MARKUS HOWARD PROVES HIMSELF
A GAME CHANGER —
ON AND OFF THE COURT.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
“As much as our students are called to let go of what has been to make space to grow into what will be, we too, as parents, are called to be open.”

DR. KATHY COFFEY-GUENTHER, SENIOR MISSION AND IGNATIAN LEADERSHIP SPECIALIST @ STORIES.MARQUETTE.EDU
WHO’S FIRST?

The new organization I'M FIRST is creating a sense of community for first-generation Marquette students. On Twitter, acting Provost Dr. Kimo Ah Yun (@DeanKimo) — a first-generation student himself — jumped into a photo with group members and praised them: “Love how they have created their own support group.”

GOING IN STYLE

As McCormick Hall came down, purchases of can koozies and other memorabilia went up, raising more than $80,000 for Marquette's Backpack Program, which provides groceries for students having difficulty accessing nutritious food.

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TAKING THE LEAD

Supporters from campus and community packed the dedication ceremony for the Institute for Women’s Leadership, directed by Andrea Schneider, professor of law (at left, center).

I HEREBY DECLARE

At the first-ever naturalization ceremony in Marquette Law School's Eckstein Hall, 28 immigrants, including Nigerian-born Adaobi Innocent, took the Oath of Allegiance and became U.S. citizens.

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There is strength in numbers. When we come together as one, we can do more and have a greater impact. The President’s Society at Marquette University is that collective force with annual gifts allowing us to provide a transformational education in the Catholic, Jesuit tradition. Last year, nearly 2,000 members invested more than $50 million in support of funds that provide scholarships, support research and create opportunity. Make your gift and join the President’s Society. Together, we have the power to transform lives.

To learn more about the President’s Society, contact Jennifer Niespodziani at jennifer.niespodziani@marquette.edu or 414.288.1506. To make a gift online, visit marquette.edu/giveonline.

Magis is a Latin word and Ignatian concept familiar to all Marquette alumni, meaning “something greater or something more” and relating to the Society of Jesus motto, “for the greater glory of God.” It was the one idea about our university I asked our incoming students, the Class of 2023, to learn and understand when I spoke to them in August.

Magis also speaks to our Educational Opportunity Program as we mark its 50th anniversary. The steps taken in 1969 by President John Raynor, S.J., to create EOP were as groundbreaking as when President James McCabe, S.J., in 1909, led Marquette to be the first Catholic university in the world to coeducate women and men in undergraduate courses. Under the leadership of Dr. Arnold Mitchem, Grad ’81, Hon Deg ’04, Marquette’s EOP grew and became a model for programs nationally.

I would argue that for as much as we needed EOP 50 years ago, we need it now more than ever. We now have the most diverse student body and greatest number of faculty of color (20 percent) in our university’s history. But we must do more. As more first-generation and diverse students become part of our community, we must evolve to ensure that they feel welcomed and supported, have opportunities for growth, and are successful in every aspect of their lives. These were the basic tenets on which our EOP program was founded and remain true today. Diversity relates to numbers; we now need EOP to focus on equality and inclusion of our students.

Marquette must continue to change our culture and further develop nonacademic programs that complement EOP. We need to build on our work that now includes the African Students Association, Black Student Council, Office of Engagement and Inclusion, Gospel Choir, Black Alumni Association and, just in its second year of very successful existence, RISE — Ready to Inspire Success and Excellence, our unique orientation for multicultural and under-represented students.

Marquette’s Educational Opportunity Program needs continuing support because we are a better, stronger university through the diversity it brings. Through EOP, we are creating more leaders who leverage what they’ve learned through their Marquette experience, and we’re creating Milwaukee’s next generation of college students.

To everyone who has been involved in EOP — students, faculty and staff — I say thank you for your commitment to something greater. We will carry on and improve upon your ever-evolving legacy.

Dr. Michael R. Lovell
PRESIDENT
Hang Time

Grateful for a patch of green in the city, sophomores Rachel Storts and Caroline Hayes share a hammock near the Varsity Theatre. New stands keep the campus pastime from taking a toll on trees.

Diversity and Inclusion

unlearning racism

An awareness-boosting workshop furthers the “Culture of Inclusion” objective of the university’s strategic plan.

BY TRACY STAEDTER

The assumption is that only awful people can be racist,” says Jacki Black, Marquette’s associate director for Hispanic initiatives. But participants in a new campus workshop “Unlearning Racism” learn otherwise. Deeply embedded assumptions about race can influence behavior in unexpected ways, after all, like when a patient in a clinic asks a non-white woman in a medical uniform when the doctor will be available, only to discover the woman is the doctor.

The workshop shines a light on how racism, subtle or not, works its way into academic settings and daily life, leaving harm or injustice in its wake. About 150 students, faculty and staff — including the University Leadership Council — attended 10 to 20 hours of training this spring and summer, guided by Dr. Martha Barry and Dynasty Ceasar of YWCA Southeast Wisconsin’s racial justice team. Attendees acquired tools to counteract negative effects, says Black, who helped organize the effort.

Daria Kempka, Grad ’12, director of digital strategy in Marquette’s Office of Marketing and Communication, came to the workshop with the expectation that she would uncover unconscious biases and learn how to deal with them, saying, “In that process, I expected I’d be made uncomfortable.” After discovering how commonplace decisions in work and life can reinforce societal privilege, Kempka created a personal list of 101 actions she could take to promote fairer outcomes.

Dr. William Welburn, Marquette’s vice president for inclusive excellence, says the program facilitated conversations that further the “Culture of Inclusion” objective of the university’s strategic plan. The YWCA will run the workshop at least once more this spring, with the goal of expanding the program within Marquette.

“We hope this program has a cascading effect,” says Black, “that with greater awareness, there will be greater resolve and tools to improve the racial climate on our campus and, by extension, in our community.”

Support

first-gen hub

Picking a major? Landing internships? Feeling homesick? For the 20 percent of Marquette students who are first in their family to attend a university, common questions can be tough to answer. To help, a cross-university team led by Student Affairs has created marquette.edu/first-generation-students. It informs students about academics, finances and other resources — and offers a list of mentors ready to offer guidance.

Jesuit Education

advancing the mission

During 15 years on the executive board of Jesuit Advancement Administrators, Rev. Fred Zagone, S.J., was a planning force behind an annual conference at which colleagues from across Jesuit higher education share strategies for advancing their institutions and their missions. This year JAA gratefully recognized Father Zagone, Marquette’s acting vice president of mission and ministry, with its highest honor, the Rev. J. Barry McGannon, S.J., Award.

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Health Sciences
Forward-looking facility
Marquette’s new 44,000-square-foot Physician Assistant Studies building, debuting this fall, will facilitate continued growth of a nationally recognized health care education program in an in-demand field. Ranked 26th nationally by U.S. News & World Report, the graduate PA program boasts a 100 percent pass rate on national board exams for the past 10 years—and an equally impressive job placement rate for graduates. With state-of-the-art medical simulation facilities—including an ER and operating room—and highly interactive classroom spaces, the building has helped make possible an expansion of the first-year class from 50 to 75.

Alumni Life
Serving as promised
After serving bravely in the Marines and working decades in biotechnology, an alumnus listens to a loved one and rediscovers a calling from long ago.

By Claire Nowak, Comm ’16

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ev. John Mosier, Bus Ad ’85, celebrates Mass with his wife every day. During the prayers for the faithful departed, he touches her wedding ring, which hangs around his neck. And his chalice is engraved with one of the last phrases she said to him: “Tell His story.”

John and Jackie Mosier were married for eight years before Jackie was diagnosed with breast cancer. When they learned the diagnosis was terminal, they discussed what John would do next. That’s when Jackie brought up the priesthood. Early in their relationship, John shared that he had considered such a vocation while in high school but opted instead for business study. “Darlin’, go do this. This is what you’ve been called to do,” he recalls.

That wasn’t the first time someone told him he’d make a good priest. Oddly enough, he’d heard it throughout his 22-year career in biotechnology manufacturing. Employees constantly came to him for advice on personal matters not related to work. He was even asked to give a house blessing, twice. None of these people knew John had thought about entering the priesthood, so John figured that their comments must have had “little to do with me and more to do with God trying to get my attention.”

The greatest affirmations of his calling to a life of service and celibacy, ironically, came from his wife. “She had no doubt about what we profess in our Catholic faith,” Father Mosier says, “and her confidence in the faith made it more real and present to me.” Her strength never wavered throughout her cancer treatment, even when she lost her “beautiful, big Texas hair.” In 2008, two days before Jackie died, she made John promise that when she was gone, he would “tell His story,” the story of Christ. At the time, John wasn’t exactly sure how he would do that.

A few years later, John was sent to Holland for a work assignment. He didn’t have much to do in his small European apartment except read the religious books he’d brought, and those books gave him the clarity he needed. He’d spent his life serving others. He served in the Marines for six years after graduating from Marquette. His work in the biotechnology industry allowed him to serve humanity by developing potentially lifesaving products. Then a senior vice president at Sony Corporation, he was unmistakably successful. But the life of plenty that came with his paychecks was unsatisfying without someone to share it with. He sought a different way to serve, a way to fulfill Jackie’s promise and spread the Good Word.

In 2013, John applied to Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon. In need of three letters of recommendation, John asked his former supervisor to write one. He ended up getting 26 letters of recommendation, many from employees and coworkers—some of whom weren’t Christian—who wanted to help him pursue his calling. He entered the seminary the following weeks later and was ordained this past June.

Now the pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho, Father Mosier encourages his congregation to celebrate Mass with their departed loved ones, as he does with his wife. In fact, he views Jackie as a role model of sorts. “If I have any idea of what being a Catholic priest means, it means being authentic like she was,” he says. So he leads his parish with the three principles he knows she would require of him in his new vacation: to be available, to serve his parishioners and to love them as he loved her.

Below: John and Jackie Mosier married on Aug 20, 1994, in Plano, Texas.

BOOKSHELF
Right, in the middle
A probing new biography delves into the life and rulings of enigmatic Chief Justice John Roberts.

By Tracy Staedter

Writing about Chief Justice John Roberts—the enigmatic leader and fulcrum of an increasingly consequential Supreme Court—requires specialized knowledge and access to insiders in one of the country’s most discreet institutions. Joan Biskupic, Jour ’78, Hon Deg ’10, has both. In The Chief: The Life and Turbulent Times of Chief Justice John Roberts, Biskupic draws on 25 years covering the Supreme Court for CNN and others, decades of personal experience with Roberts, archival research and 100-plus interviews to shed light on a powerful man divided between adhering to a conservative worldview and serving as custodian of a nonpartisan court. Prying open his life and decision-making wasn’t easy. “If I heard it once, I heard it a hundred times from colleagues, friends and even family. John Roberts keeps his cards very close to the vest,” she says. He’s ruled in ways that have surprised political pundits and miffed conservatives. But Biskupic’s reporting conveys how Roberts got there and where his path may lead in the Trump era. Says Biskupic, “I hope that I am helping people understand what goes on in the Marble Palace, as it has been called, and how the Supreme Court affects the lives of all of us.”

BOOKSHELF
Access online undergrads
For the first time in Marquette’s history, an undergraduate program is available online. The Bachelor of Arts in strategic communication, open to students five years out of high school or the equivalent, enrolled its first students this fall. Not only does the digital program help the university keep pace with trends in higher education, but it advances the university’s mission by creating transformative learning experiences for a broader student population. A flexible format lets working professionals and nontraditional students prepare for careers at the intersection of advertising, public relations and corporate communication in a corporate environment—and earn a Marquette degree.

Online illustration
BEYOND BOUNDARIES

SHANGHAI AND BEIJING Taking to heart her parents’ advice to explore the world and its cultures, junior Sophia Martinez plunged into foreign study at Tongji University this spring in one of the world’s most populous cities, Shanghai (above). She loved it so much that she’s back improving her Mandarin and continuing business studies at The Beijing Center in China’s capital city. “I’ve learned a lot about doing business in China, immersed myself in the culture, practiced the language and, best of all, made a lot of friends.”

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

funding cures + remedies

A s the largest external funder of research at Marquette, the National Institutes of Health provides 27 percent of the external dollars awarded to university researchers, based on figures from fiscal 2019. And among the many types of NIH funding, R01 grants are the gold standard: multiyear awards often totaling well over $1 million each, reserved for the projects with the strongest science and most significant potential health benefits.

Marquette faculty members are now lead investigators on 13 of these R01-funded projects — the highest level in at least a decade. That represents more than $21 million fueling the drive for innovative solutions in critical areas such as stroke recovery, cancer care and cardiovascular disease treatment.

Winning these grants isn’t easy. “Grant writing in general is a very exacting, competitive sport. And NIH R01 grants are the big leagues,” says Dr. Jennifer Evans, associate professor of biomedical science, whose R01-funded research explores neurological systems regulating circadian rhythms in living creatures.

Fortunately, the university hasn’t left the R01 application process to chance. In support of the goal in Marquette’s strategic plan Beyond Boundaries to rapidly grow research funding, the university has taken several steps to build faculty NIH success, including hosting workshops to provide best practices and mentorship, and adding Dr. Sandra Hunter — professor of exercise science and co-recipient of a $2.8 million R01 award herself — as a research faculty fellow in the Office of Research and Innovation.

Another key initiative — challenge grants of $30,000 for faculty members whose R01 applications score well but miss out on funding — helped Dr. Allison Hyngstrom, associate professor and chair of physical therapy, continue developing and improving her NIH proposal to study the use of ischemic conditioning involving pressurized cuffs to improve muscle function and walking as part of stroke recovery. The result? After resubmission, her grant application became Marquette’s most recent R01 success.

COMMUNITY scholars who serve

A new $7 million commitment from the Burke Foundation is creating a bright future for two mission-driven Marquette scholarship programs established by Richard Burke, Bus Ad ’56, Hon Deg ’06, founder of Trek Bicycle Corp. One is the Trinity Fellows program for graduate students, founded in 2000; the other is the Burke Scholars program for undergraduates, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Burke Scholars receive full tuition to pursue their education while engaging with the community to benefit the public good. Trinity Fellows participate in a 21-month study-work program that places them at nonprofits dedicated to advocacy, economic development, health, housing or human services.
ENGINEERING
in-house innovator

The Opus College of Engineering’s first innovator in residence could hardly be more qualified. Chuck Swoboda, Eng ’89, the former CEO of Cree Lighting who helped pioneer development of the LED light bulb, is mentoring students, consulting with faculty and hosting a podcast, Innovation on Tap. Earlier this year, Swoboda—a former chair of Marquette’s Board of Trustees—and his wife, Karen, Eng ’90, donated $1 million to support the college’s Innovation Alley initiative, a strategy to develop mission-driven leaders. Now 40 students, up from 20, will participate in Engineers in the Lead, or E-Lead, which builds leadership skills to complement engineering know-how. A $1.5 million gift from the Swobodas will benefit the men’s basketball team.

BUSINESS + ENTREPRENEURSHIP
hit thei ng their stride

Getting a major marathon back on track? All in a day’s work for today’s students running businesses.

By Tracy Staedter

success eluded the Milwaukee Marathon’s first three years in operation. In 2016, the course was set too long, the next year too short. After both blunders wreaked havoc on runners’ qualification hopes for the Boston Marathon and other races, race organizers put the race on ice in 2018 and paused to regroup. Then a new company operated entirely by Marquette students helped get things back on track. 1881 Productions, led by then-freshman Kat Christian, partnered with the marathon’s new owners, Boston-based Rugged Races, to find and coordinate a diverse cohort of volunteers, land sponsors, organize a runners’ challenge to boost attendance and lobby City Hall to reinstate approval for the event. They got it. In April more than 7,500 runners wound along a perfectly calibrated 26.2-mile course through diverse Milwaukee neighborhoods and past iconic city landmarks. 1881 Productions joins a portfolio of impressive companies in the College of Business Administration’s two-year-old Student-run Business Program. These siblings include Blockchain Lab, which drew 300 attendees to Milwaukee’s first blockchain conference in 2018, and Vida Coffee, which is opening a shop in West Allis, Wisconsin, this fall.

The companies are held under the umbrella organization Blue & Gold Ventures and advised by Marquette faculty and local business owners. Students write the business plans, talk with investors, balance budgets, juggle deadlines, manage personnel, collaborate with C-suite executives and respond to the whims of the market, says Owen Raisch, the program’s associate director. These experiences help students grow into next-generation business leaders who “realize they can go out and make things happen,” he says.

Now a junior and president of Blue & Gold Ventures, Christian agrees. “I got to work with people at Rugged Races that most students wouldn’t get to work with until after they graduated and were two or three years into their career.”

Kat Christian’s Student-powered business base helped jump-start a marathon.
MENTORSHIP  
award-winning alumni
Growing 300 percent since 2013, the Marquette Mentors initiative of the Marquette University Alumni Association has matched nearly 500 student mentees with 175 alumni. This year, it won a prestigious CASE Circle of Excellence silver award. “This program had such impressive outcomes that we couldn’t pass it over for an award,” said judges.

LAW SCHOOL  
transformative figure
Joseph D. Kearney, dean of Marquette’s Law School, received the American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit in May. Recognizing Kearney for instilling “professionalism into students” as both dean and teacher, the award cited his leadership in the school’s “transformation into a marketplace of ideas” cultivating public debate on legal, political and social issues.

A REMINDER TO NOTICE
what I nearly missed
Seeking the words to navigate Istanbul’s intensity, together.
BY GARRETT GUNDLACH, S.J.

I got to the wrong gate around midnight, and my flight wasn’t even listed on the screens. A woman standing next to me voiced the frustration I was too tired to name, and we determined that we three, including her friend, were all headed from Istanbul to Beirut. The minimum threshold of solidarity apparently attained, she handed me her bag and took off down the concourse, reassuring us over her shoulder that she’d “figure things out — follow me.” Of these two Lebanese friends, she seemed to be the fast, assertive, English-speaking one; the new companion at my side, not so much. Thirty seconds later, we lost the fast one in the sweeping immensity of the new “World’s Biggest Airport,” my companion panicking more with each step.

With two subsequent months of Lebanese Arabic study under my belt, I now know a few things I could’ve said to calm her, to reassure her and to make her laugh — self-deprecation is universal, after all — but not then. I had studied a little bit of Arabic before, but not the daily kind, and my pronunciation was awful. Despite my stumblings — which came off as a cross between a toddler, a solemn politician and a shipwreck — they worked. “The airport is big,” I stammered. “Friend is fast.” We made it to the gate where they were giving out complimentary “sorry, we’re delayed” cheese sandwiches and Cokes with straws. I traded their bags for a relieved smile as my partner in the chase collapsed into the closest chair, grateful in every language.

What is enough? Left to me, I’d say I’ll never know — I’m a passionate expert in my own deficiencies. But as my language work continues, I keep coming back to this moment. Here again, hindsight gives a grace I hold tight: Love is bigger than my mispronunciation of it. And with this wind at our backs, it’s so much easier to get back to work with new resilience, new vigor. But I’ll have my jokes ready for next time.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Before moving to France for studies, Jesuit Scholastic Garrett Gundlach, S.J., Arts ’09, taught at Red Cloud High School on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.
The Marquette community packed campus for Reunion + Homecoming, joining in bed races, sacred spaces tours, class parties, a concert at Fiserv Forum and more. Milestone anniversaries for MUSG, Rugby Football Club and EOP helped make this one a historic celebration.

It started small, like a mustard seed. During a summer service trip to Costa Rica after his sophomore year, Markus Howard casually mentioned to the group of 16 student-athletes that all were invited to a morning devotional, if they chose. Their long days consisted of hauling rocks and mixing concrete to build a basketball court in the dusty, unpaved village where they were volunteering. Before each sweltering workday, Howard shared quiet readings from the Bible. He read verses such as Jeremiah 29:11.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

For Howard, practicing his faith daily is an intimate part of his routine, something as familiar as practicing hundreds of jump shots per day in the gym. For the past several years, his father has texted a Bible passage to the family every day. And when Howard was home in Arizona this past summer, each day began with a 4 a.m. wakeup and time with his journal and Bible.

On this service trip more than a year ago, he had an opportunity to share his personal faith with the peers who took him up on his offer. A growing number of them. “When I saw that, I knew it was something very powerful, and I wanted to continue it when I got back to school.”
That was 2018, the summer before Howard's profile would dramatically rise on the national stage as one of the best players in college basketball. With his repertoire of drives and long-distance threes, the Marquette junior was on any given game day the most riveting player in the entire country. He's always been responsible. He's someone who if he said he was going to do things, he did them. In Howard, Marquette's coaches saw someone who was driven, always on to the next accomplishment. He's always been that way, says his mother, Noemi. Her clearest image of him is as a 4.0 student — a then-career-best 34 points and tied a program record with 14 threes, the Marquette junior was on any given game as one of the best players in college basketball. He was mature beyond his years, his coaches noticed, which is one of the reasons he graduated early from Findlay Prep near Las Vegas. By the time he reached campus, he already owned two gold medals earned playing internationally on USA Basketball youth teams. "He's always been an old soul," observes Associate Head Coach Stan Johnson, who first recruited Howard during a period when both were living in Arizona. "He's always professional. He's someone who if he said he was going to do things, he did them." In Howard, Marquette's coaches saw someone who was driven, always on to the next accomplishment. He's always been that way, says his mother, Noemi. Her clearest image of him is as a 4.0 student — a then-career-best 34 points and tied a program record with 14 threes, the Marquette junior was on any given game as one of the best players in college basketball. He was mature beyond his years, his coaches noticed, which is one of the reasons he graduated early from Findlay Prep near Las Vegas. By the time he reached campus, he already owned two gold medals earned playing internationally on USA Basketball youth teams. "He's always been an old soul," observes Associate Head Coach Stan Johnson, who first recruited Howard during a period when both were living in Arizona. "He's always professional. He's someone who if he said he was going to do things, he did them." 

Howard's freshman year was highly successful by any measure, including leading the nation in 3-point field goal percentage (.547), which set a new Marquette single-season mark. He scored a then-career-best 34 points and tied a program record by draining nine 3-point shots to lead Marquette past Xavier University on National Marquette Day; he has since broken his own record. He earned Big East all-academic team distinction. But thinking back on his first year, Howard doesn't talk about accomplishments. He remembers the struggles, including not playing much through the first part of the season. He also moved 1,700 miles from home, where he was especially close to his parents and two brothers. "When I got to college, my world was rocked," he says. "You start to question yourself and your abilities." "We're from Arizona, so to be here in Milwaukee at 17, removed from his parents, he had his days when it's human nature to question: Am I in the right place?" Johnson says. But that time of trial was also when Howard had a breakthrough in his faith. He learned trust. After that first season, Howard inked his first tattoo. It was a Bible verse written in small text on his right wrist — his shooting hand: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." "That's been our family verse for as long as I can remember," he says. "It was instilled in us from an early age." Now Howard can look down at his wrist during a game, whether he's struggling or on fire. It gives him strength.

So his quest is not only to prepare himself mentally, spiritually and physically — as he's always done — but also to continue growing in influence to help those around him rise to a new level. That's his test on the court and what he sees as his calling off the court. "I want to be known as a servant leader," Howard says. "I want to leave a legacy that will last a lifetime, but it will be more than just basketball. When it comes down to it, I'll be remembered for the person I am, not the player I am."
Watch Howard discuss faith and service with WTMJ-TV @ muj/wtmj/howard.

Digital media major, Howard looks like a natural in front of the cameras. But the experience was “probably more challenging than he let on,” says Head Coach Steve Wojciechowski. Making personal disclosures so publicly can be overwhelming for anyone, much less a 20-year-old. “To handle himself the way he did is incredibly admirable, and I’m not talking about the 40- and 50-point performances,” Wojciechowski says. “Think about how many people watched the ESPN feature on him. They saw the face of the university, which was an extremely talented young man who was willing to be vulnerable and share his story to help others. And that to me is incredibly impressive.”

On campus, Howard held another effort to rally students around an important topic to him — faith. After returning from Costa Rica, Howard talked with teammate Nick Singleton, then a student-athlete on the lacrosse team, about carrying the seed that had sprouted there back to campus by starting a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter on campus. The demands of studying and basketball could easily have wiped away the best of intentions. But with the help of advisers, Howard and Singleton set up weekly meetings with student-athletes. Howard invited others to the Sunday-night gatherings and shared with his 10,000 followers on Instagram. He often attended on game days — win or lose. It was a comfort to pray and speak openly with other like-minded students, Howard says.”Markus is unafraid to be who he is,” says Katie Simet, Arts ’06, assistant director for academic services in the Intercollegiate Athletics Department, who helped organize the Costa Rica service trip and serves as an adviser to the campus FCA chapter. In doing so, he makes others more comfortable “sharing their experiences with mental health, sharing their faith journeys or simply sharing compassion,” she says.

That quality of helping others makes his mother proud. It’s something Howard and his mother talked about when he discussed going public with seeing a psychologist. “When you communicate, you are going to have the ability to touch many lives,” she told her son. “When you bring things to light, it truly blesses other people — because people don’t ever want to be alone.”

Like any athlete, Howard has experienced peaks and valleys in his career. Last year, he saw them in close succession. At the close of a season when Howard scored a Big East record 53 points, set Marquette’s single-season scoring mark and became a USA Today Sports First Team All-American, the team saw a Big East title slip away and then made an early exit in the NCAA tournament. During his freshman-year struggles, Howard learned to have a “quick memory,” to avoid getting too high or too low, he says. He also learned to persevere through difficult times, drawing inspiration from Old Testament readings showing the resilience of God’s people in exile.

While Howard was in Costa Rica performing hard labor and drinking hot water to stay hydrated, Bible verses about finding joy in the struggle struck a chord within him. Even for ultra-fit student-athletes, building a basketball court by hand under tropical summer sun was the most difficult physical challenge many of them had ever faced. There were no coaches with him. No one asked Howard to step up. But others saw Howard live out servant leadership. He lifted spirits with high fives and fist bumps, led cheers or quietly told others, “You got this.” He had a way, Simet noticed, of making others feel like a lifelong teammate sharing a common goal.

His drive to build a basketball court for children in rural Latin America would look familiar to anyone who has seen him perform on a basketball court. “He set the bar so high,” says Johnson, who recalls watching Howard’s “tunacious” performances in awe from the sidelines. “There are literally NBA guys who couldn’t come into a college game and do what he’s done. God’s given him a tremendous gift. For us, it’s not surprising when it happens. But it’s amazing to watch.”

Which brings him to his final season at Marquette. In returning to campus after off-college, he shelved his NBA aspirations in order to continue growing academically and personally and using the platform he has established at Marquette. “Of course, my dream has always been to play professionally,” he says. “But I wanted to come back because, here at Marquette, they have given me so much. I want to finish what I started and leave a legacy that will last for a lifetime.”

Howard is now leading a team that has undergone major transitions during his time here. In returning, he wanted to accomplish team goals such as winning a Big East championship and making a deep NCAA tournament run, which have eluded him so far. Everyone who has seen Howard play knows he can shoot. But in being a total player and leader, he must also make his teammates better. That’s his focus entering his final season, driving him as he takes freshmen aside after practice or makes rounds to check on teammates in study hall.

Over the summer, he took teammate Jamal Cain under his wing as they met early every morning in the gym at the Al together. Howard helped Cain with fundamentals of shooting. Cain, in turn, worked with Howard to make his first step more explosive. Howard turned up his training and conditioning another notch, taking the number of practice shots per week to 3,000 or even 4,000. “I want another shot,” Howard says. “I want us to represent Marquette the best way we can, whether that’s winning or what we do off the court.”

His coaches have noticed his sense of purpose too. “I asked him about the Big East Player of the Year, and he had almost forgotten about it,” Johnson says. “That’s how serious he is. He wants to get a lot of things done.”

He’s also trying to slow down and appreciate his last year on campus. He wants to remember to have joy in his journey. That’s something he reflects on in his early morning meditations. He rummages on what the future holds and has made peace with not having a crystal ball. Coming off last season, he covered his whole upper arm with a tattoo of Jeremiah 29:11, the passage that spoke to him through the sweat, raw hands and sore muscles of Costa Rica.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” For Howard, the visual statement serves as a personal reminder of how he’s grown from his formative experiences on and off the court. And it signals his faith in what’s still to come.

“I want another shot,” Howard says. “I want us to represent Marquette the best way we can, whether that’s winning or what we do off the court.”
Since 1969 Marquette’s Educational Opportunity Program has grown from a civil rights-era response into a model program with national influence. It owes much of its success—and its legacy of students who have become graduates and leaders—to its embrace of a cherished Jesuit principle, cura personalis.

By Tracy Staedter

Scenes from the birth and ensuing decades of EOP include founding director Dr. Arnold Mitchem, Grad ’81, Hon Deg ’04, in his office, top left.
She didn’t know if she could get into medical school. Even if she could, she worried that she’d be wasting time studying when she could be earning wages to support her mother, who’d moved to Milwaukee to escape an abusive husband.

Thomas knocked on the door of Dr. Arnold Mitchem, Grad ‘81, Hon Deg ‘04. He was the director of the university’s new Educational Opportunity Program, which had been established in 1969 after campus protesters called for a more diverse student body and scholarships benefiting Milwaukee African Americans and low-income students. She recalls Mitchem telling her that nothing in life was guaranteed, but he believed in her. He encouraged her to take the risk and follow her dream. “This was a turning point in my life,” says Thomas.

She went on to medical school, became a physician and today works as the associate dean for career counseling at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. Importantly, Thomas was able to give her mother a rich, wonderful life until she passed away at 91.

What Thomas discovered is what more than 2,000 of her EOP peers have found since its founding—that Marquette’s program for first-generation and low-income students wasn’t just about grades. It was also about students’ emotional, spiritual and even physical well-being. As the early architect of the program, Mitchem was convinced nothing less than this all-encompassing call to life would be enough. And not coincidentally, it matched a foundational tenet of Jesuit education at Marquette, curo personas, meaning care for individuals in their entirety. The program grew along with its embrace of this credo. In its five decades, EOP has graduated growing ranks of students. And EOP alumni, like Thomas, have become leaders in their communities, carrying forward the values they learned at Marquette.

By the end of May, Marquette President John P. Raynor, S.J. had agreed to create what would later be named the Educational Opportunity Program. Asked to apply for the job of director, Mitchem said no. “We were asking black students to come to an essentially all-white college, asking people who had very dissimilar backgrounds and life experiences to apply to a place that was essentially all-white,” says Thomas.

But as Mitchem watched news reports of black protesters in the South being beaten, mauled and even killed, something shifted. He’d led marches in Wisconsin, but had never felt threatened or called on to sacrifice enough. Guilt tugged at his resolve. He wanted them to support each other, and he wanted them to be there to support them,” she says.

Being there meant inviting students into his private life. They came to his house and met his wife, Freda. He told them that if they ever needed anything, all they had to do was call him any time of the day or night, and they did. If a student came up short in funds, Mitchem found the money. If a student needed a place to live, he found an apartment. If a student needed extra attention, he found that person a roommate. Mitchem says he wanted the students to see him as family, so that they wouldn’t fall back into their old lives. “I was trying to move them, tear them apart, rebuild them and send them into America as leaders,” he says.

In 1971 Marquette received grant money from a federal program called TRIO. Mitchem, who advocated tirelessly to help his students receive the financial support they needed, began organizing educators in the Midwest to lobby Congress to increase spending for TRIO. Before long, EOP students began to graduate: Dr. Lorrie Smith, Sp ‘72, Grad ‘98, Bernard Vigue, Eng ‘72 and Arthur Browne, Arts ‘72, were the first three. In 1979 a congressional delegation visited
Marquette’s campus to learn more about EOP and eventually used it as a model for a TRIO amendment addressing staff training. Marquette’s EOP program had made a name for itself nationally. In 1986 Mitchem relocated to Washington, D.C., to help launch and serve as the organization’s president. Marquette provided seed funding and Hoyler joined him in a deputy role in 1987. EOP became a Capitol Hill institution that has helped TRIO earn decades of bipartisan support from legislators from both urban and rural states. Since Mitchem’s retirement in October 2013, when he became the council’s president emeritus, Hoyler has served as the organization’s president.

Through the efforts of Mitchem’s successors Sande Robinson and Dr. Joseph Green and leaders who followed them, a focus on individual growth, well-being and leadership continues to define the EOP program. Academic advisers get to know the students and help advise them about course work and their new environment. They draw from campus and community resources to tutor students and help them navigate housing or food concerns and other issues. “We believe students bring their whole selves to college, so we must attend to all of the needs of the students,” says Dr. Eric Williams, EOP executive director.

Although EOP brought change to Marquette’s campus, its scope isn’t unlimited. Because the program has a specific mandate and works with a finite amount of funding to support a set number of students, it cannot be expected to fulfill all of the university’s diversity goals or address the needs of all students of color, says Dr. William Welburn, vice president for inclusive excellence. As a result, he says, “We will want to create an affirming environment for all students across all disciplines and across social and cultural experiences.”

The next 50 years will see EOP as a part of a larger mission to recognize and cherish the dignity of each individual regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, language, disability or social class. It will continue as a foundation, however, fostering leaders meant to produce and effect change — leaders like Dr. Laurren Thomas.

“Marquette deserves a lot of credit. It took a chance on the program — it took a chance on us,” she says. “Many of us went on to achieve great things. Not only did we achieve, we were taught to go out and serve and lift others up.”

Gwen Rivera, Arts ’79, is professor in the American Studies department and current director.

EOP ALUMNA

ON EXCELLENCE

“EOP helped with the transition by providing tutoring, helping with financial aid, helping with scholarships and, most of all, helping with choosing classes. It was a big family. They instilled in us the goal of not only graduating but leaving a legacy.”

Cosgrove, Jour ’79, in a project report and column at the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel.

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One afternoon, while walking home after fishing, a young Gerard Manley Hopkins experienced a profound sense of God’s presence, an encounter memorialized in Hurrahing in Harvest. As he walked, watching clouds tumble through the sky, the Jesuit poet, then a novice, was struck and held captive by nature’s “barbarous” beauty. This glory was not anonymous. In nature’s splendor, he espied the presence of “our Savior” and felt Christ’s presence permeating all of creation. In that moment, he realized what many of us know well: The frenzy of daily life easily clouds our sense of God’s closeness. He captured this insight beautifully in verse: “These things, these things were here and but the beholder wanting.” Grace did not reveal a different reality; on the contrary, creation’s graced beauty opened his eyes to perceive reality differently.

A new member of Marquette’s faculty, I was struck last year with how tethered students were to their devices. During the interchange of classes, they shamble zombie-like across campus, craving not human flesh, fortunately, but ravenous nonetheless for the next in an endless stream of texts and Instagram pictures. As for what happens in classrooms, a negative teaching moment haunts me. During a spirited conversation about racism in America, just as I noticed a number of students feeling moved or even transported by the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I turned my gaze and caught a glimpse of a student shopping for shoes online. Another had his head down and was texting frantically. I’m ashamed to admit I didn’t react well. Frustrated at their disengagement, I snarkily commented on how some risk their lives for civil rights while others think shopping and texting are more important. Most were oblivious to my comment, but the two knew I spoke of them. Sadly, I lost them for the rest of the term.
A minor miracle: Students typing on laptops and checking phones are common in today’s classrooms, but Father Duns makes his courses a refuge — no screens and a few moments of silent contemplation in each class.

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Later reflected: “How can they find God in all things if they never put down their phones?” The question stung because I, too, am guilty. Yet Hopkins’ line — but the beholder wanting — reverberated in my heart and spurred me to action. As a Jesuit theologian, I resolved to find ways to open my students’ eyes, to persuade them to look up from their screens and risk seeing the world anew. I wanted to challenge them to become beholders, not bystanders, who could identify where they were wanting and summon the courage to risk encountering God themselves.

So, when I prepared my spring 2019 course, Christian Discipleship, I included a “theology lab.” Each session began with 15 minutes of silence. No devices, no earbuds, no talking. At first, it was incredibly awkward. Stomachs gurgled, people snored, and occasionally someone sneezed.

But by the fifth week of class, there was a shift. Students seemed eager to enter into silence, and the shifting and sniffling ceased. Every now and again, I would open my eyes to gaze at their young faces. I knew from essays and conversations how many of them were wanting and summon the courage to risk encountering God themselves.

I have no way of measuring it, but I am convinced that sharing the silence gave many the courage to risk voicing controversial opinions and being vulnerable with their peers. Yet, unlike the rancorous discourse on cable news and social media, these students were patient with one another. They were willing to take time to contemplate the practice of prayer, I would gesture to a classroom ethos where students never shouted one another down but tried to understand each other’s views. Instead of combatants trying to win arguments, they became a community of seekers reflecting on how theology might help to form, or potentially transform, society.

Above all, I am convinced in the truth of Hopkins’ line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. We can dismissively regard this wanting as a moral line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. We can dismissively regard this wanting as a moral line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. We can dismissively regard this wanting as a moral line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. We can dismissively regard this wanting as a moral line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. We can dismissively regard this wanting as a moral line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. We can dismissively regard this wanting as a moral line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. We can dismissively regard this wanting as a moral line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. We can dismissively regard this wanting as a moral line: The young beholders in my class are wanting. 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Two years, two second-place finishes and one final destination. That’s what Navy Ensigns Brandy Kinnunen, Eng ’18, and Donovan Lyon, Health Sci ’19, have in common.

BY GUY FIORITA

The Marquette alumni both finished second in the nation among all graduating ROTC midshipmen in their respective years based on their GPA, physical fitness scores, naval science knowledge and leadership skills. Both say studying at a Jesuit university gave them an advantage in their military careers. “The role of an officer combines leadership and service,” says Kinnunen. “Marquette gave me those tools.”

Their rankings earned them a wide-open mission as a ballistic missile defense vessel. “Plus having ENS Kinnunen onboard helps. She’s an excellent role model, and I’ll be wonderful having a familiar face in Spain.”

Kinnunen, too, looks forward to having a fellow Marquette graduate onboard and offers this advice: “Ask questions, even if they seem really basic and realize you’re going to make a lot of mistakes. Just be sure to learn from them.”

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ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni from years ending in 5 or 0, this is your reunion year. Learn about Homecoming/Reunion Weekend at marquette.edu/alumni.


Paul Salminen, Jour ’54, Grad ’85, published his seventh book in his Tuscan series, The Ghosts of the Garfagnana: Seven Strange Stories from Haunted Tuscany, which explores the mysterious side of one of Italy’s most beautiful regions.


Sister Rosanne Plagens, SFPC, Grad ’66, celebrated the 60th anniversary of her religious vows this year.

James B. Sensenbrenner, Bus Ad ’69, published Coexistence, his most recent novel about a writer living in New Orleans who loses his wife in the French Quarter. He previously published the novel Doping It in the Big Easy.

Larry M. Rich, Sp ’70, Grad ’77, was appointed editor-in-chief of SIGNIS Media, the World Catholic Association for Communication.

Rev. John Comford, O. Carm., Sp ’71, retired to the Carmelita retirement community at Blessed Titus Brandsma Priory in Darien, Ill. After Marquette and his ordination, he taught for 33 years in high schools and worked for six years as chaplain at Carmelita Carmelville Village. He was also a retreat director at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario, from 2012 until 2016.

Harry Byrne, Arts ’76, was elected to the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph’s Preparatory School, a Jesuit high school in Philadelphia.

James T. Mulder, Jour ’75, won first place for investigative feature reporting in the 2018 New York Associated Press journalism competition. He is the reporting manager for The Post-Stanford/Syracuse.com in Syrcuse, N.Y., and an adjunct professor in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Jose A. Alvarez, Bus Ad ’79, recently joined the firm of Toro Colon Mullet PSC in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as corporate counsel. He is also an associate professor of law teaching courses in corporate law, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions and corporate social responsibility.

Dr. Kati Tsomokis Berg, associate professor and chair of strategic communication, has researched the topic, so we asked her for her advice.

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How well do values permeate? Do stakeholders share company values or have they publicly criticized the company for not meeting expectations?

Lead by example Once employed, be the employee who asks if a strategy or tactic is ethical. Consider the unintended consequences of decisions.

Renew your membership! Reunion Year 2019.

Dr. David Sujawa, PT ’90, earned his doctorate in physical therapy from Arcadia University in May. He is a faculty member in physical therapy at the University of Toledo and serves as assistant dean for clinical affairs in the university’s College of Health and Human Services. He is a board certified orthopedic clinical specialist at the University of Toledo Medical Center, where he specializes in treating patients with head, neck and jaw pain.

Ellen Jones, Jour ’81, has joined Berkshire-Hathaway HomeServices in San Francisco after a long career in retail management.

David Broniarczyk, Jour ’85, has joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Information Security Agency as protective security adviser for Indiana.

James Lowder, Arts ’85, was named executive editor at W.W. Norton & Co., a major name in literature and fiction. He has joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in San Francisco after a long career in retail management.

Rudy LaPorte, Arts ’81, was appointed as executive director at the Ku-Ar-Pi Project in Ponca City, Okla., which promotes Native American culture and heritage. He recently retired from a successful career at the CIA and recently published a
**CLASS NOTES**

**HONOR ROLE**

Retired Staff Sgt. William Coffer, Jr., Bus Ad ’72, has received the Congressional Gold Medal, Congress’ “highest expression of national appreciation.” A member of the first group of African Americans to become Marines, Coffer trained at then-segregated Montford Point Camp in North Carolina and served in the Korean War. “The father of the universe smiles on the United States of America,” Coffer said at the ceremony.

**SUGGEST AN HONOREE**

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Not long after the latest class of Marquette graduates participates in Commencement, alumni clubs across the country gear up to host Marquette Mixers.

These casual summer gatherings bring established alumni together with newly minted graduates who are settling into first jobs, often in unfamiliar cities. The transition out of college can be as nerve-wracking as the transition in, but mixers give young alumni a chance to gear up to the country gear up to alumni clubs across clubs across clubs across the country gear up to host Marquette Mixers. 

WHAT’S SHAKIN’?

See all upcoming events and make the scene! Visit go.mu.edu/alumni-events.

WISCONSIN

Blue & Gold Fan Fund Auction
Attend. Donate an auction item. Bid online. Friday, Dec. 6, 2019

AMUW Advent Reflection Luncheon
Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019

REUNION YEAR

Michael Cosgrove
Art ’05, and Melissa Cosgrove—daughter Amelia Lee—were married June 3, 2019. She was 10 pounds, 1 ounce and 21 inches.

Moses Erving, Jr.
Art ’05, was elected vice president of the Palos Neighborhood Council in Los Angeles this June.

Pamela E. Harris
Art ’05, received the 2015 Faculty Mentor Award from the Mathematics and Computer Sciences Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. The award recognizes outstanding mentoring of undergraduate researchers.

Lisa C. (Papajcik) Luczyk
Comm ’05, has been named director of marketing at Buffalo & Company, a professional coaching and training company headquartered in Carlsbad, Calif.

Jenna Santianolli
Comm ’06, was named executive vice president and head of development of Paramount Television.

Meghan (Farmer)
Bus Ad ’08: son Joseph Edward born May 10, 2019. She was 8 pounds and 19.5 inches. She joins sister Abigail.

Justin P. Dux, M.D., Eng ’07, completed his residency training in general surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Affiliated Hospitals this June. He will pursue a colon and rectal surgery fellowship at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y., and plans to return to the Milwaukee area for surgical practice.

Amanda D. (Speck) Malmberg, Nurs ’03, and Patrick J. Malmberg, Comm ’05: daughter Folley-Bbara born June 15, 2019. She was 7 pounds, 2 ounces and 21 inches. She joins brother Finley.

Stephanie (Gillmore) Plante, Arts ’07, and John Plante, wed July 28, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church in Winnetka, Ill. A reception followed at the Union League Club of Chicago.

Meghan (Farmer)
Bus Ad ’08, and Justin Wilkins, Bus Ad ’08: son Joseph Edward born Jan. 31, 2019. He was 9 pounds, 3 ounces and 21 inches. He joins sister Emily.

Heidi (Stevenson) Aam, Arts ’09, and Heinz Amon, Eng ’10: daughter Emma Grace born June 27, 2019. She was 8 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 inches.

Brianne (Garrett) Canfield, Arts ’09, PT ’11, and Bob Canfield, Arts ’10, Grad ’11: son William “Liam” born April 19, 2019. He was 8 pounds, 13 ounces and 20.25 inches. He joins sister Harper.
Christine (Diedrick) Mochel, Comm ‘09, and Robert J. Mochel, Arts ’09: daughter Eloise Lou born March 10, 2019. She was 2 pounds, 13 ounces. After a five-week stay in the hospital, she is home and doing well with her family in Wauwatosa, Wis.

Marie (Coffey) Moore, H Sc ’09, PT ’11, and Timothy Moore, wed June 1, 2019, in Milwaukee. Several alumni were in attendance.

Abby Rose, Bus Ad ’09, and Brian Boyle, Comm ’09, wed June 8 at Greengate Ranch & Vineyard in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Terri Sheridan, Comm ’09, was elected a Schiller Park Village trustee in this April’s consolidated general election in Cook County, Ill. She ran as a member of the Residents Unite Party.


Melissa B. (Batzer) Krische, Bus Ad ’10, and Brian Krische, Eng ’10: son Connor Thomas born April 26, 2019. He was 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 20 inches long. He joins sister Jenny. The family lives in Franklin, Wis.

Tina (Triepke) Curtis, Grad ’11, was named executive director of Clinical Cancer Services for Froedtert Hospital since 2017 and is responsible for the overall operations of the Clinical Cancer Center.

Michael A. Derrick, Edu ’11, was named founding principal of Circo Rey San Diego High School.

Caitlin (Carmody) Ing, Bus Ad ’11, and Steven Ing, wed in October 2018 in Toronto, Ontario. After graduating from Marquette and working as a financial analyst in Wisconsin, England and China, Caitlin returned to her birth country of Canada, where she met her husband. The couple’s wedding took place over four days and included Cambodian and western ceremonies.

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Stumbling ash-covered through Manhattan after the terrorist attack, Distance took stock of his life. He was 36 and working unhappily down to a proper process,” he says.

Soul-searching led him back to acting, which he says. “I’m often cast as the “tough, good-guy cop,” he says. “The events of 9/11 are still with me, every day. I’m grateful to reconsider my career choices.”

The biggest love: acting.

Three decades since graduating from Marquette, Distance draws lessons from his engineering studies. “Whether you’re building a bridge or making a gadget, everything comes down to a proper process,” he says.

So it is for acting. Distance uses the Meisner method, which teaches actors to respond instinctively, in a way that becomes authentic for the character. By focusing on process, instead of performance, a meaningful result emerges.

This approach even helps Distance relax and recharge. He is often cast as the “tough, good-guy cop,” but that means you’re always working, what you’re breathing, what you’re smelling. Acting teaches you to live as if it’s the last moment.”

But he says, “The events of 9/11 forced Brian Distance, Eng ’87, to reconsider his career choices. Schooled in engineering and then in law, he finally came around to his biggest love: acting.

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THE GAME OF LIFE

Is there a personal trait that’s contributed most to your success?
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That’s not pablum?
No, it’s not. Since we’ve been doing this interview (about 15 minutes), I’ve conducted 12 trades in portfolios I’m responsible for — no, 13, 14. It’s a busy day. I shouldn’t do that without trust. By now we’ve had our morning meeting. I’ve visited with the traders on the desk and the portfolio allocators who work with me. We’ve reviewed any changes the analysts have made and all the major markets. It’s a daily routine that people have to be prepared for. So you don’t sleep in.

Tell us about learning to depart from the consensus and forge your own path.
As an undergraduate, I was influenced by a finance professor, Doc Calkins, who used to say, “You’ve got to think through the end of the pencil sometimes.” Get the facts. Read the nuances. See what works. And go with that. If the market doesn’t agree with that — okay, good. That’s opportunity.

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Dan Fuss, Bus Ad ’55, Grad ’66


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