. She previously earned a certificate in American Sign Language at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York.

**Yvonne Roland** was appointed Deputy Commissioner for Administrative Services for the Massachusetts Probation Service.

## 2006

**Katie (McEachern) Burns** married Christopher Burns in January 2019 at Harrington Farms. Several Curry alumni were in attendance including

**Colleen Smith '06, Deborah Maroney '06, Christina (Mello) Merrill '06, Daniella (Crowley) Perrin '06, Matthew Perrin '06, Kaitlyn (Coughlin) Trowbridge '06, Mark Trowbridge '05, Denise (Foley) Clifford '90, and Shelia (Hanson) Foley '92.**

**Kristin (Jones) Cardinale** married Lieutenant Craig Cardinale of the United States Navy and is studying in the Simmons University School of Social Work's MSW program.

**Matthew Cormier** celebrated his work anniversary at Target in Smithfield, Rhode Island. In the years he's worked there, he has really matured, found his niche and feels like he has found his "forever" job.

**Susanna (Tran) Falcon** welcomed her first child, a baby boy named Alexander Paul Falcon, on February 21, 2018 with husband Paul Falcon, whom she married in April 2017.

**Philip Hurton**, a Framingham Police Department Sergeant, was honored by the Framingham VFW with a "First Responder of the Year" award.

**Joseph Morabito** was the production manager for *Buble!*, a TV special for NBC and *Martha and Snoop's Potluck Party Challenge* for VH1. He is

now working as the production manager for long-running CBS show, *Let's Make a Deal* and recently married Kate Balfour.

## 2007

**Sara Letourneau** launched Heart of the Story Editorial & Coaching Services, a freelance book editing and writing coaching business. She helps authors, poets, and other writers tell compelling and well-crafted stories, finish (or get started on) their projects, and develop greater trust in their creativity so they can achieve their writing and publishing goals. For more information, visit [heartofthestoryeditorial.com](http://heartofthestoryeditorial.com). Sara has also had poems published in several literary journals, including *Amethyst Review*, *Canary*, and *Muddy River Poetry Review*.

**Jim Pascarelli** was hired by The Cove at Yarmouth Resort as Manager of Sales and Marketing.

**Daniel Pieroni** has been accepted into the Master's of School Counseling program at Providence College.

We want to hear from you! Submit your class note at [curry.edu/update](http://curry.edu/update)

## 2008

**Rohhini Bhinsen** is a case manager at Team IMPACT.

**Stephen J. Brodette** got his MBA and now works as a Senior Operation Manager for Mass General Hospital.

**Amanda Bruno** spent ten years working in the newspaper business then successfully made a career change, and is now working in quality control for the FanDuel Group in New York City.

**Sayde J. Drew** received her Master's in School Psychology in 2012, got married in 2014, and has given birth to her daughter.

**Yaniv Havusha** served as the director of Jewish Student Life at the University of Rhode Island Hillel and is now back in Massachusetts working as the Assistant Camp Director/After School Program Supervisor at the Jewish Community Center of the North Shore. Yaniv says that it is great to be back in the same JCC he grew up in and worked at during high school and college.

**Maegan (Holland) Kelly** got married on May 9, 2019 to Sean Kelley from Worcester, Massachusetts, in an intimate wedding ceremony at the Cliffs of Moher in Lahinch, Ireland. In attendance were Curry alums **Ryan Swartz**

**'08** and **Melissa Lewis '05**. In September 2019, a big family party occurred to commemorate the wedding ceremony in Worcester, Massachusetts. The following Curry alums were in attendance: **Ryan Swartz '08**, **Melissa Lewis '05**, **Rory Forde '06**, **Jared Gonthier '06**, **Dennis Fedor '06**, and **Kate Hopkins '04**. Maegan has also just reached her eight-year mark as a substance abuse therapist at Adcare Hospital in Worcester, Massachusetts.



## 2009

**Emily A. Baran** announced her engagement to Rodney Hughes. They were married October 2018 in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, where they now reside.

**Michael Botelho** was promoted to Captain for the Fairhaven, Massachusetts Police Department.

**Andrew Broughton** is working as a senior account executive for Randstad Technologies and got married last October in Holyoke, Massachusetts with several Curry alumni in attendance.

**Jurell K. Smith** is now the Digital Manager for the BRAM Auto Group. He handles four brands (Lexus, Audi, Nissan, and Chevy) and six websites.

**Steve Tagarelis**, a videographer for NESN, worked the MLB All-Star Game on July 17, 2018.

## 2010

**Deanna Deveney** is the new Deputy Director of Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs for the City of Everett, after working as an attorney and at Medford City Hall.

**Laurie Lessage** is the Director of Finance and Administration for Day One, an organization that partners with youth to end dating abuse and domestic violence through community education, supportive services, legal advocacy and leadership development. She was awarded a New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Award and attended Columbia University's Nonprofit Senior Leaders Program on a full scholarship.

## 2011

**Afi Alfred** was honored as a YMCA Achiever for her professional accomplishments and dedication to serving her community at BIDMC's

30th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

**Megan Buckley** joined Northern Light Vascular Care in Bangor, Maine as a nurse practitioner.

**Zachary Gross** will be joining Cape Cod Healthcare as an internal medicine physician in July 2020 after finishing internal medicine residency training at Florida State University College of Medicine at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

**Michelle (McCarter) Kelsey** married Chris Kelsey on September 28, 2018 on Cape Cod with many Curry Education alumni in attendance, including **Brittany Frietas '11**, who was maid of honor.

**John O'Donnell** graduated from Boston University with a Master's of Science in Global Marketing Management and was profiled in the *New England Real Estate Journal* in 2018.

**Ryan Warsofsky** has been named Head Coach of the Charlotte Checkers, a minor-league professional ice hockey team based in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is now the youngest head coach in franchise history, and the youngest active head coach in the American Hockey League (AHL).

**Ashley Willoughby** received her Master's in Criminal Justice from Bridgewater State University in May of 2018.

## 2012

**Nate Greene** was appointed as the new head coach of boy's soccer at Bishop Stang High School in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

**Stephanie (Melkus) Hashemi** and her husband David Hashemi welcomed their first child, Jaxon, on October 17, 2018 at 12:50 pm.

**Natalie Petit** is working at MIT Sloan School of Management as the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Education.

**Shana Petriello** is working as the Manager, Reimbursement, Patient & Provider Services at Sanofi Genzyme for their MS One to One program.

**Daniel Rubin** moved back to Boston in 2015 to pursue a career in healthcare, then working for Commonwealth Care Alliance. Daniel was also a member of the Boston Maccabi Rugby Team who won the NERFU New England Rugby Championship in April 2018.

**Courtney Russo** has been promoted to Program Administrator within the Center for STEM Diversity at Tufts University. She now takes the lead running the STEM Ambassadors program: a professional development, college access and outreach program for underrepresented first-generation students serving Greater Boston communities.

**Melissa Tanquary** and **Steven Levitt** got married on July 15, 2018.

**Melissa Traniello** received her Master's in Moderate Disabilities and has been working as a middle school special education teacher with Woburn Public Schools since 2015. Melissa is also getting married to Josh Van Schouwen in June 2020.

## 2013

**Ashley Buckley** has been promoted from Supervisor at Brigham and Women's Hospital to Manager for Patient Access Services in the Hospitality Department.

**Carlos Maestre** just received his MBA and is working at the Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

**Erin McCarthy** got married on April 5, 2019. She had a daughter on September 15, 2015 and is due with her second on March 30, 2020!

**Stephen Nicholson** spent six years working in film and television as a grip and assistant camera operator, and has now moved onto his next big adventure. He graduated from the Fort Sill Fires School of Excellence to start his new career as a Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember for the U.S. Army.

**Viktor Solorzano** joined Jack Conway Realtor as part of its Falmouth team.

**Amber Soucy ('18 MSN)** is working as a full-time registered nurse at Boston Medical Center and is also a clinical instructor at Labouré College. She became engaged to Christopher Baker on July 5, 2019.

**Katelyn Thibeault** is working as an infant teacher for Next Generation Children's Center.

**Amy Walinski** was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant for the Harwich, Massachusetts Police Department.

## 2014

**Alison Cooper** was hired as a police officer by the Saugus, Massachusetts Police Department.

**Matthew Cote** married **Gabriela Cohen '15** on July 22, 2018. **Emily Perry '16** served as the maid of honor and **Carlota Velazco '15** was a bridesmaid while **Noah Spigelman '14** and **David Hallen '14** were both groomsmen. Other Curry alums in attendance included **Alexander Danahy '13**, **Justin Some '14**, **Cassandra Picard '16** and **Jessica Newman '16**.

**Danielle Ferguson** graduated with a Master's in Family Nurse

Practitioner from Simmons University, and has been working as a nurse practitioner in labor and delivery at UMass Memorial in Worcester, Massachusetts.

**Heather Flaherty** is an academic advisor at Lasell University in Newton, Massachusetts.

**Katie Giffuni** is a lead teacher in an early childhood center in Long Island, New York.

**Nicholas Ironside** received the English Teaching Assistant Fulbright to Bosnia.

**Thomas Kobbs** has been working full time at the Apple Store in Stamford, Connecticut as a "Creative" since April 2018. He teaches classes, known as "Today at Apple," where customers get to unlock their creativity, encourage connection and inspire learning with Apple products.

**Peter Maxwell** received his Master's degree from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida in 2016, and is currently working as a television news reporter for the oldest NBC affiliate in the country, KHQ News, in Spokane, Washington.

**Braeden Ruud** and his wife Mary Ann Ruud, along with their dog, Tike, were featured in October on the cover of Petfood Industry. Since 2007, their family

business (he's the co-founder and CEO, she's co-founder and Chief Nutritionist) has been creating home-cooked-style human-grade pet food for their furry consumers.

**Maureen Walsh** is an RN in Boston.

**Rose Will-Dowling** and her husband Patrick welcomed their third little one, Waylon Parker Dowling, on February 8. Waylon was warmly welcomed by older siblings Rylan Patrick and Brinley Rose. They purchased their forever home in Milton, right down the road from Curry.

## 2015

**Taylor Ahearn** was hired by Sullivan and McLaughlin Companies as an accountant. Taylor is currently pursuing her M.S. in Accounting at SNHU.

**Kevin Coleman** joined WBZ News Radio 1030 in May and has since covered numerous news events. Follow him on Twitter @KevinColemanWBZ.

**Katie Daddona** graduated in December 2018 with a Master's in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis from the University of Saint Joseph and is currently employed at Prism Autism in Meriden, Connecticut.

**Alexis Koch** received her Juris Doctor from Roger

Williams University School of Law.

**Sean McCarthy** is a Marketing Specialist for Apple's retail stores in the Greater Boston area.

**Julie (Leber) McNeil** is currently working as a registered nurse in the South Shore Health Care System.

**Adam Mettling** is a Network Administrator for the YMCA of the North Shore in Beverly, Massachusetts.

**Tricia Preble (MSN '18)** is a Level III Nurse/Complex Care Manager at Harbor Community Health Center.

**Alyssa M. Provenzano** is working as a substitute teacher for Boston Public Schools.

**Jacob Shapiro** is working as a preschool teacher in Baltimore while getting his Master's in Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service at Towson University.

**Katriona (Walsh) Tsang** is an RN in Boston.

**Christina Wallis** is a Site Acquisition Operations Specialist at Empire Telecom.

## 2016

**Amanda Amorim** has graduated with her MSN from Curry College and is now working at the MICU at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

**Jillian DeSousa** attends Simmons University in the Library and Information Science graduate program.

**Taylor Evans** is currently working as a Sales Development Representative at Exabeam.

**Kiley Farrell** was appointed Sports Director at FOX 40 WICZ TV in Vestal, New York.

**Alea Gilhuly-Mandel** is working as an account manager for Metter Media, LLC.

**Christine House** is a nurse manager at the Department of Veterans Affairs, West Roxbury.

**Rick Johnson** received his Master's in Business Administration from The University of Massachusetts.

**Clyde M. Love** is working as a model risk analyst for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston.

**Ivan Marchany** was hired by Raymond James Financial.

**Kate McKie** is a counselor at McLean Hospital.

**Heather Mello** received the Daisy Award and is celebrating three years of employment at Rhode Island Hospital.

**Jasmine Nazeri** is currently working as a technical support engineer at Mimecast in Lexington, Massachusetts.

**Alexandra O'Donnell** has been accepted into the Boulder Journey School Teacher Education Program

in partnership with CU Denver. She will be studying for a Master's in Education and Human Development.

**Erin Parker** is working as an office manager at Attivio, a computer software company in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Nicholas Pawlak** is the Human Resources Director at Radiance Home Health, Inc., based in Chicopee, Massachusetts, with offices in Lenox and Lynnfield. Radiance Home Health is a CHAPs and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) accredited home health agency committed to providing high quality multidisciplinary home health care.

**Cassidy Regan** is now the night-shift charge nurse for a medical-surgical telemetry unit at Southern Maine Health Care.

**Kayli Travassos** is a sixth-grade teacher for Plainville Public Schools.

## 2017

**Lindsey Baglio** is working as a behavior therapist while looking to go back for her Master's in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

**Jared Berman** graduated with a Master's of Education in Higher Education Administration from Suffolk University in

May, and was just hired as a Residence Director at Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts.

**Chloe Corrion** is doing administrative and development work at St. Alban's Child Enrichment Center, a nonprofit early education program. Chloe is thrilled to be given the opportunity to work in a nonprofit setting, where she can continue to contribute to bettering the lives of children.

**William E. Cullen** is working as a manager in sales development at TransitScreen, a tech startup in downtown Washington, DC.

**Dorothy Eldridge** earned her wings as an Inflight Crewmember for JetBlue.

**Caroline Finamore** is working as an admissions officer at Chapel Hill - Chauncy Hall School in Waltham, Massachusetts.

**Nick Foye** was an associate producer on the reality show *Braxton Family Values* and is now working as a story associate producer and clearance coordinator for Magic Elves, Inc.

**Elizabeth Hance** is working as a project manager for ScribeAmerica.

**Jacob Heisinger**, Director of Scouting and Hockey Operations for The Kootenay Ice, signed a five-year contract extension.

**Shawnda Hightower**, an Alray Scholars Program

graduate, was the 2017 recipient of the Sam Swidey Finish Line Fund award, which provides extra financial help to scholars in their last year of college.

**James McMann** is now working at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.

**Joe Sciacca** is a weather forecaster for Precision Weather Forecasting Inc. (snowandice.com). He earned his Certificate in Weather Forecasting from Penn State University in 2017.

**Haleigh Smith** received her LCSW (Licensed Certified Social Worker) after graduating with a Master's in Social Work from Simmons University. She is currently working at BayCove Boston Emergency Services Team as a mobile crisis clinician.

## 2018

**Marybeth Bishop** is a registered nurse working in the greater Boston area.

**Alexandra Callanan** received her Master's in Higher Education Administration from Merrimack College.

**Jennifer Dube** is a registered nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut working in Pediatrics.

**Jaimee Geoffrey-White** was an account coordinator at French/West/Vaughan, a public relations, advertising,

and digital marketing agency, and is now a social media specialist at Peter Millar.

**David Griffin** signed an independent league contract with the Lake Erie Crushers of the Frontier League.

**Mikayla R. Lambert** is working as a customer relations coordinator at Dunkin' Brands.

**Ryan M. Randall** is an executive recruiter at a Fortune 500 recruiting agency.

**Vanessa T. Rizzitano** won a Student Emmy award for "Best Short Form Non-Fiction" film in New England. After working as a news writer for Boston 25 News, she is now a morning anchor and reporter at WENY-TV.

**Zoe Staude** is the Student Affairs Specialist- Alumni Relations Liaison at Purdue University.

## 2019

**Adam Ali** is working in Washington, DC as an assistant Paralegal for Fragomen, the world's largest immigration law firm.

**Sarah Desir** received her BSN and works at the Boston VA Hospital as an RN Clinical Application Coordinator in West Roxbury, Massachusetts.

**Greg Estes** is studying at Northeastern University to

attain his Master's in Strategic Intelligence Analysis with a concentration in homeland security and counter terrorism. Greg is also working at Northeastern as a graduate assistant in their Residence Life Office.

**Maria Kuszyński** accepted a job working as a registered nurse in the Emergency Department at Norwood Hospital as a new-graduate. Maria is BLS, ACLS, and PALS certified.

**Nicole MacAllister** is working as a Biometric Diagnostic Technician.

**Taylor Medeiros** recently started working as a Level 2 teacher at the New England Center for Children helping students with Autism Spectrum Disorders develop skills to make them more independent and increase their quality of life. Taylor has plans to pursue a Master's of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis through Western New England University.

**Shawn Thompson** is pursuing his Master's in Higher Education at Elon University in North Carolina. He is working as a graduate apprentice in the Kernodle Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement while also taking classes. Shawn's goal is to help undergraduate students find their path in life and to enhance their perspective outside the classroom.

Karen Smith '74  
COMMUNICATION | FOUNDATION LEADER



Karen Smith's life journey has spanned multiple callings and continents. Reflecting on her path, she credits her experience at Curry with nurturing her personal growth, which in turn led to a passion for helping others and giving back.

"I loved it at Curry," says Karen, who grew up on Long Island and now lives in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. "It was a great academic fit, the classes were small and it gave me a chance to succeed. It allowed me to find myself, and I made lifelong friends along the way."

A communication major with a minor in secondary education, Karen went on to teach for several years at a school in the Berkshires for emotionally disturbed youth. "It was rewarding to help these students and make a difference in their lives," she notes.

"But it was tough to make a living as a teacher back then."

That led to a career shift, using her skills as an educator and communicator to help people learn about and secure financial protection through insurance. She became an independent broker and later ran her own agency.

Now retired, Karen is the co-founder of the Sawa Sawa Foundation. Established in 2012, the Foundation works on community-building and enrichment programs in Kenya, with an emphasis on self-sufficiency and sustainability. This passion to help address very basic needs caused by poverty was inspired by Karen's 1998 visit to Ghana as part of a mission team. That experience later led to volunteering in Kenya, and ultimately to the creation of the Foundation.

Her passion to give back also extends to her alma mater: Karen decided to include Curry as a beneficiary of her estate and join the 1879 Planned Giving Society. Honoring the year of the College's founding, the 1879 Planned Giving Society celebrates all that Samuel Silas and Anna Baright Curry envisioned to serve the education needs of Curry students. With each generation of alumni, families and friends, the Curry community renews their legacy, and estate gifts help to provide support for that mission.

"Curry prepared me for everything that came next, and I want to give back," explains Karen, who over the years has never stopped volunteering and supporting others. "It's important to step up in gratitude for what the school has done for us."

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Karen Smith, on why she joined the 1879 Planned Giving Society, and included Curry in her estate plans.

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- Opportunity to have your story featured in Curry College communications
- Member discounts at the Curry Bookstore
- Invitations to exclusive events recognizing your leadership support throughout the year
- Private reception with the President including an 1879 Society update

If you would like to learn more about becoming a member of the 1879 Planned Giving Society:

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[www.curry.edu/1879](http://www.curry.edu/1879)

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Institutional Advancement and Alumni Engagement office at 617-333-2121.



**2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**June 25**

Football Golf Outing

**August 31**

Convocation

**September 11**

Hockey Golf Outing

**October 16-18**

Homecoming & Family Weekend

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