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TWO CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

A BELOVED ALUMNUS IN THE GRIPS OF COVID-19, A COURAGEOUS CAREGIVER AND THE PATH THAT LED THEM TO HEALING
There is this common phrase, ‘If you want to walk fast, you may walk alone, but if you want to walk far, you should walk together.’

— DR. JOSEPH BYONANEWE, CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES — COVID CONVERSATIONS PODCAST
CALLING FOR CHANGE, IN CHALK

As calls for racial justice gained strength around the country this summer, students took to the streets and sidewalks around campus. For the Mark-Up Marquette protest in June, they brought chalk with them, making their voices heard through bold messages covering the pathways of Westowne Square near Alumni Memorial Union.

BEST FOR TEACHING

In the latest edition of its closely followed Best Colleges rankings, U.S. News & World Report ranked Marquette 18th among national universities for undergraduate teaching. Reflecting their rich pedagogical traditions, five Jesuit universities joined schools such as Harvard, Stanford and Vanderbilt in the top 25. Marquette was ranked 42nd for innovation and 88th overall.

Marquette’s fine-feathered friend finally has a name. The Golden Eagles mascot, which for 26 years went without a moniker, is now Iggy—named after St. Ignatius of Loyola. Iggy wears number 77 on his jersey, representing 1977, the year Marquette won the national championship.

Go, Golden Eagles!

editor’s note:
Each issue of this magazine represents a snapshot of Marquette University and its community in a changing world. Inevitably, facts become outdated between the time an issue is in final production and the time it arrives in mailboxes, usually almost imperceptibly. With a pandemic, economic crisis and sweeping anti-racism movement all continuing, change is particularly rapid this fall. As such, this issue’s contents are current as of October 1. For up-to-date Marquette news, visit today.marquette.edu.

GRACE ACROSS A GAP

Marquette kept alive its Catholic faith traditions with virtual Masses this spring and summer, when the pandemic prevented in-person worship. Livestreams of the popular 10 p.m. Tuesday Mass in the St. Joan of Arc Chapel united current students with “alums who have their own strong memories of crowding together in that space to pray,” says Rev. James Voiss, S.J., vice president for mission and ministry.

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Low down and be present in the moment. That simple phrase, which St. Ignatius recognizes in his Principle and Foundation, has easily been the most compelling advice I’ve heard since the world of normality stopped in March.

Whatever happened to slowing down and hearing the other person’s side of the story? Listening to all experts weigh in with their perspectives on a pressing issue? The simple Ignatian practice of extending to one another the benefit of the doubt? Because we’re not slowing down and living in the present moment, we’re becoming anxiety-ridden, emotion-filled, stressed-out shells of our former selves.

We are worrying about things that may or may not happen in the future. We are worrying about things we can’t control. It doesn’t help our professional lives that the coronavirus prevents us from having in-person contact with relatives and friends at important life events like weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and funerals. Even our commitment to attending Mass and church services becomes increasingly challenging. We have fewer and fewer natural opportunities to relax, decompress and be present.

What to do?

Our university’s faculty have provided valuable insights on coping with these challenges, many shared widely in the media. You can read them here: marquette.edu/coronavirus/coronavirus-experts.

I’ve also been working my way through personally taking the necessary time and steps to unwind:

- Reflection and prayer have always been a part of my life, and what I’ve learned at Marquette about Jesuit-influenced self-reflection has been amazingly useful.
- Exercise is always important, but during the Midwest’s warmer months and fall, having the chance to get away in the calm of nature has been especially valuable.
- Turning off my devices has become critical. Noise is everywhere. I can live for an hour or two without the near-constant ringtone, notification sound and accompanying device vibration.

Can we all slow down just a little? Can we all just live in the present moment and put our trust in God?

Dr. Michael R. Lovell
PRESIDENT
WHAT’S NEW ON CAMPUS & BEYOND

MASKED-UP MARQUETTE

Thanks to face masks included in campus welcome kits, junior Olivia Kiefer and other students are showing their Marquette spirit and helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 at the same time.

HEALING

poet of the pandemic

An alumna’s experiences with change, grief and healing helped her touch a worldwide nerve through this crisis.

BY TRACY STAEDTER

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING. YOU CAN WHINE, YOU CAN COMPLAIN, YOU CAN FIGHT, OR YOU CAN LOOK FOR THE GIFT.”

The gift, says Kitty O’Meara, Sp’77, is an invitation to “plumb your own spiritual depths.”

This philosophy carried O’Meara through career changes, the deaths of her parents and an autoimmune disease.

When Wisconsin’s stay-at-home orders began in March, O’Meara, retired and living with husband Phillip Hagedorn near Madison, accepted the gift to write.

She crafted the poem “In the Time of the Pandemic” and posted it to Facebook and her blog, The Daily Round. Its themes of reflection, healing and collective renewal resonated deeply with readers. Within a week, New Age author Deepak Chopra, M.D., had posted it to his page. O, The Oprah Magazine lauded O’Meara as “the poet laureate of the pandemic.” And artists ranging from Grammy-award winning composer John Corigliano to the Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet requested permission to recite the poem or turn it into a song, dance, painting and more. “It touched a lot of unconscious yearning,” she says.

For O’Meara, who turned the poem into a children’s book, these themes have echoed across her life. After working in advertising and teaching middle school, she became a health care and hospice chaplain, growing familiar with grief and loss — and healing too. Repeatedly, she saw healing come from the difficult choice to let go of old ways and open up to something new. “We don’t have the language for things like this. We turn to our dreams and prayers and metaphor and symbol — those become the key ways to communicate what’s happening.”


ARTS & SCIENCES

motivated by mission

Marquette’s new dean of the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Heidi Bostic, says she was drawn to the position by Marquette’s Jesuit mission, the Klingler College’s reputation, Milwaukee’s diversity and the university’s focus on engaging the community and fostering a sense of belonging for all. Formerly a visiting associate provost at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina, Bostic feels called to help others and build partnerships. “Both of my parents were first-generation college students, so I have a heart for students facing barriers to access and affordability,” she says.

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COMMUNICATION
connecting her college

It was certainly an interesting way to begin a new job, says Dr. Sarah Feldner, professor of communication studies, became dean of the Diederich College of Communication. She overcame challenges by maintaining connections. Diederich Drop-ins, for instance, linked students online with professionals. In 16 years at Marquette, Feldner has received multiple teaching awards and served a term as director of the Marquette Core Curriculum. As dean, she aims to expand experiential learning and develop a more inclusive culture. She takes an Ignatian approach to leadership, saying, “There will be suffering and adversity, but with strategic thinking and discerning processes, there will be joy.”

CAMPUS AMID COVID-19
familiar but very different

To bring students back at reduced risk, Marquette rethought plenty — but not its guiding principles.

BY TRACY STAEDTER

like many of his peers, Marquette freshman Jack Janz watched the final months of his senior year of high school wane as the COVID-19 pandemic shut down schools, businesses, air travel and more. Milestones like prom, spring break, senior night and graduation vanished. “It was sad because we weren’t going to have those last moments,” he recalls. But he’d been accepted into Marquette’s physical therapy program and held to the hope that campus would welcome students next fall.

So did Jack’s mother, Mary Janz, Marquette’s director of residence life and a member of the COVID-19 Response Team. Led by Dr. Xavier Cole, vice president for student affairs, Janz and her colleagues worked overtime striving to give Jack and fellow students an experience that mitigated the spread of COVID-19 on campus and beyond, while staying true to Marquette’s Jesuit traditions and mission of academic and research excellence.

It was no small task. Meeting daily, the teams weighed advice from the university’s medical experts, collaborated with community partners and consulted with local health officials, all the while responding to parents’ questions and concerns and prioritizing the individual wishes of students. By August, the team had a robust “Return to Campus” strategy in place that included a mix of in-person and online learning, a reduction of students living on campus, a testing-tracing plan, and “gating criteria” to guide decisions about moving further forward or pulling back.

“I will tell you that I have never worked harder in my life, mentally, physically and emotionally,” Mary Janz says.

A path forward

About 1,420 of 1,662 first-year students moved into university housing at the end of August. They had plenty of space to spread out. The university had given sophomores the option of living off campus, freeing up more than 600 spaces. This allowed hundreds of freshmen to live in single rooms, while the rest moved into doubles where furniture had been rearranged to keep rooms spaced at least 12 feet apart while sleeping. Students received a welcome kit containing a cloth face covering, hand-sanitizer and a digital thermometer.

What was termed “de-densification” extended to the classroom, as well. About 61 percent of the semester’s courses began in person. Of these, 82 percent had fewer than 20 students. Marquette’s traditional small student-to-faculty ratio made these numbers easier to achieve and helped cultivate the face-to-face interactions students value. “It gets at the heart of what makes a Catholic, Jesuit experience so powerful — those close, collaborative learning experiences,” says Dr. John Su, vice provost for academic affairs.

Proceed with caution

Changing conditions have been anticipated and encountered as the semester unfolds. Students, faculty and on-campus staff have completed online COVID-19 training to encourage decisions that reduce the odds of a campus outbreak. They’ve taken a community pledge to follow health and wellness guidelines and have answered daily screening questions using a web app to facilitate contact tracing. Wollmer and colleagues continue to monitor five gating criteria that will determine if Marquette stays the course or shifts to online learning. They include the positive campus test rate, available spaces for quarantine and isolation, and access to personal protective equipment.

At the same time, reduced enrollment and other pandemic impacts are putting serious pressure on university finances, the subject of the next wave of campus-wide planning and response. “There is no playbook to manage a 100-year plague,” Cole says. But if anything is certain, it’s Marquette’s commitment to providing an exceptional education, as evidenced by the 900 faculty members who joined summer workshops on best practices in online education.

“As a mother, I am hopeful and excited for my son,” Janz says. “As an administrator who helped with the recovery, I think we have put good plans into place. It is up to students to heed the call and follow the work we did.”
In Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, since January, Leticia Salazar was still working to decipher her unfamiliar new surroundings when the pandemic struck. Her courses at Vietnam National University were delayed by more than a month and the students in her program dwindled from 15 to four. She considered returning home like most of her overseas peers, but didn’t. “My stubbornness played a large role in deciding to stay,” she says. “Besides, Vietnam was doing a great job keeping their case numbers low.”

This year’s President’s Challenge winners adapt to new imperatives imposed by the pandemic.

A COVID-19 hit Milwaukee and unemployment quadrupled, the city’s largest hunger relief network, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, faced a major logistics problem. It needed to deliver an additional 5 million pounds of food in a three-month period using an outdated distribution system that wasn’t efficiently connecting the dots between available food, delivery trucks, storage locations and community need.

Fortunately, Dr. Walter Bialkowski, Grad ’18, visiting assistant professor of computer science, and his team have a plan to build a better one. Using data that Feeding America already has, including the availability of food pantry coolers and delivery trucks, as well as publicly available information, such as maps and population demographics, the team aims to develop an interactive tool that will automatically tier member pantries by community size and food demand, run reports to forecast need and help deliver goods more efficiently.

For the idea, Bialkowski’s team won $45,000 in the President’s Challenge for COVID-19 Response, a grant program supported by Johnson Controls and American Family Insurance that awards up to $50,000 to Marquette researchers solving problems made worse by the pandemic. The President’s Challenge debuted last year as a way to leverage interdisciplinary research and local partnerships to advance community-based solutions.

“The President’s Challenge, in its short existence, has demonstrated the commitment our faculty, staff, students and community partners have to the service of others,” said President Michael R. Lovell.

Two other researchers received President’s Challenge funding: law professor Andrea Schneider, who won $15,000 for a team studying the impact of safer-at-home orders on intimate partner violence; and Patrick Kennelly, Arts ’07, Grad ’13, director of the Center for Peacemaking, whose team won $45,000 to create a tool kit teachers can use to help students hard hit by both COVID-19 and systemic racism.
Dr. Janis Orlowski helps Marquette hone its pandemic response.

BY MARY SCHMITT BOYER, JOUR ’77

The federal government’s coronavirus response has M.D.s Anthony Fauci and Deborah Birx. Marquette has Janis Orlowski, M.D., Eng ’78. Much like her federal associates, Orlowski, a member of the Marquette Board of Trustees, has become an invaluable resource as people everywhere adjust to changes wrought by the new virus. She’s also a go-to source for media such as The Washington Post and Politico.

The chief health care officer at the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C., Orlowski keeps academic hospitals and health systems, including 64 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, abreast of the latest health care issues and developments while also serving as an advocate for them. She was instrumental in developing an AMMC clinical guidance for treating COVID-19 and recently hosted a video chat with Fauci for more than 100 CEOs from academic health centers.

“The information shared is a two-way street,” she says of her interactions with officials like Fauci. “They are anxious to learn what doctors and hospitals need to care for people, and we are anxious to hear about programs like the remdesivir distribution or potential new vaccine.”

Thus, she is uniquely qualified to advise Marquette’s COVID-19 Response Team. She was the first guest speaker at the university’s first virtual town hall on the subject and was a key figure in helping Marquette alter its schedule and plan its path forward. During the pandemic, she has been speaking to Marquette President Michael R. Lovell or other officials every seven to 10 days, or more often as needed.

A specialist in acute renal care and transplantation who still manages to see patients, virtually or in person, every week, Orlowski has seen her workdays stretch to 12 to 14 hours during the pandemic. But whatever their length, some of that time remains reserved for her alma mater.

With in-person research suspended this summer, Michael Haasler, lab research manager of the Athletic and Human Performance Research Center, and colleagues found a creative way to get students safely conducting observational research. From their cars, five students staked out the parking lots of 36 retail stores. Observing 9,935 people, they found a sharp contrast in mask-wearing before (41.5 percent) and after (90 percent) imposition of a state mask mandate in late July. “The most surprising thing was there were still people resisting the mandates,” says researcher and doctoral student Rachel Beilfuss, H Sci ’20. “Many people just want things to return to normal, but normal will never exist if people don’t do their part in stopping the spread of COVID-19.”

— GUY FIORITA
Adding “Yikes” to my prayer.

BY GARRETT GUNDLACH, S.J.

Fractured. I couldn’t imagine a worse French word to hear after my collision with a car in Paris in January. Luckily it wasn’t my leg, but my bike frame. I mourned, but I needed a Plan B to get me back on a bike, back to class, back to work. I turned to Velib, Paris’ bike rental service, with hopes of quickly getting back on the road, once I could walk again. (Sorry, Mom.)

The first time I successfully punched in my code, undocked the bike and swung my leg over, the seat spun in circles. The second bike’s brake line was cut. The third time, brakes and seat both très bien, I pedaled only to find the chain was hanging, useless.

My TripAdvisor review on the bike service would still assign it a solid five stars in spite of this (painful) learning process — and Velib’s benefits have gone far beyond just my commute. French Jesuits like to teach the Examen, the go-to reflective prayer of our Ignatian spiritual heritage, as a conversational sequence of “Thank you,” “Sorry” and “Please.” With God, we reread the events of each day through these lenses. But experience tells me — notably my experience with these bikes — that an extra step is prudent, a “Yikes” before the “Please.” It’s a step that asks: What’s not working? What’s missing? What needs to happen? What graces do I need to do it?

A little bit of attention, a little bit of honesty can go a long way as we get ourselves back on the road each time again.

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WHEN A MARQUETTE ALUMNUS TAKING PERHAPS HIS LAST BREATHS MET A MARQUETTE NURSE WHO KNEW EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF CARE HE NEEDED, THEIR PRAYERS SHOWED HOW MUCH THEY DID TO SAVE EACH OTHER.

BY STEPHEN FILMANOWICZ

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when standing. Under normal circumstances, he has a booming voice — musical in a range of bass tones. But this evening, his ample lungs were practically shut down, leaving him taking in tiny rapid sniffs from a tube sending in oxygen at his nose at its maximum setting.

Before the conversation with God came one with a doctor, serious enough to occur inside the glass wall. With his fellow judges, Mosley is known for innovations such as bringing the court to shelters — a possibility that remains ahead of him as municipal court judge and community leader. But it was ahead of him. "You start thinking, "I'm 49," he says, "God, is this really where it all goes?"

The man having a conversation with God that evening happened to be a particularly well-known Milwaukeean. Not just a Chicagoan by birth and sports affiliations, he’s also a longtime admirer of this body of work, having been intubated already," she recalls. "They were saying, ‘Three more people died in Milwaukee County. Five more people died in Milwaukee County.’ And I thought, ‘I’m going to come up on the news. I’m going to pop up. I’m going to be one of those people.”

"Along with his fears and an alarm warning of his blood running perilously low on oxygen, Mosley prayed, “Help me get through this. Give me the strength to get through this.”

"Then I got to the point where I was like, "I don’t know if I’m gonna get through this.” So, I came to grips with that, and it was time to worry about everybody else. I said, ‘God, please take care of my family, my loved ones.’"

His mind raced. He thought of the tax documents in an upper drawer that Kelly might never find. He thought of his teen daughters growing up without him, hoping he had taught them well and that they’d all have enough to survive. He thought of the work that remained ahead of him as municipal court judge and community leader. But was it ahead of him? "You start thinking, “I’m 49,” he says, “God, is this really where it all goes?”

Christin Lissmann became an ICU nurse to focus intensely on the care needs of individual patients. As Mosley struggled with frightening news from his doctor, she set up a video chat with his family — and then reassured him that he’d be there for him if he went on a ventilator.

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Lissmann needed the conversation too. "It's kind
Long-distance call with her mother on which she tried
It was Easter Sunday and she'd just finished a
It was a cry
A more can I handle? You have to give me a sign.'"
Bocelli singing at the Duomo cathedral in Milan.
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"I started making jokes, making sure their
Then Lissmann was back. Mosley heard the sound of a
then his daughters, Kallan and Kieran, and their dog
every body form of crying. And I thought, 'He's talking about me.' It was kind of dizzying.
His thoughts drifted to patients she'd cared for
in a week. We laughed, we definitely cried, but most
"Why was I in bed? That's why Lissmann docs it.
The months since then have provided ample
evidence of how much was saved back in the ICU and giving him hope.
I'm going to a regular floor." Mosley's Easter morning
social media posting
thanked Lissmann for
"We're living through this horror. And one person
Mosley's family reunited and celebrated his
derived insights from his
psychiatrist whose work drew insights from his
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in Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye," about the loss of his larynx.
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Para los Niños. For the Children. It is motto and rallying cry for the staff at the Big Shoulders Fund, a mission-driven nonprofit that has raised more than $300 million and distributed it to 75 Catholic schools serving 20,000 students in poor and working-class Chicago neighborhoods since 1986.

It’s also a true-north guidepost in the life of Joshua D. Hale, Comm ’95, a Big Shoulders mainstay as president and CEO since 2012 and executive director for seven preceding years. Big Shoulders’ reputation for efficiency, innovation and inclusion can be ascribed to the charismatic leadership and infectious energy of one Joshua D. Hale.

“Josh tries to live by the Jesuit motto to be ‘a man for others,’” says Tom Zbierski, Big Shoulders’ director of scholarships. “If Josh hadn’t come to us 15 years ago, we wouldn’t be the success we are today. He’s always pushing the staff: ‘Can we do this? Why not?’”

In January, this striving culminated in a historic $92 million agreement with the Archdiocese of Chicago to provide scholarships, operational assistance and related support to 30 schools on the city’s hard-scrabble south and west sides. After laboring for years under a disquieting threat of closure, these schools now enjoy the protection of the agreement’s 10-year guarantee of continued operation.

“Josh came along at just the right time,” says Dr. Denise Spells, longtime principal at St. Ethelreda School in the south side’s Gresham neighborhood, which boasts a state-champion chess team. “He brought new life, new energy, new ideas. His passion and enthusiasm transformed Big Shoulders into the organization it is today.”

CHICAGO’S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND THEIR STUDENTS NEEDED A LIFELINE. AN ALUMNUS GOT TO WORK.

BY DAN MCGRATH, JOUR ‘72
ONE MINUTE HALE IS TALKING HIGH FINANCE WITH JOHN CANNING, BIG SHOULDERS’ BOARD CO-CHAIRMAN; THE NEXT HE’S EYEBALL TO EYEBALL WITH A THIRD GRADER DISCUSSING THE IMPORTANCE OF SPELLING.

When the coronavirus pandemic began taking a toll on schools, the Big Shoulders Fund responded with support for virtual learning and funds for school families affected by job loss. And not surprisingly, CEO Josh Hale joined on the front lines as the organization provided more than 100,000 meals to families in need.

Just weeks after Big Shoulders’ agreement with the archdiocese was announced, though, the COVID-19 pandemic threw its schools into crisis mode, prompting another round of multilayered support from Hale and Big Shoulders. “Marquette should be very proud to have Josh as an alum,” says Monsignor Kenneth Velo, Big Shoulders’ co-chairman and chaplain. “What a gift he is to the children of Chicago….I’ve been a priest for 47 years, and he inspires me to keep going.”

Hale, a boyish looking 47 with thick glasses, curly hair and a smile that hints of mischief, scoffs at such praise. “Big Shoulders is a team. I get energy from this mission, from being around people who are driven to help others.”

If service isn’t in Josh Hale’s DNA, it’s clearly in his heart, and his background. He grew up in Danvers, Massachusetts, the middle of Bill and Elaine Hale’s five children. Bill Hale is a U.S. Army veteran who spent a year in a body cast recovering from injuries suffered when the helicopter he was piloting was shot down in Vietnam. “He used the down time to get his MBA, then went into business,” Hale recalls. Elaine Hale set the tone for the family’s commitment to serving others. “When we were young, my mom took us to Haiti,” and we’d say, ‘What about Disney?’ But that was my mom. She said, ‘This will be good for you,’ and it was.

“We lived with the Haitian kids, ate with them, worked in the fields with them, washed our clothes in buckets just like they did. They were the poorest of the poor. But I fell in love with doing something that filled my soul.”

At Marquette, Hale found the Service Learning Program, which combines academic study with service experiences at Milwaukee-area nonprofits. “Marquette was one of the first universities to do it,” Hale says. “Part of your class time is to go out and do service. You’re applying what you’ve learned in class to real life.”

Hale also tended bar at two Milwaukee watering holes, honing his listening skills and refining an uncanny ability to connect with people on all levels: One minute he’s talking high finance with John Canning, Big Shoulders’ board co-chairman; the next he’s eyeball to eyeball with a third grader discussing the importance of spelling.

“Josh can relate to anyone — his people skills are off the charts,” says Canning, a minority owner of the Milwaukee Brewers who runs the private equity firm Madison Dearborn Partners. “Intellectually, I’m sure I’m more on the level of the third grader,” Hale insists.

After Marquette he spent two years in the Marshall Islands with Jesuit Volunteers International, teaching high school literature, grammar and accounting. “I started a theatre club and a media club, and I coached basketball. We won the islands championship one year. I think there were four teams total.”

Settling in Chicago, Hale went to work as a business consultant but felt stifled and unfulfilled. A job in development with the Cristo Rey network of like schools across the nation, those served by Big Shoulders took a dizzying hit from the COVID-19 pandemic and the changes it brought to life — and education — as we’d known it. For Hale, it was a call to action. No sooner had stay-at-home restrictions been imposed than he was at work raising money for an emergency fund to assist families affected by job loss. Dozens of Chicago-area restaurants were recruited to provide free meals for thousands of needy families. Big Shoulders offered extensive remote-learning resources and an accelerated college-readiness program to help its schools maintain a strong educational focus through a challenging time.

“Josh has made Cardinal Bernardin’s vision his mission,” Denise Spells says. “He believes every child is entitled to a Catholic school education regardless of religion, race or economic status. He works relentlessly to make this a reality. Thirteen years after St. Ethelreda’s church closed, our school is thriving because of our Big Shoulders lifetime.”

All in a day’s work for a man accustomed to getting things done — and a solid follow-up act to the larger agreement, more than a year in the making. Amid shrinking enrollments and dwindling resources, the archdiocese had been closing struggling schools for several years in hopes of keeping the overall system solvent. Citing their importance to underserved communities, Big Shoulders had vehemently opposed shuttering schools. “There was a history of institutional tension,” concedes Dr. Jim Rigg, the archdiocese’s superintendent of schools. “But I knew Josh and I were on the same team.”

“Josh got it across the finish line despite obstacles that were pretty daunting,” Monsignor Velo says. “It’s a new lease on life for these schools,” Hale says. “This partnership could be a model for urban education in other cities. Now we just have to deliver on the potential and pay for it, but we will. Our donors are very generous. They believe in what we’re doing.”

Paro Jos Añon. “It’s all about helping kids, creating good citizens,” Hale says. “Cardinal Bernardin said it: ‘If we’re going to be good Catholics, we have to be of service in these poor communities.’”

Monsignor Velo, who was Cardinal Bernardin’s closest aide as a young priest, says it a little differently. “At a time when the church is under a dark cloud for various reasons, Josh is like a beacon of sunshine.”

Although Big Shoulders specializes in financial, technical and professional support for vulnerable Catholic schools, Hale’s brand of leadership makes him a familiar presence in places such as St. Gall School (shown during pre-coronavirus conditions).
WHY WE MARCH

Marquette senior and Minneapolis-area native Theo John was just across town from the corner where George Floyd suffocated in May under the knee of a police officer while crying out repeatedly, “I can’t breathe.”

John knows people who knew Floyd. He could look out his window and see the anguish of his fellow Twin Citians. “When you see something as powerful as a large group of people coming together for change representing something bigger than them, that speaks for itself in making you step out and be a part of that,” he says. That week, he took to the streets with tens of thousands marching in protest and marched again a few days later.

Floyd’s killing, following a string of similar cases nationally, set in motion massive protests and calls for police reform and a broader reckoning with racism. Shocking video footage of the more recent shooting of Jacob Blake by Kenosha, Wis., police added to the urgency and outrage. John’s story is just one example of how these tragedies and the response to them hit home, how they changed our times. In that spirit, 12 people — alumni, clergy, faculty, staff, students — opened up to help explain what this moment, this movement, means to our university community, how it calls to us in our faith, and how far its influence may reach.

THE MOVEMENT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR COMMUNITY

COMPILED BY STEPHEN FILMANOWICZ
WATCH STUDENT-ATHLETES MARCH FOR JUSTICE @ BITLY/CAMPUSSMARCH.

THE SIGN IN MY YARD: Erika Brown

I have a Black Lives Matter sign in front of my home. This message matters to me because I feel that if Blacks continue to be disenfranchised, treated unequally and killed unjustly in the U.S., then simply, all lives do not matter. To me, the sign says to my neighbors “I stand on the issue, period.”

PROTESTING GENERATIONS OF INJUSTICE: Johnny Irias

June 2020 put Black Lives Matter on the front pages, but this is not just an issue when it’s a top story; this oppression has happened to Black people for generations. Although our issues as undocumented people are different, we share in the fight against injustice in search of equity and a better future. My parents risked everything moving north for a better life, and I cannot fail to see the parallels with those fleeing slavery to the north in search of a better life. We protest because injustice has been perpetuated by many generations and has become normalized in our culture and society.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE MARCH: Pardeep Singh Kaleka

As the human family strives for a more perfect union, we recognize some promises are not yet realized by so many. So, we continue striving through joys, pains, heartaches, guilt, anguish and relief. Experiencing these feelings as a community, we heed the call of our interconnected will — a will challenged by our physical differences but firm in the truth of shared experience, a will so familiar it knows no one as “other.” When we march, our hearts beat together, our voices resonate in harmony with the海思 doctrine of All Lives Matter in the U.S. — until systemic, judicial, social, political and economic changes that are centuries overdue take place.

HOW TO HEAL OURSELVES AND OTHERS: Dr. Karisse Callender

Lately, I’ve been asking, “Do I belong?” and “Am I safe?” I’m not the only one. We need collective healing during these times. It must start with understanding our own needs, then creating safe spaces to heal. We must learn self-respect, so we can respect others — to learn self-compassion, so we can be compassionate toward others. We have to be mindful of how our actions and words affect others, and to lose the need to tell others what their healing "should" look like. My healing is happening in my own time, at my own pace, in my preferred space, with people who are safe. That is my protest.

THE SIGN I CARRIED: Dani Castillo-Perez

I chose this quote (right) by Archbishop Oscar Romero, S.J., because of his legacy and leadership: “We all have a place in the world. If we overstep those borders, we know where hearts beat, too.”

THE THINGS WE ARE STILL FIGHTING FOR: Breanna Flowers

I believe, for a long time, we have been fighting for basic rights and liberties that are granted to other races easily. We still have to fight for the First Amendment to protest. We have to fight for proper education, clean water, housing, proper healthcare, places to obtain proper nutrition. We need these things, not more police cars or programs to militarize officers. We need the government to wake up and put aside political parties and understand that Black people, who have been born on American soil, have been hurting and mourning since we came out of the womb.

THE DAY HAS COME: Glenn “Doc” Rivers

My father was a 30-year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, and if he were still with us, he’d be hurt and outraged by the senseless acts of racial injustice that continue to plague our country. The response we have seen across the nation, to the murder of George Floyd, is decades in the making. Too many tragedies have passed in vain. This isn’t an African American issue. It’s a human issue. Our society must start getting comfortable with the uncomfortable conversation. The day has come to confront real problems and be part of the solution.

Irias is a senior in the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences. Kaleka is a professor of undeclared studies and associate professor of religious studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. Flowers is a senior majoring in political science and president of Marquette’s Black Student Council.
“AS A UNIVERSITY, WE MUST DEMAND MORE OF OURSELVES”

Afterward, Ah Yun and Lovell said jointly that in its commitment to preserving the dignity of all people and providing a safe, welcoming environment where all can thrive, Marquette had “in far too many cases, failed. We need to change.”

In speaking to supporters in Zilber’s lobby after giving the document their signatures, BSC President Brenna Flowers and Vice President Lazabia Jackson drew cheers announcing provisions such as 40 full-tuition scholarships annually for graduates of City of Milwaukee high schools; the hiring of black counselors (one just hired in the Counseling Center); and a fundraising campaign for a Black student cultural center on campus. With pride, relief and determination, Flowers, a senior, challenged young student: “This isn’t done. This is work still. Freshmen, sophomores, make sure this stuff gets done.”

FIND FULL DETAILS OF MARQUETTE’S STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT CREATED IN CONSULTATION WITH BLACK STUDENTS @ bit.ly/marquettescontentsteps.
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women who are outstanding dealmakers inside and outside of their firms. In 2019, Josephs was named one of Chicago’s Notable Entrepreneurs by Crain’s Chicago Business and a Director to Watch in Private Board Directors magazine.

80 Steven J. Nass, PT ’83, was elected chairman of the Board of Supervisors in Jefferson County, Wis., in April 2020. He is serving his 11th term on the board.

81 Patricia A. Hintz, Bus Ad ’85, was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America 2020’s Milwaukee Tax Law “Lawyer of the Year.” Hintz is a partner at Quarles & Brady LLP in its Milwaukee office and practices with the firm’s business law group. She has been listed in the publication since 2005.

82 Jeffrey J. Altenburg, Arts ’86, was one of four people to receive the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Milwaukee County Mental Health Task Force.

83 Stephen J. LaMotte, Arts ’86, became the national formation director for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul’s National Council of the United States. The society is an organization of lay Catholics in 155 countries whose members seek growth in holiness through person-to-person service to God’s poor.

84 Colleen (Long) McFarland, Eng ’87, had her book, Discourmarched, listed as a bestseller on Amazon. McFarland summarizes what employers need to know about iGen, individuals born between 1995 and 2012, including how to welcome, support and impress them. The book explores how companies can use their people data to signal to younger workers that they can be part of their company’s future and have time for a healthy and purposeful life.

85 Jay H. Posick, Arts ’87, co-wrote Principles In Action: Redefining the Role, which was published in October 2019.

86 Jean (Cinkovich) Beatty, O. Nurs. ’58, was recognized as a top producer in real estate in several regional publications including Washingtonian, Northern Virginia Magazine and Arlington Magazine. She was also voted a 2020 Best Real Estate Agent by the readers of Northern Virginia Magazine. Beatty is licensed in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia and has been a platinum member of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors Multi-Million Dollar Sales Club for five years.

87 Paige Styler, Law ’92, was one of four people to receive the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Milwaukee County Mental Health Task Force.

88 Laura Bothe, Comm ’93, was named to Crain’s Chicago Business’ 2020 list of Notable Women in Manufacturing. The list spotlights 34 accomplished professionals who are influential in the traditionally male-dominated field. Bothe is vice president of Bothe Associates Inc.


90 Maureen Mclachlan, Arts ’93, received her doctorate in nursing practice with a family nurse practitioner specialty from Rush University in Chicago.

91 James Dudlick, Comm ’74, was named director of communications and external affairs for the National Grocers Association, a trade group representing independent grocery retailers and wholesalers. Dudlick joined the association based in Arlington, Va., in April 2020 after 10 years with the retail trade magazine Progressive Grocer, most recently as editorial director.

92 Scott F. Hokanson, Bus Ad ’94, president of Brabo Insurance, was named Business Person of the Year for 2020 by the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce in Plymouth, Mass.
Two Jesuit priests founded the Ignatian Volunteer Corps in 1995 with a mission to match individuals’ expertise and desire to grow in faith with community organizations that serve the poor. Alumni UVIC volunteers across the country, retired or close to it, serve and deepen their faith in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers in Milwaukee, for example, work with Seton Catholic Schools, Habitat for Humanity and Milwaukee County Drug Court, among others. “I’m humbled by the giving spirits of Marquette alumni,” says Monica Meagher, Arts ’77 (shown above at a Mass for Seton students on Marquette’s campus), who helped establish IVC Milwaukee’s operation in 2016 and now serves as regional director.

Anne Curley, Grad ’88, one of IVC Milwaukee’s first volunteers, began as the only reading tutor at St. Catherine’s School’s Milwaukee neighborhood. Recognizing the need, she recruited additional volunteers, expanded into a second Seton Catholic school and developed a volunteer training program. As a result, more than 250 struggling readers saw their academic prospects improve.

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HONOR ROLE

The pioneering work of Dr. Kathleen Hall Jamieson, SP ’67, in communication and public policy includes co-founding FactCheck.org, the director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, and the director of the Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) Project. Jamieson’s work has contributed to valuable national policy change, with her research guiding the development of nonpartisan, evidence-based democracy. Jamieson’s trust threatens our very way of seeing the world. She has held influential roles, including the use of the 2020 Public Welfare Medal and the National Academy of Sciences’ 2020 Public Welfare Medal for the use of science for the public good. “In an age when misinformation, spin and confusion about whom to trust threatens our very democracy, Jamieson’s nonpartisan, evidence-based approach to science communication and political analysis is an invaluable national treasure,” says NAS President Marcia McNutt.

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CLASS NOTES

Instructor at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

Greg Shutters, Comm ’09, received the Type Directors Club Ascenders Award, which recognizes the work of designers worldwide under 35 years of age who show remarkable achievement in typography, type design and lettering.


Sendra L. (Swiney) Norder, Law ’10, earned distinction as a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Justinian (JB) Koenings, Law ’11, was elected as a shareholder at the firm O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing S.C.

Will O’Brien, Comm ’11, was promoted to chief copywriter and senior account executive at Allerion Communications, a Chicago-based public affairs agency specializing in clean energy and reputation management.

Megan M. (Heine) Panther, Nurs ’11, and James E. Panther, Law ’15, and Aug. 10, 2019, at St. Hedwig’s Catholic Church in Milwaukee. Most of the wedding party and many guests in attendance were Marquette alumni. Rev. Christopher Krall, S.J., presided.

Erica Reib, Law ’11, was elected as shareholder of the firm O’Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeJong & Laing S.C.

Xiaojing (Nita) Wang, Grad ’11, married Victor Mizera, H Sci ’13, wed Jan. 11, 2020, in downtown Chicago. Mizera received his master’s degree in clinical psychology from Cardinal Stritch University. His thesis, “Male-only Social Support May Decrease Depressive Symptoms in Men,” was accepted by Michigan State University’s International Student Affairs.


Erica N. Menze, June 22, 2019, in Minneapolis. Menze also represents clients in real estate and business litigation. She is licensed to practice in Oregon and Washington. She is a fellow of the Real Property, Trusts and Estates Section of the American Bar Association. Menze lives in Portland, Ore.


Jeffrey M. Nerone, Prof St ’12, received his master’s degree in clinical psychology from Cardinal Stritch University. His thesis, “Male-only Social Support May Decrease Depressive Symptoms in Men,” was accepted by Michigan State University’s International Student Affairs.

Aly Prouty, Arts ’19 — actually is featured in a chapter in the book. With all of her creative work with her grief, she’s helped me see how powerful it is to express yourself and talk about grief in a world where it’s not normalized.

Your book is about grief and growth. How has it fostered your own growth?

Writing about it taught me not to be so afraid. It’s taught me to be vulnerable. Writing the book taught me so much about the power of sharing your story and listening to other people’s stories.

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Fifteen years ago, Evelyn Pollock, Grad ’19, needed surgery to remove cysts on her vocal folds that hampered her singing range and put a crimp in her budding opera career.

BY ALLISON DIHANOVC, ARTS ’17

Working with a voice specialist and speech pathologist, she made a full recovery and reliably hit her high C again. Pollock followed up with an impressive run singing opera full time in theatres around the world, including nine years with a company in St. Gallen, Switzerland, where her husband also sang.

“We were living the dream, as stable and normal a life as possible as opera singers,” she says. But the arrival of two daughters changed things. “My lifestyle as a mother wasn’t fitting with my lifestyle as a performer.” Con­sidering what to do next, she remembered her voice therapy of patients with vocal disorders, laryngeal cancers and the vocal fold lesions she’d had. Now, as a speech pathologist at Milwaukee Academy of Science, she carries knowledge from her earlier life into the classroom. “How we make speech, how sound resonates inside the vocal tract and how we breathe, these are all concepts you use in studying classical singing,” Pollock says. “Singing is really just sustained speaking with a lot of breath behind you.”

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Library of Men’s Studies. Nemone works as a licensed professional counselor for Aurora Health and is pursuing a doctorate at Cardinal Stritch. He volunteers with the Wisconsin Truth Project and is a board member of the Wisconsin Counseling Association.

Ann Marie Wrókowski, Arts ’12, received her doctorate in veterinary medicine from Midwestern University in Glendale, Ariz. Wrókowski plans to start a laboratory animal medicine residency at Tulane University in New Orleans.

SECOND ACT

FALL 2020
Let’s Celebrate These Alumni Milestones

Send your photo of the happy couple or newest addition to your family. We’ll share as many as possible here on the “Milestones” page.

Send milestone photos to marquette.edu/classnotes.

1930s

Jane H. (Theilges) Wolfgang, Nurs ’39

1940s

Doris V. (Boony) Commins, Jour ’40; Glenn D. Barbaras, Arts ’41; John J. Davies, Arts ’42; Isabel E. (Estada), Med ’42; Dolores (Zulicka) Kaszube, Nurs ’42; Edna M. (Wolfe) Perry, Arts ’42; Jonathan N. Slosnik, Arts ’42; Med ’44; John J. Owez, Eng ’45; Henry C. Becher, Bus Ad ’44; Milo K. Schneider, Eng ’44; Mary J. (Slowinski) Talman, Arts ’44; Catherine L. (Braun) Windle, Arts ’44; Dorothy M. (Buehmann) Jensen, Arts ’45; Anthony J. Bausin, Arts ’46; Nancy J. (Hoffman) Broes, Nurs ’46; Hugh P. Dorney, Arts ’46; Audrey V. (Burton) Milko, Arts ’46; Joyce (Kinsman) Sauder, Sp ’46; Roman). Schneider, Dent ’46; Bonnie B. (Shmelik) Waldron, Nurs ’46; Pierce J. Flynn, Arts ’47; Joan (Koevenschild) Haragon, Sp ’47; John P. McAllister, Arts ’47; John J. McLeod, Med ’47; George A. Minick, Eng ’47; Robert E. O’Magan, Eng ’47; Jane O. (Tenesky) Prosen, Arts ’47; Jordan A. Wurzen, Bus Ad ’47; Alva H. Adolphi, Arts ’48; Mary Pat (Wilson) Connell, Sp ’48, Grad ’88; Mildred (Halal) DeBroux, Dent Hy ’48; Norma L. (Eichorn) Hohen, Grad ’48; Elaine B. (Dzinski) Friedman, Dent Hy ’48; Lisa Van M. (Stier) Grothouse, Nurs ’48; Beverly A. (McCauley) Huber, Arts ’48; Mary Louise (Fisk) Kammler, Nurs ’48; Florence E. Koenig, Bus Ad ’48; Raymond J. Martin, Bus Ad ’48; Doris J. (Westby) Nelson, Dent Hy ’48; Jean F. (Kramer) Rusnak, Med ’48; Helen J. (Schold) Schmaul, Med Tech ’48; Kenneth F. Waraczynski, Eng ’48; Carl D. Wegs, Eng ’48; John O. Adams, Eng ’49; Edward J. Berto, Eng ’49; Norbert J. Cieslak, Bus Ad ’49; Catherine C. (Plottman) Gehling, Dent Hy ’49; Frances L. (Gadomski) Hill, Arts ’49.
IN MEMORIAM

Thomas V. Schinderle, Eng ’49; Mary E. (Youniss) McMahon, Vernon L. Laurin, R. Bus Ad ’52; Jeannette E. Quast, Grad ’52; Arthur Nurs Krafcheck, Arts ’52; Leroy W. ’52; Roy W. Bus Ad Frawley, Eng ’52; Kathryn H. (McCardell) ’51; Janice E. (Appel) Voros, (Soule) Spott, Jour Nurs ’51; Gerald J. Schlintz, ’51; John H. Olivanti, Arts ’51; Eugene J. Pieterick, O’Donnell, Arts ’51; Mary J. (Voss) Bus Ad ’51; Gerald P. Nash, Arts ’51; Leo J. Hughes, Jablonski, Arts ’51; Rita M. Henry, Henrietta M. (Shaefer) Finnegan, Bus (Hubert) Daly, Crowley, Jour ‘51; Arlene R. Dolores E. (Hickey) Wildermuth, Eng ’51; Eng ’50; John L. Coakley, Van Gilder, Thomas S. Reiter, Rice, Bus Ad ’50; Jour ’50; Catherine G. (Gassert) Molgaard, Arts ’50; Patricia T. (Christy) Kenward, Hebert Kaye, Grad ’65; James M. Arts ’50, Fons, Arts ’49 J. (Burger) Splude, 44 / FALL 2020 MARQUETTE MAGAZINE / 45

Why do we improve health care for these communities?

This is my life’s work. We have to begin to look at implicit racial bias in the health care system, conscious or unconscious. We need to deal with the disparity in the health care delivery. If we don’t take this opportunity now to address what we’ve seen, we’ll have lost the chance to change it.

Winning strategies for living with meaning

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Health Care Ethicist, Mount Mary University

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Such palpable tensions between “health” and “care” led her to graduate study at Marquette. Now a professor of theological ethics at Mount Mary University in Milwaukee, Daniels-Sykes is the country’s only Black health care system, conscious or unconscious. We need to deal with the disparity in the health care delivery. If we don’t take this opportunity now to address what we’ve seen, we’ll have lost the chance to change it.

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— reported by Tom Haitscher
“When the COVID-19 pandemic forced the university to put its courses online, I was five months pregnant, so my husband, Carlos, and I returned to our families in California. I couldn’t know that our decision would put us in harm’s way, or that I would face-to-face with my future.

“COVID-19 symptoms spread from my aunt to my parents, me and Carlos. My father, Arturo Vazquez, who is 67 years old with a pacemaker, had it the worst. In the hospital, he developed pneumonia and was put on a ventilator.

“We cried, prayed, and kept our faith strong. But I developed severe abdominal pain from the stress and found myself in a trapezoid tent outside the hospital. Nurses in protective gear came to check on me and my baby. They were reassuring, letting me know they’d always be there to help me. I was released after two days.

“After eight days, my father came off of the ventilator. We were shocked and filled with joy. Through this experience, I gained a new appreciation for nursing. I saw firsthand the stress of having a family member in the ICU — some of the worst days of my life — and feel a strong need to become the kind of caregiver that was there for me. I’ve even considered shifting my career goals to become an ICU nurse.

“My father doesn’t remember much of his time there except his promise to fight to see his first grandson and his family again. Our daughter, Camila, was born in June and luckily will be able to know her warrior of a grandfather.”
CLASS NOTES

1980s
- Jerome G. Heinze, Eng ’80; Mary L. Pechel, Sp ’80, Grad ’81; Thomas P. Engle, Nurs ’81; Mark J. Habersberger, Arts ’81; Timothy L. Liebmann, Jour ’81; Richard W. Schroeder, Grad ’81; Keith V. Von Seggern, Grad ’81; Michael A. Wells, Bus Ad ’81; Sybil K. Corbin, Arts ’82; Karen M. Kindl, Sp ’82; Thomas R. Manzko, Eng ’82; Deborah A. Redford-Badwal, Dent Hy ’82; John D. Burkart, Dent ’83; George G. Hadjian, Eng ’83; Joan M. St. Germain, Sp ’83; William D. Davis, Hon ’84; Robert M. Waddick, Bus Ad ’84; Raymond P. Fox, Bus Ad ’85; James R. Bach, Eng ’85; Paul K. Kuenning, Grad ’85; Richard A. Wieder, Grad ’85; Lisa K. (Hardmeyer) Ignace, Sp ’86; Jennifer L. Hoffman, Nurs ’86; Margaret M. (Oswald) Paquette, Nurs ’86; William J. Secor, Grad ’86; Frederick M. Style, Arts ’86; Bryan K. Gudzil, Bus Ad ’87; Lee M. Radke, Dent ’87; Geogiana E. (Weishus) Ignace, Sp ’88; Thomas P. O’Connell, Dent ’88

1990s
- Bonnie J. Beebe-Sommer, Grad ’90, Grad ’96; Pamela A. Capolowski, Arts ’90; Paula A. Ford-Martin, Comm ’90; Jeffrey C. Mittman, Bus Ad ’90; Charmly F. (Walter) Murray, Bus Ad ’91; Joan D. Sheler, Arts ’91, Grad ’92; Waveney M. Jones, Grad ’93; Julie A. (Morgenstern) Sarna, Arts ’94; John P. Taphorn, Bus Ad ’94; Kardace K. (Blonski) Barich, Nurs ’95; Jennifer E. (Johnson) Langenfeld, Arts ’95; Michael J. Peterson, Eng ’95; Elizabeth A. Tracewski, Bus Ad ’95; Patricia G. Cooper, Grad ’97; Jayne R. Yatsko, Arts ’97; Teresie L. (Marohl) Baker, H Sci ’99

2000s
- Jason A. Miller, Eng ’00; Brian Tucker, Grad ’02; Ellen Fombanks, Grad ’03; Arthur A. Wasserman, Law ’05; Jeremiah A. Bryer, Law ’06

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