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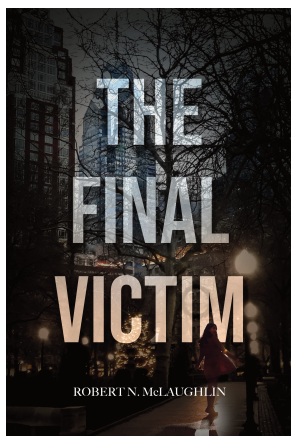
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Class of 1971

Robert N. McLaughlin, BS, business management

Robert McLaughlin has published his third book, *The Final Victim*. This is his first



fiction novel. It is a suspenseful tale centered in Philadelphia and Washington, DC, in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. After a young woman returns from an overseas vacation, she is unknowingly pursued by an international assassin, leading to conflict between the highest law enforcement agencies in the United States and a fatal encounter affecting the highest office in the nation. The book is available in print or as an eBook online at Amazon.com and other retail outlets. Robert's other books include *Danny and Mickey*, *Ordinary Heroes*, a narrative nonfiction account of the lives of Danny Murtaugh and Mickey Vernon and how they led the Pittsburgh Pirates to the 1960 World Series, and *Witness to Treason: How the GOP, Trump, and Greed Betrayed America*, an account of the partnership that took root before and after the 2016 election.

Class of 1976

Phil Martelli, BA, government and politics, '04H

Widener alumnus Phil Martelli is the recipient of the 2020–21 National Association of Basketball Coaches Guardians of the Game Award for Leadership. The honor will be presented during the NABC's virtual convention prior to the Final Four. The Guardians of the Game Awards are presented annually for advocacy, education, leadership, and service—the four core values of the NABC. "Phil is the real deal. He cares deeply for people, especially student-athletes and coaches, and he is very passionate about the game," said Jim Haney, recently retired executive director of the NABC.

"Whether as NABC president or a member of committees—you could tell by the way people responded that Phil was highly respected and what he said and how he said it was impactful." Martelli graduated as Widener's all-time leader in assists with 421 and remains third on the career list in helpers. He led the Blue and Gold to NCAA Tournament appearances in his junior and senior seasons before getting his coaching start as an assistant under C. Alan Rowe. He was a member of the staff that guided Widener to the 1978 NCAA Division III championship game. Following his stint on the bench at his alma



mater, Martelli was the head coach at Bishop Kenrick High School for seven seasons

before joining St. Joseph's as an assistant coach. After 10 years, he was elevated to head coach of the Hawks and amassed 430 wins in 18 seasons at the helm. Arguably his finest performance as a coach came in 2003–04 when he guided St. Joe's to a 30-2 record, a No. 1 ranking in the AP poll, and a berth in the Elite Eight. Martelli is currently the associate head coach at Michigan.

Class of 1981

Charles Huston, BS, management

During the Coatesville Reorganization meeting in January 2021, which was held in the midst of the city's pivotal redevelopment initiatives, Charles (Chip) Huston was welcomed as the Coatesville's new assistant city manager,



filling the vacancy after James Logan was appointed to city manager in August. "I'm pleased to welcome our newest member of the city's staff," said Logan. "Chip has a genuine long-standing connection to our region and brings a proven track record of community service and leadership to this role. We have much to accomplish, and I look forward to working with Chip and our dedicated City Council members." Formerly executive director and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Chester County, Huston has also held management positions at Philadelphia Gear,

Amazon, and QVC. A resident of the Greater Coatesville Region for 40 years, Huston serves on the boards of the Coatesville 2nd Century Alliance, Good Neighbors Home Repair, and the Huston Foundation.

Stephen Jones, BA, psychology; '95, EdD, higher education

Dr. Stephen Jones has enjoyed 33



years of a loving and caring marriage, and he wants to share his experience with you. He has released his newest book, *10 Keys to a Successful Marriage*. It is an interactive workbook for engaged and married couples. Married at 27, Dr. Jones says a good marriage requires godly wisdom, honest communication, and a loving and caring spouse. He and his wife, Adele, committed to a long and lasting relationship with God's help. He hopes to encourage married couples to know that they, too, can have a long and loving relationship. The struggles in a marriage can help a couple grow closer together when they both attack the problem and not each other. You can discover how God has great plans for your marriage by reading suggestions from the lay members and pastors who have contributed to this book. Their marriage experiences range from 10 to 30 years. You will get practical advice, including easy communication tips, that have been cultivated over many years of marriage. Dr. Stephen Jones is an accomplished educator, author, and publisher of five books. To get a copy of his new book, workshops, and other offerings, go to www.DrJonesbooks.com/marriage.

Class of 1990

Dr. Lise Deguire, PsyD, clinical psychology

When she was four years old, Dr. Lise Deguire suffered



third-degree burns on two-thirds of her body as the result of both maternal and corporate negligence. Against all odds, she survived the traumatic event, embarking on a journey of decades of surgeries and treatments to heal her injuries. In her debut book, *Flashback Girl: Lessons on Resilience from a Burn Survivor* (September 15, 2020), Dr. Deguire shares how she worked through the internal and external pain of her childhood to find a path towards love, health, joy, and life satisfaction. She credits her survival to finding her strength and resilience. The fire and its aftermath are only the beginning of this riveting story. Dr. Deguire compellingly describes the dysfunctional and tragic world of her family—including artistic genius, eccentricity, narcissistic and neglectful parents, and four suicides—her formative years spent in the hospital undergoing reconstructive surgeries, and her experiences being bullied and socially isolated. She also shares stories from her adult life: her struggles to find romantic love, becoming a devoted, compassionate parent, and her work as a clinical psychologist in private practice for more than

20 years. With a warm and engaging tone, *Flashback Girl* is an inspiring memoir offering guidance to those who are suffering life's challenges. Positive and humorous, without self-pity, the book features Dr. Deguire's life lessons at the end of each chapter.

James Stanford, BS, electrical engineering

Tilt Five—an entertainment system provider that uses proprietary augmented reality (AR) glasses, a game board, and a wand controller to engage players in tabletop and video games in 3D holographic environments—announced that James Stanford has joined the company as chief operating officer. Stanford will work closely with founder and CEO Jeri Ellsworth to accelerate Tilt Five's vision of changing the course of augmented reality gaming. Stanford has more than 30 years of experience and has led product, R&D, engineering, sales, marketing, manufacturing, and operation teams, as well as serving as CEO, COO, and chief strategy officer in various size entities from start-ups to Fortune 100 with P&L ownership. He has designed and commercialized several award-winning products with a reach of 76 percent global market-share shipping 300 million units under prestigious names. Stanford held a director role at Maine Pointe, an SGS company, as the trusted advisor to CEO and COOs transforming companies with immediate and sustainable EBITDA growth while implementing the best business practices in medical device, Department of Defense, aviation, consumer electronics, and renewable

energy companies while leading teams to deliver results up to 1:6 ROI. Formerly, Stanford was a Logitech executive leading retail and OEM business units. In addition to his Widener degree, Stanford holds an MBA from the University of San Francisco and a master's in electrical engineering from Cornell University.

Class of 1993

JoAnne Keen, BA, government and politics

McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC, announces the addition of JoAnn B. Keen, who will serve as a paralegal out of the new Devon, Pa., office. Keen will practice in the firm's Estate Planning Practice Group. With nearly 30 years of experience in various facets of estate and trust administration, she works to maintain a quality relationship with clients throughout the process. Keen is a member of the Delaware County Paralegal Association. In addition to her Widener degree, she earned an ABA-Approved Paralegal Certificate from Villanova University.

Class of 1994

Joan Erney, JD, law



Former Community Behavioral Health CEO and longtime New Cumberland resident Joan Erney announces her intention to

run for mayor of the borough. Prior to her retirement in 2020, Erney, a Democrat, managed more than 500 employees and oversaw an \$800 million budget at Community Behavior Health. She has also worked as the chief business and public policy officer for Community Care and was deputy secretary for the state's Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. She is a graduate of Penn State University and Widener School of Law.

James Conville, JD, law

James G. Conville, of Port Carbon, announces his candidacy for Schuylkill County Court of Common Pleas Judge. He is seeking nomination in the May 18, 2021, primary election, respectively asking both Democrats and Republicans for their votes, to serve on the Schuylkill County bench. "Most of my professional life has been spent inside of the courtroom," said Conville. "I believe I have the record, insight, and experience to be an impartial judge for all the people," he added. Conville is a partner in the law firm of Zane, Rossi, Conville and Harley, Schuylkill Haven and Pine Grove. With more than 26 years practicing law, Conville says his lengthy experience in the courtroom has given him a unique insight into the criminal victims' desire for justice, as well as the accused's entitlement to fairness. Conville has also dedicated a significant portion of his legal practice to serve the children of Schuylkill County. As court appointed guardian ad litem, Conville has represented and acted in the best interests of children that have fallen victim to abuse, neglect, and dependency, to help them overcome very difficult circumstances. "This work underscored the need to promote family values and also protect our most valuable of resources, the children of Schuylkill County, and has truly been some of the

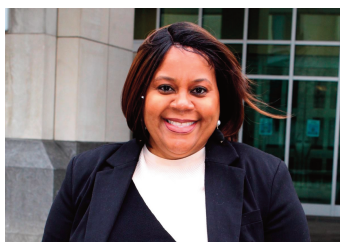
most rewarding of my professional work” said Conville. He says he has an appreciation for hard work and getting the job done right, passed down from his coal mining father and his textile mill working mother. Prior to becoming an attorney, Conville was a dock worker and member of the Teamsters. “I’m not a politician, nor a part of any political machine.” “I’m just the product of a hard-working, middle-class family who needed to work full-time while attending law school in the evenings and on Saturday mornings to pay my way through school myself,” Conville said. He is also active in his community and is dedicated to serving volunteer fire companies, local governments, and municipal authorities as their solicitor. He “was very fortunate to be able to build a successful practice the old fashion way, through hard work and treating people fairly, with due respect.” Conville is a 1987 graduate of Penn State University and a 1994 graduate of Widener University School of Law–Harrisburg, and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Schuylkill County Bar Association. He has been married to his wife, Lisa, for 14 years. He has 2 stepsons and 4 grandchildren.

Class of 1995

Kathryn Waters, JD, law

Attorney Kathryn Waters has announced her intention to run for judge for the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas. A native resident of Lower Paxton Township, Waters, a Democrat, is a graduate of Central Dauphin High School, University of

Maryland College Park, and Widener University Commonwealth Law School.



She is a former deputy district attorney of Dauphin County, attorney for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, attorney for the Pennsylvania Department of General Services, and intellectual property attorney for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. She has also served as deputy commissioner for the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs for the Pennsylvania Department of State. “I want to serve as a judge with fairness to all people,” Waters said via press release.

Kevin Brobson, JD, law

A Lycoming County native has been elected to the highest seat in the Commonwealth Court. “I’ve always wanted to be a lawyer,” Brobson said. “But becoming a Commonwealth judge was something I didn’t know I would do growing up on Fairview Drive. Doing this is something I’m proud of.” Brobson’s election as President Judge comes at the onset of his second 10-year term as a Commonwealth Court judge. Before his initial election in 2009, Brobson was a private-practice judge for 14 years with Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney. Before that, he was a clerk for the late James McGirr Kelly, judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The newly

elected President Judge Brobson will serve a five-year term in the position. Brobson succeeds Mary Hannah Leavitt, who he said mentored him in private practice before she was elected to the bench. In addition to giving thanks to his parents, Brobson attributes his success to his education. He graduated from Montoursville High School in 1988, and went on to attend Lycoming College, studying accounting and economics. From there, he studied law at Widener University and served as the executive editor of the law review. Brobson offers some advice



to people looking to achieve success: “Whatever interests you in a career, whatever is going to make you go to work every day and be meaningful to you, pursue it with every ounce of energy you have. There’s no substitute for hard work. A little luck is helpful, but the hard work is necessary.”

Class of 1996

Dwayne Richardson, BS, nursing

Dwayne Richardson has been named president of Trinity Health System’s Twin City Medical Center in Dennison, Ohio. Richardson, a Philadelphia native, also will be responsible for the health system’s overall outpatient services in all outlying locations. With more than 30 years in health care, Richardson most recently

served as chief operating officer and senior vice president of operations for LifeBridge Health in Baltimore and Westminster, Maryland. Prior to working there, he served as chief operating officer and interim CEO at Placentia-Linda Hospital, a part of Tenet Health, in Orange County, California. Richardson began his career as a radiology technologist and specialized in pediatric and adult radiography. He then became a registered nurse and practiced in the cardiac catheterization laboratory and emergency/trauma departments. A graduate of Penn State University, Richardson earned his AS in radiology technology. He also holds a BSN from Widener University and a MS in health care management and leadership from Drexel University in Philadelphia. “I am excited to join the health care ministry at Trinity Health System, Twin City Medical Center,” said Richardson. “I look forward to providing exceptional care to the communities that we serve together, and my goal is to enhance our services even further.” Richardson and his wife, Wanda, have been married for nearly 18 years. They have one daughter, Lisa. He is passionate about his faith. He enjoys spending time with family, culinary arts, movies, shopping, and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle from time to time.

David Ritter, JD, law

Attorney David D. Ritter has announced his candidacy for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Lehigh County. A graduate of Parkland High School and The Pennsylvania State University, Ritter received his law degree from Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware. He began practicing law in 1997 and has practiced law in Lehigh County for 24 years. He has served previously as an assistant public defender (1997–2001), and

as a deputy district attorney (2002–2009), both in Lehigh County. Ritter currently operates The Law Office of David D. Ritter, LLC, focusing on



criminal defense. As a part of that practice, he serves as an assistant public defender on a part-time basis, and as an arbitrator for Lehigh County. Ritter has served the community as a Scout leader, church elder, and youth sports coach. He has volunteered as an adviser for the Emmaus High School Mock Trial Team for the past five years. Ritter currently resides in Lower Macungie Township with his wife, Tammi, and his sons, Nicholas and Zachary.

Class of 1998

Michelle A. Schultz, JD, law

Michelle Schultz has been sworn in as a member of the Surface Transportation Board.

Schultz was confirmed by the Senate on November 18, 2020. For the past 14 years, Schultz has served in various leadership roles with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), which serves the public transportation needs of more than one million daily riders in Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs. Most recently, she served as SEPTA's deputy general counsel. Prior to that, Schultz served as the director of SEPTA Legislative Affairs and was the authority's representative to the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association and the Keystone Transportation Funding Coalition. Before joining SEPTA, Schultz was an associate with White and Williams, LLP, where she represented businesses from diverse industries with a focus on financial matters, including bankruptcy, commercial litigation, and collection. Prior to her time in private practice, she served as a judicial law clerk for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and prior to that, as a judicial law clerk for the late Vincent A. Cirillo, President Judge Emeritus of the Superior Court of

Pennsylvania. Schultz earned a master of government administration from the University of Pennsylvania, a juris doctor from Widener University School of Law, and a BA from the Pennsylvania State University. She is licensed to practice law in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Daniel Dolan, BS, accounting

Nabriva Therapeutics, a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the commercialization and development of innovative anti-infective agents to treat serious infections, announced the appointment of Daniel Dolan as chief financial officer (CFO). Dolan brings more than 20 years of global, corporate finance and executive management experience to his role at Nabriva. Most recently, he served as principal financial officer of Radius Health, Inc., a commercial stage biopharmaceutical company developing endocrine therapeutics, where he was responsible for all aspects of finance, business planning and analysis, investor relations, procurement, and facilities. As a member of the executive

leadership team, he spearheaded operational improvements that drove growth in the company's existing portfolio of pipeline assets. He joined Radius in 2017 as vice president of finance. Before that, Dolan had a 12-year career at Shire Pharmaceuticals (acquired by Takeda Pharmaceutical Company in 2019), where he held multiple finance positions of increasing responsibility during his tenure at the company. Most recently, he served as vice president of finance-global product strategy, where he was the finance lead responsible for medium- to long-term strategic direction across Shire's entire portfolio of products. Dolan received both his MBA and BS in accounting from Widener University.

Class of 1999

Julie Sercus, JD, law

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Julie L. Sercus to the bench. She will serve as a Circuit Court Judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit for Pinellas County, Florida.

Class of 2000

Andrea Elliott, BS, hospitality management

Andrea Elliott, who has more than 15 years of experience in operations management, has joined Cornerstone Business Services as office manager. "Andrea will be our frontline point of contact, which is so important to every business," stated Scott Bushkie, CBI, M&AMI, Founder of Cornerstone Business Services. "She will not only help keep our offices running smoothly, she will also assist our director of operations with human resources, business processes, and overall office support." Before joining Cornerstone, Elliott was a senior manager of operations for Cradles to Crayons, a Philadelphia nonprofit

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Have you started a new job, received a promotion, gotten engaged or married, or have some other notable life event?

If so, let us know!

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2. Email them to the Office of Alumni Engagement at alumnioffice@widener.edu.
3. Mail them to: The Office of Alumni Engagement, One University Place, Chester, PA 19013

serving children living in poverty. Since relocating to Green Bay, she has become active on the ethics committee for the nonprofit counseling service Foundations Health & Wholeness.

Scott Gleichenhaus, BA, psychology

Scott Gleichenhaus, a former star player at South Plainfield High School, has taken over the reins of the baseball program at his alma mater. The veteran mentor, who previously served as the head coach at Plainfield and Piscataway High Schools, succeeds Anthony Guida. Gleichenhaus left Piscataway following the 2018 season, shortly before his wife, Veliana, gave birth to the couple's first child, Ollie. He most recently served as a volunteer assistant at South Plainfield, where the coronavirus pandemic wiped out the entire 2020 scholastic season. Gleichenhaus, who teaches social studies at South Plainfield Middle School, graduated from high school in 1994 as one of Middlesex County's top players. He secured a three-quarters scholarship to Long Island University before transferring to Widener University, where he helped the program win a conference title. After earning his degree in education, Gleichenhaus commenced his teaching and coaching career, beginning the latter as an assistant at Metuchen.

Gleichenhaus said he can wait for the season to get underway.

Class of 2002

Kirt Ladwa, BS, civil engineering

Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm, has announced the promotion of nearly 50 professionals nationwide, and Kirt Ladwa, PE, has been promoted to associate in the Mount Laurel office. Ladwa is a project manager and has nearly 20 years of experience. He has spent his entire career with Dewberry in the



transportation department, where he oversees highway-related projects, as well as personnel management. Ladwa is a professional engineer in New Jersey and is a member of the American Society of Highway Engineers.

James DeGaetano, MBA, business administration

Jim DeGaetano is a best-selling author dedicated to teaching financial literacy to people of all ages. He published two books in 2020: *The Fruitful Retirement*, an interactive retirement guide, and Amazon bestseller *Larry The Bunny Saves His Money*, a first of its kind children's book created to teach children at a young age the value of saving. Both books are available on Amazon. In addition to helping parents teach



their children about money, *Larry The Bunny Saves His Money* illustrates that spiritual savings lessons can create opportunities for lending a helping hand to those in need. DeGaetano, a father of two (ages 4 and 7), struggled to find any books that taught children under age 6 how to save money, so he was inspired to write the book to give parents a resource to start talking about money with their kids in a fun, easy way. He says, "God's gift of free will is an incredible blessing, but I believe it falls on all of us to educate the next generation on good habits that enable them to avoid financial pitfalls and lead a life full of opportunities that will help them care for others and share the lessons they've learned with the next generation." DeGaetano is also the president and founder of Diamond Wealth Advisors, a registered investment advisory firm that provides emotional and financial clarity for clients during their transition into and during retirement. He is a Certified Financial Planner® and certified public accountant and is a member of the Financial Planning Association, the Financial Services Institute, and the Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs. DeGaetano graduated from Shippensburg University with a BS in accounting and Widener University with an

MBA. He holds Series 7, 63 with LPL Financial, and 66 security licenses, plus state life and health insurance licenses.

Class of 2003

Chilton Goebel, JD, law

Manheim Township-based Saxton & Stump named Chilton G. Goebel a shareholder in the health care litigation and commercial litigation practices. He will work in the Malvern, Chester County office. He is a trial attorney with experience in litigating complex medical malpractice, product liability, and casualty matters involving catastrophic injuries. He was a partner at Philadelphia-based German, Gallagher & Murtagh.

Class of 2004

Kerry King, PsyD, clinical psychology, MBA, health care management



Recovery Centers of America (RCA), a national provider of evidence-based substance use disorder treatment, has hired Dr. Kerry King as vice president of Clinical Services. King will oversee all of RCA's clinical operations. King is a clinical psychologist with two decades of experience working with individuals, families, and organizations. She has provided subject matter expertise and behavioral health consultation to schools, global and domestic civil service entities, and to education



and behavioral health stakeholders. Her consulting work has spanned the eastern United States and many islands of the Caribbean. King specializes in the treatment of persons with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders, adolescent development, and change management in the implementation of clinical best practices. During her career, King has held a variety of clinical and leadership roles and has directed residential and ambulatory behavioral health agencies in the eastern United States.

Class of 2004

Mary Dickerson, JD, law



Radian Group, Inc., announced the appointment of Mary Dickerson as executive vice presi-

dent, chief people officer. As chief people officer, Dickerson is responsible for all aspects of human resources at Radian. Dickerson has more than two decades of experience leading human resources at organizations such as DLL Group, XL Catlin, Accolade, and the Hartford Financial Services Group. Before joining Radian, she served as executive vice president of Human Resources at DLL Group, a subsidiary of Rabobank Group, where she led a team of 150 human resource professionals globally for its 6,000 employees in 32 countries. Dickerson was recognized as the 2020 CHRO of the Year by the Delaware Valley HR Person of the Year Award. Earlier in her career, Dickerson also held human resources roles for

AIG, VisionQuest, Allied Irish Banks, and Fitzpatrick Hotel Group. She earned a BA in economics with a minor in sociology from National University of Ireland, an MBA in management from Saint Joseph's University, and a JD from Widener University School of Law. A licensed attorney admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar, she is a member of The American Bar Association, Association of Corporate Counsel, and The Society of Human Resource Managers. Dickerson is also a volunteer child advocate attorney for the Pennsylvania-based Montgomery Child Advocacy Project.

Ashley Buono, JD, law

The Burlington County Board of County Commissioners appointed Ashley Buono as the county's new solicitor. Buono is the first woman to serve as county solicitor. In the post, she will oversee the county's Legal Department and serve as the County Commissioners' chief legal counsel. "Ms. Buono is one of Burlington County's most accomplished and respected attorneys, and we're thrilled to have her legal expertise at the county," said Commissioner Director Felicia Hopson. "She's one in a long list of groundbreaking women leaders in Burlington County, and we look forward to working with Ashley. Her knowledge and experience will be counted on to help us continue to deliver the high



level of service residents have come to expect from us," Hopson said. "Burlington County is where I started my law career, and where I've made my home, so it's a privilege for me to be able to join the county's team and assist them in the delivery of responsive and responsible government," Buono said. A Marlton resident, Buono has extensive private practice experience with several area law firms, specializing in construction and procurement. She has represented public and private sector clients on matters such as bid reviews, contract negotiations, and litigation stemming from construction projects. She currently serves as secretary of the Burlington County Bar Association. Buono also clerked for Superior Court Judge John Almeida in the Burlington County vicinage and was an intern in the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office while obtaining her law degree from the Widener University School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

Class of 2005

Stephen Fitzgerald, JD, law

Stephen Fitzgerald—an environmental litigator with 15 years of experience, including as in-house counsel with a Fortune 500 oil and gas company—has joined Morgan Lewis as a partner focusing on energy regulatory, transactional, and financial matters. Fitzgerald resides in the firm's Dallas and Houston offices. Experienced in more than 30 U.S. jurisdictions, Fitzgerald regularly advises clients in state, federal, and private party suits under various

environmental statutes, including the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); the Clean Water Act (CWA); and state analogs. He has represented clients at more than 175 environmentally impacted sites across all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regions, as well as in Europe and South America. Prior to joining his previous law firm, Baker Botts, Fitzgerald spent six years managing legacy environmental matters for a large oil, gas, and chemical company.

Class of 2008

Kelly Cartwright, EdD, school administration

Kelly Cartwright has been appointed to serve as the next superintendent at Dover Area School District in Dover, Pa. Cartwright came to the Conestoga Valley School District in July 2001. She served as the principal at Brownstown Elementary School from 2001 to 2010 before being named assistant to the superintendent for elementary education in 2010. Over the course of her career, she oversaw services and programs for students in all grades within the district, including special education, health and physical education, English language arts, ESL, and gifted education. Prior to arriving at Conestoga Valley School District, Cartwright was an assistant principal (1998–2001) at Emory H. Markle Intermediate School in Hanover, Pa., and served as the dean of students for one year at South Eastern Middle School in Fawn Grove, Pa. Prior to embarking on her administrative career, Cartwright spent four years as a classroom teacher at Stewartstown Elementary School in Stewartstown, Pa.

Guy D'Andrea, JD, law

Personal injury law firm Laffey, Bucci & Kent is pleased to announce that attorney Guy D'Andrea has



been promoted to a partner of the firm. D'Andrea is a skilled high-profile criminal and civil trial lawyer who has litigated a multitude of jury trials and bench trials.

D'Andrea frequently handles cases nationally involving sexual and physical assaults in institutional settings, including boarding schools, residential treatment facilities, hospitals, universities, sports organizations, day care centers, and schools. In addition, he litigates cases against religious organizations who have permitted children to be abused for decades. D'Andrea received his law degree from Widener University School of Law and his bachelor's degree from Loyola University Maryland.

Class of 2009**Kevin Brown Jr., BS, civil engineering; '14 ME, civil engineering**

The Engineers' Club of Philadelphia announced that Kevin Brown Jr., PE, a transportation construction manager at Urban Engineers, has been selected as the 2021 Delaware Valley Young Engineer of the Year. The annual award recognizes an outstanding engineer who is age 35 or under 35, has

demonstrated leadership capabilities, and has made a recognized contribution to the engineering profession within the Greater Philadelphia region. Beyond the field of engineering, the recipient must also have contributed to and participated in charitable, civic, and technical affairs. "Kevin is an outstanding candidate to represent the Delaware Valley's extraordinary group of young engineers," said Bob Wright, chair of the Delaware Valley Engineers Week Committee. "He demonstrates his passion for engineering in his work with Urban Engineers, but especially in his dedication to mentoring and educating the upcoming generation of engineers through his volunteerism with the ACE Mentor Program." Brown started his career at Urban Engineers 12 years ago as a transportation construction inspector in the transportation division. In his current role as transportation construction manager, Brown leads many projects working



closely with contractors in the field and mentoring the inspection team. He recently earned a lead role in one of Urban's major projects—managing and overseeing all aspects of the I-76 Viaduct Rehabilitation project. To supplement his work experience, Brown is involved in professional organizations within the industry, such as the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Construction

Management Association of America, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the American Society of Highway Engineers. Brown also serves on the ACE Mentor Program's advisory council in Philadelphia, an organization he participated in as a student in high school. This national program aims to excite and enlighten high school students in the fields of architecture, construction, and engineering by connecting local professionals with students in team settings. Having been recognized as the Delaware Valley Young Engineer of the Year, Brown said, "I know many people who have earned this recognition before me, and they have set the bar high. To see all of the great things previous Delaware Valley Young Engineers of the Year recipients have accomplished and to be a part of this elite group is an honor. I'm excited to use this platform to help and mentor others." A Philadelphia native, Brown grew up and currently resides in the Overbrook section of West Philadelphia. He earned BS and master's degrees in civil engineering with a focus on structural engineering from Widener.

Emina Henne, BS, nursing; '13, JD, law

Emina Henne joined Saxton & Stump as an associate attorney when it was founded in 2015 to support the firm's Healthcare Law and Risk Mitigation and Safety groups. She focuses her practice in the representation of hospitals, doctors, and other health care liability matters, including medical malpractice defense. She has extensive experience in

defending professional liability claims in court and trial preparation. Henne regularly advises clients on risk management and patient safety regulatory compliance and provides support in the implementation of policies and procedures. Henne is a Pennsylvania-registered nurse (RN) and prior to practicing law, worked as a critical care nurse and risk management professional. In these roles, she gained extensive clinical experience, which enables her to provide



unparalleled insight and value to health care industry clients. She earned her JD, cum laude, and BSN, summa cum laude, from Widener University.

Class of 2012**Stacey Snyder, BS, accounting**

Stacey Snyder, CPA, has been promoted to manager at Belfitt Lyons & Shuman (BLS). Snyder is a member of the firm's Accounting and Auditing Department where she specializes in employee benefit plan audits. Snyder began as an intern at BLS in 2011 and joined the firm as a staff accountant in June of 2012. From the start, Snyder demonstrated a keen ability to quickly understand increasingly complex client situations and an amazing skill set for analyzing numbers using technology to mine data. Snyder is devoted to her craft and persistent in her approach to client service. Snyder regularly contributes to the firm's employee benefit plan audit blog,

The Art of the Qualified Plan Audit. Snyder's blogs have even garnered national attention and have been published in publications such as *The National Institute of Pension Administrators*. Snyder is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), the Delaware Society of Certified Public Accountants (DSCPA), and ASPPA Benefits Council of Greater Philadelphia. Within the community, Snyder is a board member with Diamond State Curling, a proud rescue dog advocate, and an active runner benefiting many local nonprofit organizations. Always wanting to expand her knowledge, she has earned five industry certifications through the AICPA and trade organizations. Snyder resides in North Wilmington, Delaware.

Class of 2013

Jordan Casey, JD, law



Jordan Casey is a staff attorney with the Health, Education, and Legal assistance Project: A Medical-Legal Partnership (HELP: MLP) at Widener University Delaware Law School. Since 2016, he has been providing free civil legal services to women who are either pregnant or parenting a child under the age of two and enrolled into Healthy Start or the Nurse-Family Partnership under The Foundation for Delaware County. As a housing attorney, Casey supports families in accessing the

rights and remedies available to them through direct representation and consultation. For vulnerable families facing eviction or advocating for better housing conditions, Casey is an ally on their side and someone who cares about what happens to them. By addressing housing as a social determinant of health, he helps the mothers in the HELP: MLP program achieve housing stability and consistency so they can focus their attention on maintaining a healthy pregnancy and raising their children. Jordan has dedicated his career to legal services and cherishes his proximity to and ability to deliver high quality services to some of the most vulnerable in our community. In addition to his direct representation of clients, Casey seeks policy change through various housing coalitions and serves on the Affordable Housing Advisory Council of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, which advises the bank in carrying out its affordable housing and community investment missions.

Class of 2016

Candice Troilo, BA, psychology

Community Health and Dental Care (CHDC) welcomes its newest physical therapy provider, Dr. Candice Troilo to the Pottstown health center location at 351 W.

Welcome to CHDC!



Dr. Candice Troilo, DPT

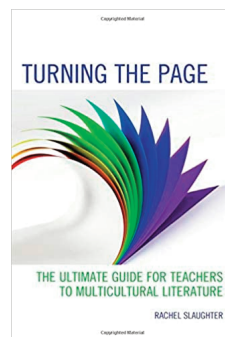
Schuylkill Road, Suite G-15A, Pottstown, in the Coventry Mall. "Dr. Troilo is a huge asset to CHDC," says Dr. Matthew Musket, a CHDC

physical therapist. "She is a great example of how CHDC incorporates our bond with local institutions of higher learning to permit optimal outcomes via the latest and newest educational philosophies." Troilo's background includes caring for patients from pediatrics to geriatrics. Troilo's clinical experience includes a four-month, full-time internship at CHDC, along with additional full-time internships at outpatient rehabilitation facilities throughout the region. Troilo earned her doctorate of physical therapy from Alvernia University and her BA in psychology pre-physical therapy from Widener University.

Class of 2019

R. A. Slaughter, DEd, reading, cognitive studies

R. A. Slaughter has published *Turning the Page: The Ultimate Guide for Teachers to Multicultural Literature*. This



book provides teachers, scholars, and anyone looking to become culturally competent with multicultural literature that is appropriate for classroom use and fits into a common curriculum. The book offers its readers lesson plans, reviews, peer-reviewed metrics, curated lists, and more. Dr. R. A. Slaughter said, "I wrote the book because, in these racially turbulent times, multicultural literature is a perfect academic vehicle to learn

about race, racism, and cultural tolerance." Slaughter is an advocate for literacy, an educator, and a renowned author. Even as a child, Slaughter had a passion for education and dreamed of being a teacher. She began by teaching



English at a public high school in Reading, Pa. Later, she moved onto teaching college. Slaughter's greatest accomplishments as a student were earning her doctoral degree in cognitive studies in reading from Widener and her certification as a Reading Specialist via the Department of Education. Slaughter also pursued a career in writing and has published a number of books. She also worked as a features writer for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Philadelphia Tribune* and recently began the column "The Reading Quilt." She was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from Cabrini College in 2000.

New Arrivals

Robert Dowd '13, '17, and Kelly Dowd proudly announce the arrival of their second daughter, Maddie Grace, to the family on March 3, 2021.



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