



50TH REUNION YEARBOOK

St. Louis University High | Class of 1974

Dear SLUH '74 Jr. Bill Classmates,

Can you believe more than 50 years have passed since that memorable Graduation Day at Kiel Opera House standing together onstage, decked out in white tuxedos, while family and friends beamed with relief at our accomplishment? We were all bursting with pride, elation, and some trepidation of what lay ahead. The day was a celebration of awards and accomplishments, with a few shenanigans from our more mischievous classmates, followed by the distribution of diplomas! After the final diploma was conferred, at that moment in time, we collectively became THE "Class of '74," cementing our shared place in the legacy that is St. Louis University High School.

We entered SLUH as boys, unsure of what lay ahead, wondering how we would navigate the rigors of Jesuit education while struggling to understand what it meant to become a man. Each of us, in our own way, was searching for that "Band of Brothers," to help us make it through the next four years and become the men we are today. SLUH provided the foundation to forge lifelong friendships. Whether it was in the classroom, on the athletic fields, or during countless school activities, the bonds we formed during those four years have stood the test of time.

The Jesuit maxim, "Men for Others," has been at the heart of what SLUH instilled in all of us. It is not just a motto, but a call to action—an enduring legacy that reminds us of the importance of serving others. SLUH opened doors for each of us, and we now have the responsibility to pass it forward. Through your generosity, the Class of '74 provided SLUH with a fully endowed scholarship, ensuring future generations of young men have the same opportunity to develop their academic talents, regardless of financial circumstances.

As we gather to celebrate this milestone, let's take a moment to reflect on who we are, where we've been, the friendships we've made, the classmates we've lost, and the paths we've traveled. Whether we've seen each other frequently or haven't crossed paths in years, this reunion is a reminder of the lasting and loving impact SLUH has had on all of us.

Here's to 50 years of memories and to the many more to come. Enjoy our life stories.

With warm regards,

The SLUH Class of '74 Reunion Committee

Mike Abels, Jim Berger, Mark Burmester, Mike Castellano, Tom Dooley, Jack Huether, Bob Macauley, Paul Matecki, John Milford, Don Mueller, Bill Pohrer, Rick Ryan, Dave Weissgerber



In Memoriam

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Mark L. Aiazzi

Michael F. Arens

Michael C. Brennan

Dennis J. Daniels

William M. Decker

Peter W. Deichmann

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James B. Gieszelmann

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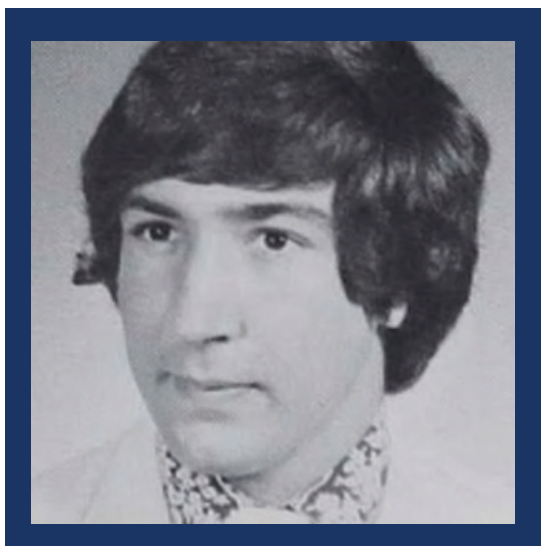
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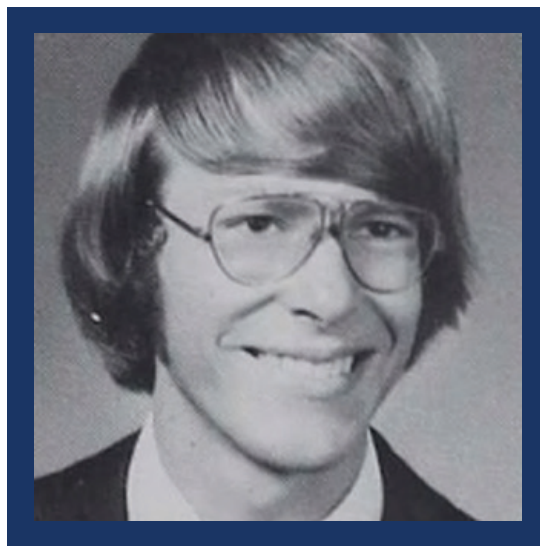
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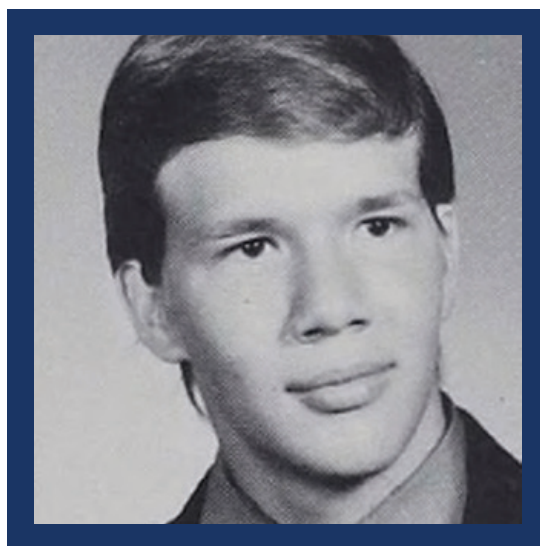
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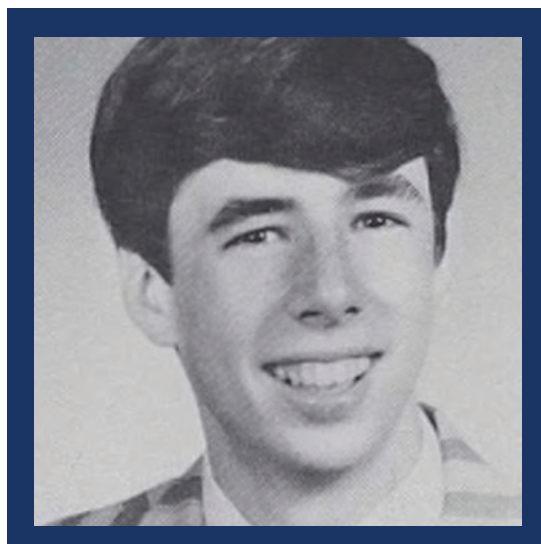
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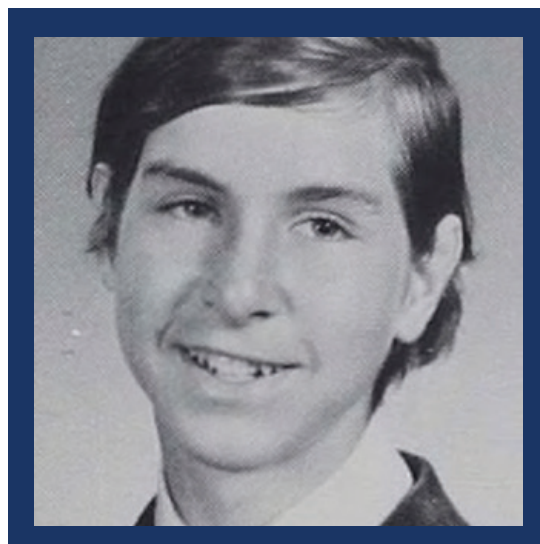
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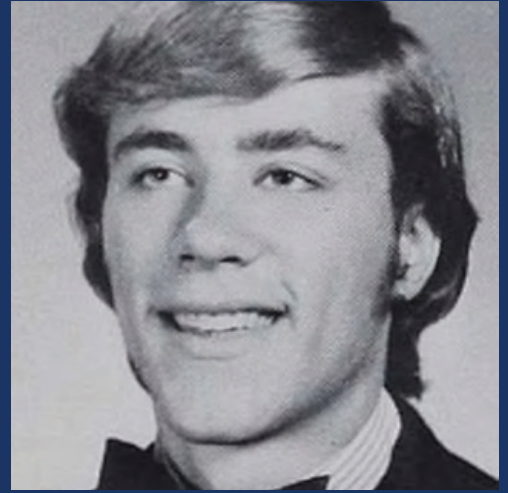
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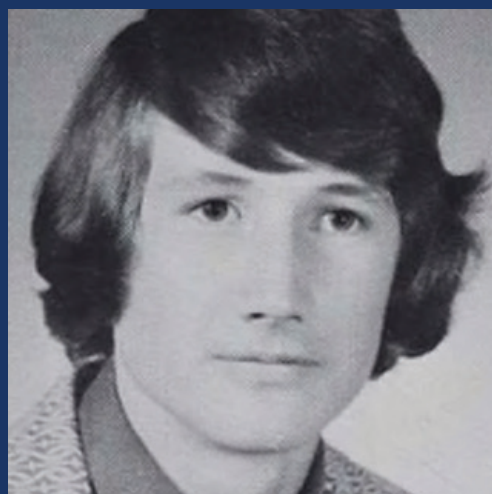
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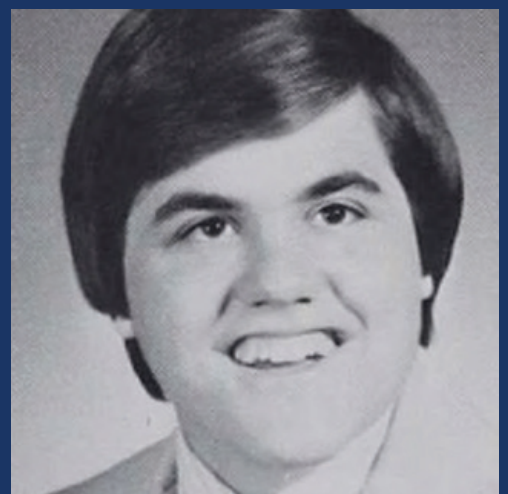
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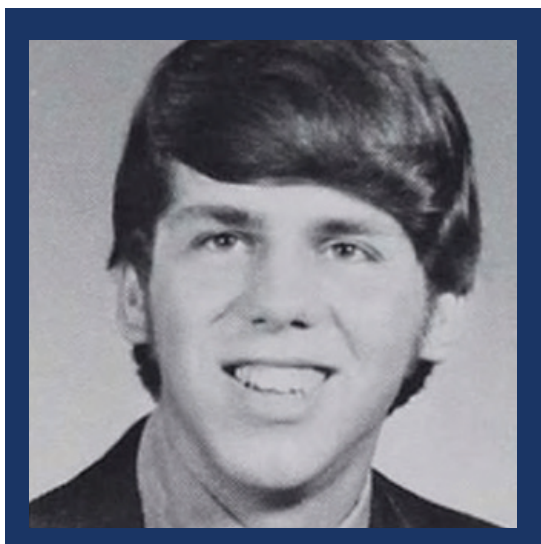
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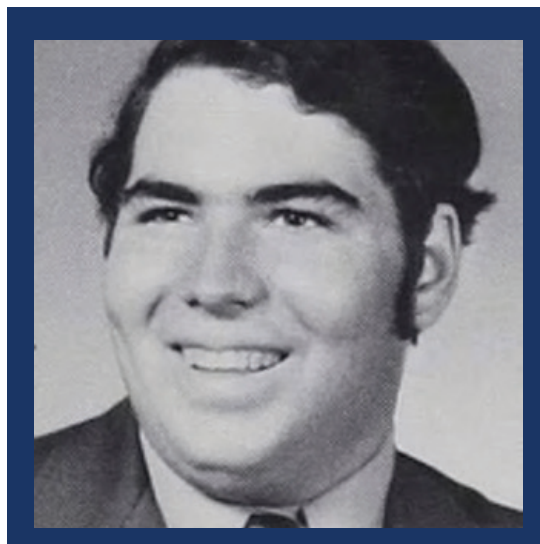
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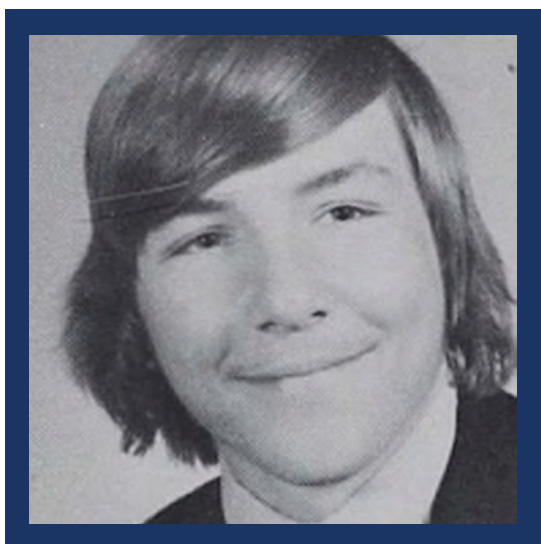
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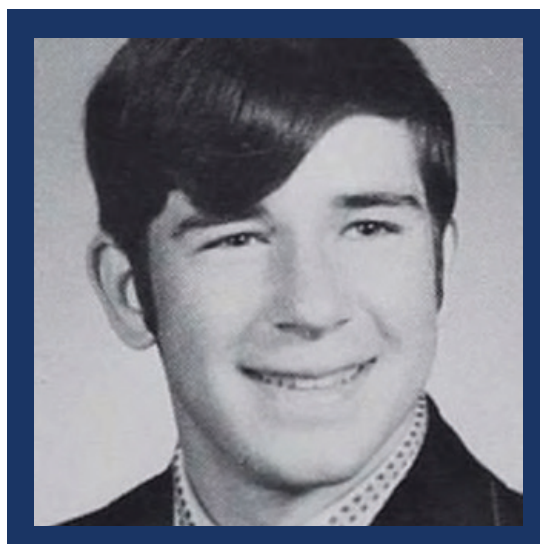
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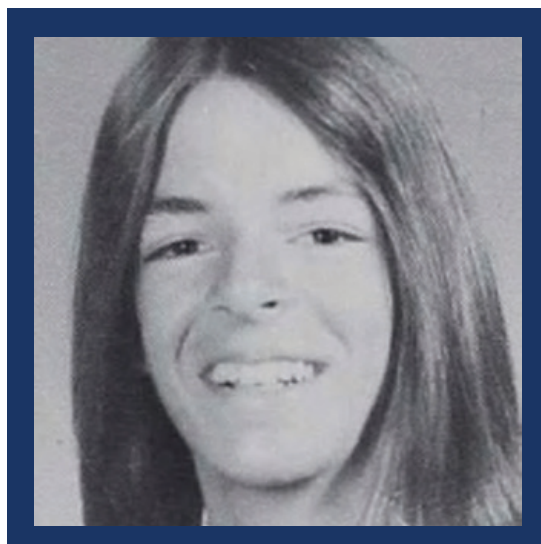
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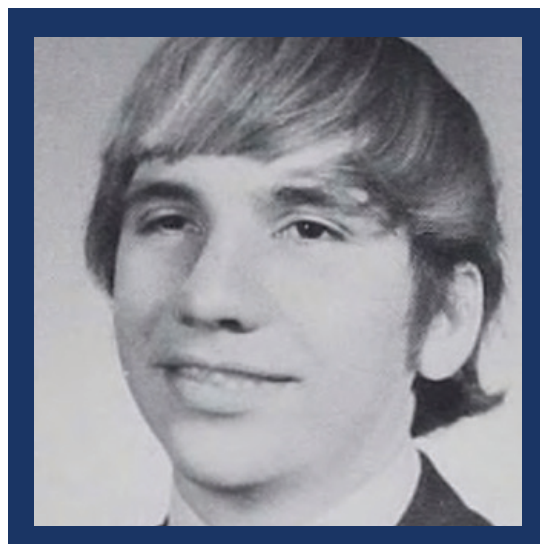
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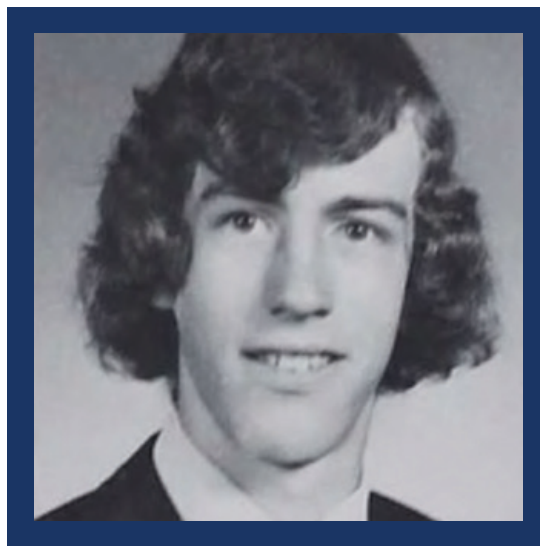
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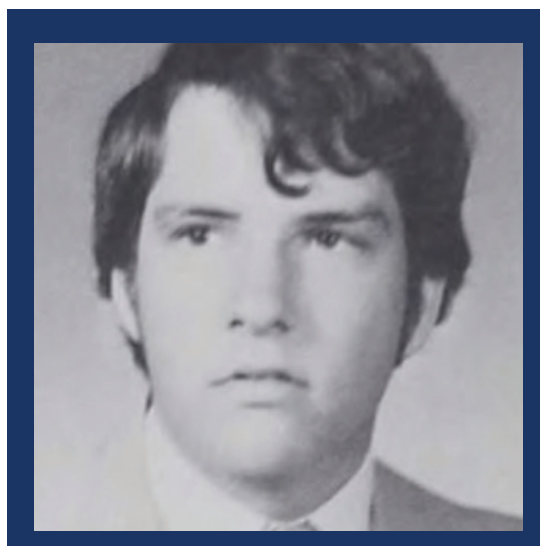
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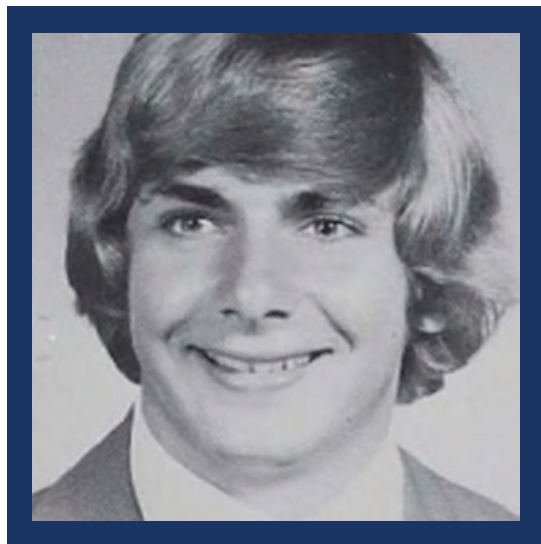
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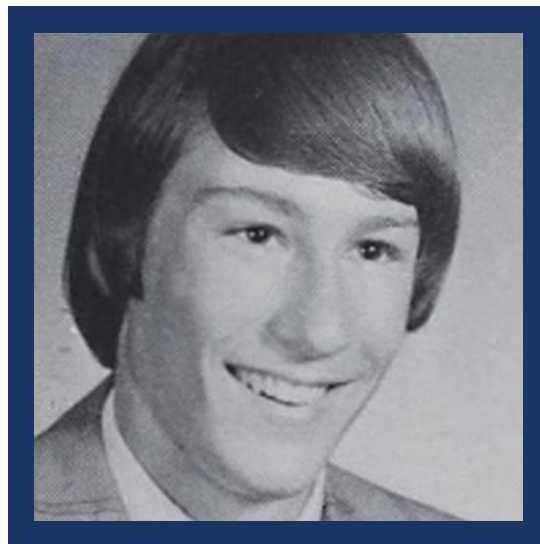
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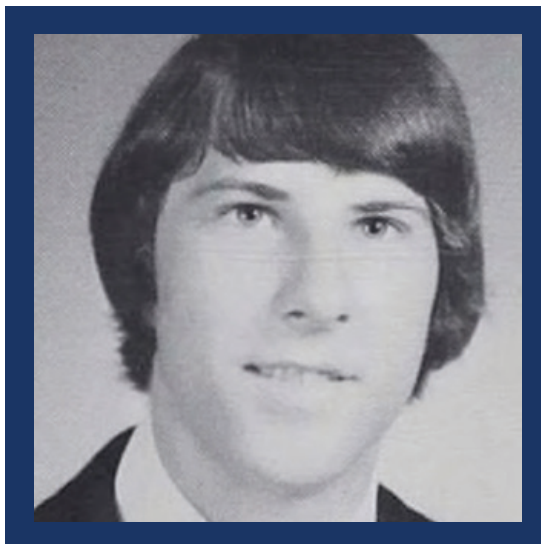
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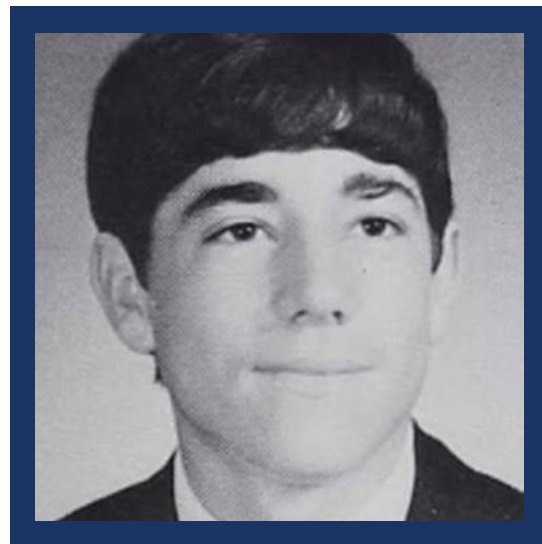
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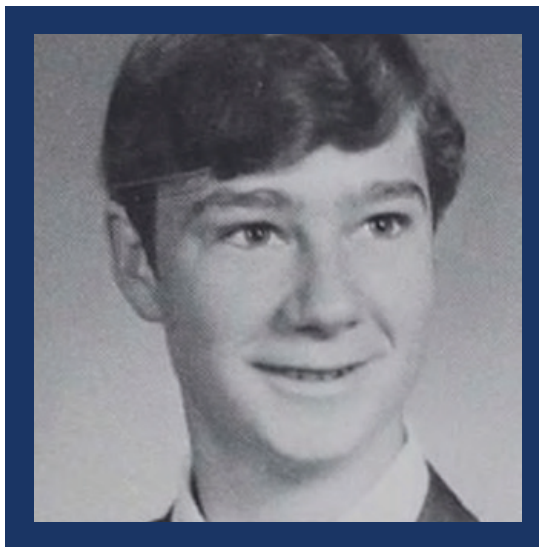
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Mike Abels

Tell us about your family today.

I have two boys, Rob - age 26 and Michael - age 23. I see my siblings regularly, my sister Kathy (Nerinx Hall Class of '80), and my brothers Mark (SLUH '68) and Jack (SLUH '77). My parents have passed, but my mom's brother, my Uncle Ed Filippine (SLUH '48) is doing well.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

After SLUH I got a degree in Chemistry from Saint Louis University. I then went on to become a dentist, studying at the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Dentistry, graduating in 1983.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After dental school, I set up a dental practice in Brentwood in the old Brentwood Square Shopping Center, then in 1990 moved my practice to Webster Groves on Lockwood Blvd. just west of Elm Avenue. I continued this family dental practice there for another 25 years.

During the '90s I got heavily into endurance cycling, spending many, many hours in the saddle pedaling alongside Chris Kainz in some crazy long-distance rides. In '94 I got married; we had 2 boys, ultimately settling into my current home in Castlewood south of Ballwin near the Meramec River. We live 1 mile from the gate into Castlewood State Park, one of the most scenic parks in the Missouri State Park system. As my boys grew up, I became a Scout leader and was involved in Scouting for about 10 years. Loving the outdoors, the hiking and camping was right up my alley and culminated in a 10-day backpacking and hiking excursion at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in 2015. I also continued playing hockey, and still do, currently tending goal 3 days a week. Unfortunately, I ultimately got divorced a couple years ago, though my former wife and I still communicate and my boys were grown before this happened.



Mike Abels

What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

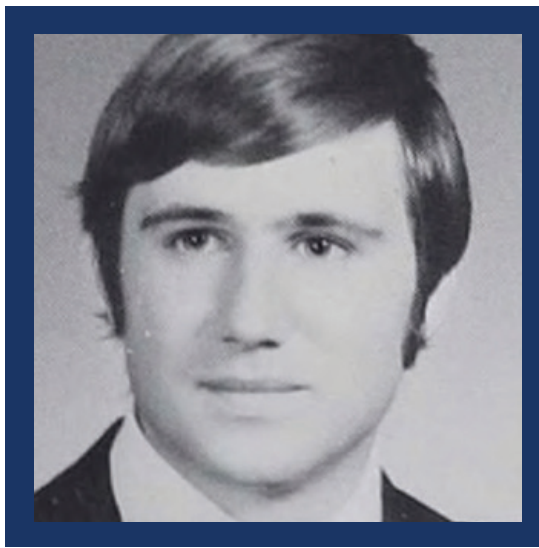
In 2015 A. T. Still University, the osteopathic medical university in Kirksville, Missouri opened a new dental school here, and I was able to set aside one day a week from my dental practice to teach part-time. I fell in love with the students and the opportunity to mentor and teach them. Though still in full-time practice, within one year I became a full-time dental professor. We have now graduated 8 classes, and I have taught every student in the history of the school. I am working more than ever and loving my work more than ever. I certainly enjoyed my time in dental practice, but I fell into this teaching position at the perfect time in my life.

It's been a great ride, a very interesting journey. I've enjoyed all 50 years. The journey continues, and I look forward to wherever it takes me.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I cannot say that I have a favorite teacher. The experience was wonderful, and it was a culmination of the efforts of all the teachers, staff and the entire SLUH community. I cannot pinpoint a favorite memory. I can only say that I have numerous wonderful SLUH memories. But, they are not memories from 1970 until 1974. No, in a way that only members of the SLUH community would understand, these SLUH memories have taken place between 1970 and 2024. And, I am sure these SLUH memories will continue!





Fred Albers

Tell us about your family today.

My wife, Kristi, and I have been married 38 years. She played 22 years on the LPGA Tour, ranking as high as 16th in the world. We are late life parents. Our 23 year old son, Austin, just graduated from Mizzou and works for NBC Sports.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I received a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri in 1977.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I have been a sportscaster for almost 50 years, covering everything from Super Bowls to Dog Shows. For the last 20 years I have done play-by-play of PGA TOUR golf. Yes, I have played Augusta National, and, no, I cannot get you a Masters ticket.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I loved Father Kellet and freshman Latin. I had the best friends in Danny Lieser and Mike Arens...the North Side boys.





Pat Baehler

Tell us about your family today.

I have two sons, Jeffrey and Jeremy (Emily) and a year old grandson, Theo. I am widowed. Everyone is in St. Louis.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I went to UMSL for undergraduate school. I received my MBA from Webster University.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I worked at UniGroup in St. Louis for 40 years retiring at the end of 2021. Travelled extensively domestically and internationally during my career. Grew up in North County but have spent the last 40 years in West County (Ballwin, Chesterfield, Wildwood). Served on a few boards during my career. Enjoy a lot of physical activity although my body isn't holding up. Spend lots of time on The Hill with family and friends. Attend Mass regularly at St. Anselm and St. Ambrose. Plan to continue traveling extensively. Maybe a future move to a warmer climate and a beach.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I had lots of good teachers. Not sure Mr. Conway was a teacher but I always enjoyed our interactions. Mr. Byrd? Mr. Keefe, Ebbie Dunn, Joe Vitale were a few of my favorites.

I wasn't a great student. I think I enjoyed the camaraderie and sports activities the most. I still remember Neil Elfrink's Halloween? costume.





Andy Bender

Tell us about your family today.

Married Patty Heinz in 1982. We have Ashley, Lindsay (Villa), Lacey (St. Joes), Blake & Jordan (DeSmet).

Two Granddaughters Charlotte & Mackenzie.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

St. Louis U. BA & MBA.

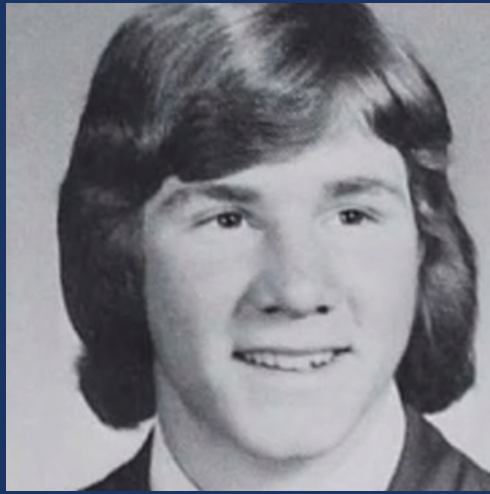
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Besides work, I've been active in Scouting for 60+ years & spent many years coaching CYC sports for my kids teams.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Perhaps Mr. Calacci. I reconnected with him when he had retired & his wife was my daughter's kindergarten teacher at MQP.





Jim Berger

Tell us about your family today.

Within a year out of college, I moved to Denver where I've lived ever since. In 2018, I married Julie Vernier. Originally from Detroit, Julie moved to Aspen, Colorado immediately after her college graduation. We each have two sons. Joey (30), Andrew (26) and Sam (26) are working in Aspen, Newport Beach, and San Diego. My youngest, Jake, is a senior at University of Colorado/Boulder. None are married as of yet, but we're hoping soon as we'd like to be grandparents before we're way too old!

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I received a Bachelor of Journalism from the University of Missouri/Columbia in 1978.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I spent my first fifteen years as a news photojournalist and editor in local television news. I briefly worked at TV stations in Little Rock and Louisville, then spent the majority of my news career covering news and sports at the NBC affiliate KUSA-TV in Denver. I then transitioned to local programming, where I created and produced local entertainment shows for the TV station. In 1994 I moved on to an executive position at a very large cable operator (TCI/Liberty Media which is now Comcast). It was the mid-90s, just when cable was rolling out dozens and dozens of new networks including Discovery, History, HGTV, Food Network and more. However, after three years, Comcast reorganized and our division was eliminated, and I was literally out of a job overnight.

With few prospects, I decided to start my own production company High Noon Entertainment in 1997, focused on creating and producing programming for the myriad of emerging channels in need of new programming. The timing was ideal and High Noon was fortunate enough to build a large business, with operations in Denver, LA and NYC, producing non-scripted series and documentaries for more than a dozen channels annually, including HGTV's "Fixer Upper" and TLC's "Cake Boss." I sold the company to the British media company ITV in 2013 and continued at High Noon until retiring in 2022. High Noon is now nearly 30 years old and continues to thrive with a new young team and with shows on streamers Netflix, and Amazon, and on many cable networks.

Today, Julie and I enjoy the Colorado mountain lifestyle, with skiing and hiking in Aspen combined with the big city life of Denver.

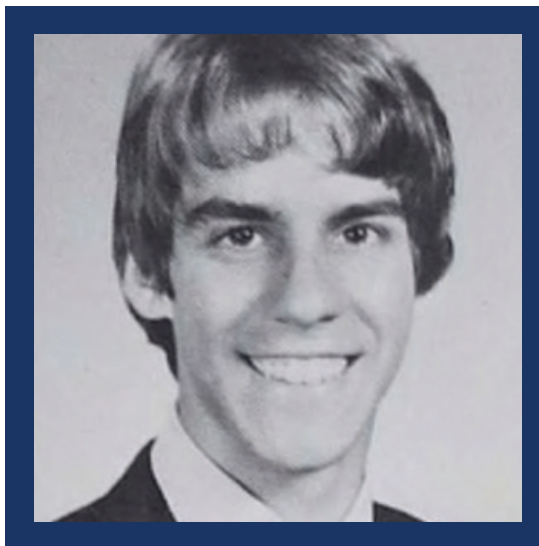


Jim Berger

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I'll always be thankful to Mr. Busenhart for his tenacity and dedication in forming the SLUH hockey team in our sophomore year. Along with Mr. Amelotti, they spent many cold hours with us at the Steinberg rink on those early morning, freezing cold, outdoor practices. Not exactly my most favorite memories, but certainly ones I'll never forget. And 50 years later, I'm still able to play beer league hockey with my boys!





Mark Berron

Tell us about your family today.

I have two daughters with my wife, Nidza. She is from Puerto Rico and the daughters are both in their early 30's. One went to Fordham for college, the other went to UMBC in Baltimore, where we lived for 20 years. Both are doing very well, with the one still in Baltimore and the other in NYC. That one is getting married in January. No grandkids yet.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

After SLUH, I went to U. of Missouri and majored in Civil Engineering. Later I went to Penn State and received a Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics. It's been very interesting, as I ended up in the Quality field using statistics and probability scenarios for process improvement.

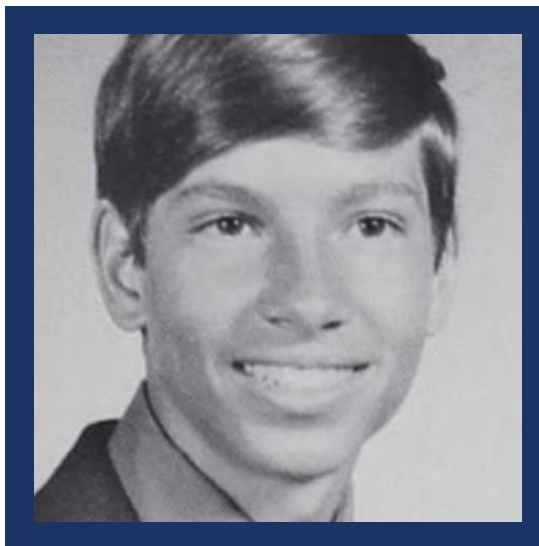
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Worked for the most part doing Quality at the Director level for a number of companies in the DC Beltway area. A success was as a Quality Director for ARINC in Annapolis in which we had control over most of the ground to air communications for airlines in the US. Once we had an issue with planes not communicating at O'Hare due to an update our company did to enable new services. For 1 minute over 20 planes did not have communications at night. This was a major error from engineering such that we had over 3 weeks of meetings to solve the problem. In the end, we succeeded in solving the issues and made new procedures for updates. So Baltimore was where we lived after having lived in Niagara Falls, NY and Fr. Mitch was our Pastor. I did a lot of work on the beltway working from Vienna and Roslin, VA to Annapolis. We lived in a town called Severna Park, MD and loved it there. The area is very much like Saint Louis. So I was a lector at St. John the Evangelist and it was a pretty good reintroduction into the Bible and especially the letters of St. Paul. I played a bit of golf, but not too much (every other Sunday in the summer). One odd thing happened to me: I had surgery for a thing called, "Pheochromocytoma" which is a disease of the adrenal gland. It's pretty rare, and in my case it was the largest on record as it went from my kidney to my heart through the Inferior Vena Cava. It had been growing for over 50 years. In other words, it started at some time I was at SLUH. Pretty crazy.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite teacher was Fr. Snodgrass my freshman and sophomore Spanish teacher. He made it really interesting for me. Fr. Vandercut? also was a great Physics teacher. Favorite memory is winning State in soccer in my junior year. Was awesome.





Tom Blase

Tell us about your family today.

Four younger brothers attended SLUH. Similar names to the "other" Blase family whose numerous brothers attended during the same time frame.

I got engaged to Deb after dating for six weeks in my last semester of dental school. Celebrating 43 years in October. Our two children, Julia and Charles, are both married and we have a two year old grandson. Rather than pride, I am happily amazed at how much better our children are than me in all areas of comparison; academic, athletic, and social!

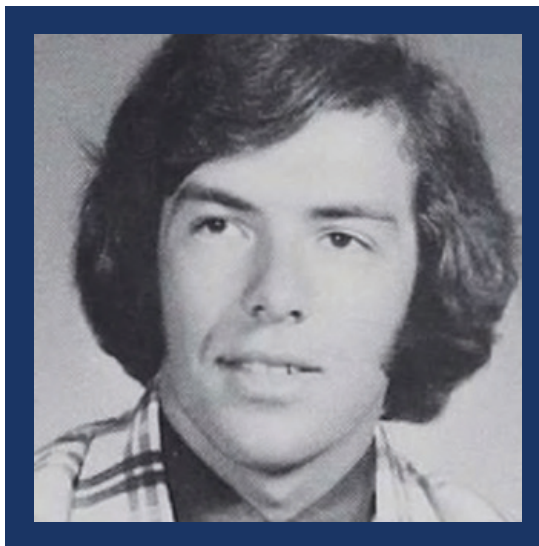
Where did you go for education after SLUH?

UMSL for a Chemistry degree, followed by four years at UMKC Dental. Joined the Army and served for four years in West Berlin from '81-'85. (The Berlin Wall came down in 1989.) I left the Army for a two-year residency in Orthodontics at SLU, finishing in 1987.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I had just turned 13 when I began my freshman year.





Mark Burmester

Tell us about your family today.

My wife Irma and I were married in Mexicali, Baja California Mexico in 1981. We have been married 43 years and have two sons, Geno and Peter. Geno graduated from SLUH in 2001 and met his wife Susan while attending Boston College. Geno and Susan live in Pittsburgh and have two children, our granddaughter Nolan age 10 and our grandson Wes age 7. Our son Peter recently got married to Victoria in 2024 and they live in Chicago.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

After graduating from SLUH, I attended UMSL for two years, and transferred to Arizona State University (ASU) my junior year. I received my bachelors in business and masters in health care administration from ASU. Fortunately, my residency in hospital administration was in La Jolla, CA in 1980. After completing my residency, I found my first full-time healthcare position in San Diego, CA. and lived there the first 13 years of our marriage.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

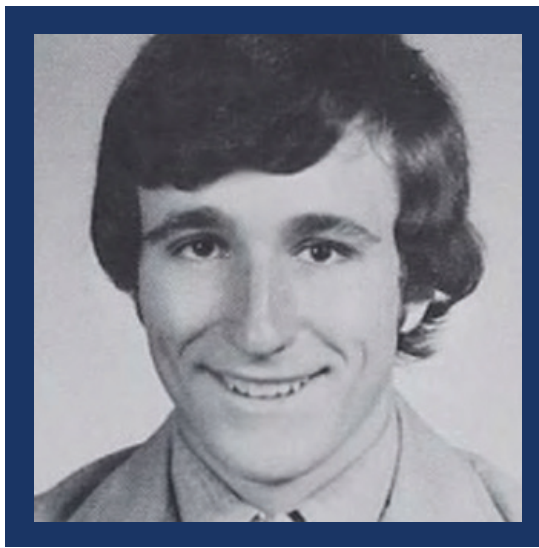
My 40-year career in health care administration was professionally fulfilling and rewarding. I thoroughly enjoyed my work and viewed it more as a vocation. My family and I were very fortunate throughout my career to live on the West Coast for more than 22 years (California, Nevada and Oregon) and 18 years in the midwest (Missouri, Nebraska, and Illinois).

I enjoy volunteer work with non-profits, travel, hiking and pickleball. My wife and I are also active in our Catholic faith. I serve as a lector and usher at the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica, and my wife Irma is a eucharistic minister. In addition, I currently serve on the Cardinal Ritter Senior Services Board of Directors, a ministry of St. Louis Catholic Charities.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite SLUH teacher was Fr. Kellett, our freshman Latin teacher. Everyone looked up to Fr. Kellett with reverence and admiration, as he walked the SLUH halls and athletic fields. It was a special honor and experience to attend Fr. Kellett's Latin masses before every varsity football game in the Jesuit chapel. As a Jesuit priest, Fr. Kellett was a gentle giant of a man and the "heart and soul" of SLUH.





Mike Castellano

Tell us about your family today.

Elizabeth and I have fourteen grandchildren, all of whom reside in St. Louis.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Mizzou - Undergrad

SLU - MBA

CPA

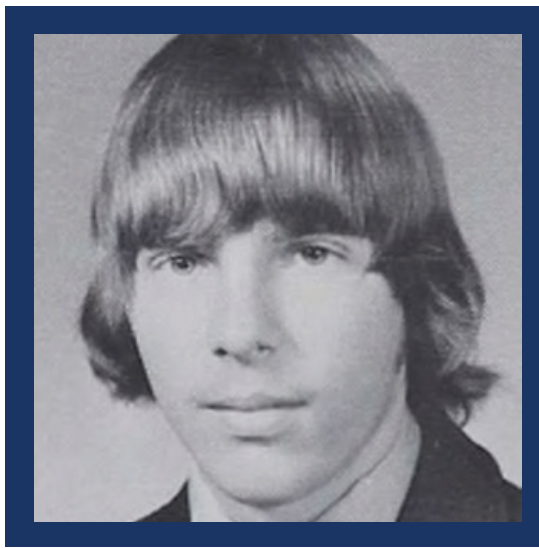
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Family, golf, board work.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Mr. Keefe





Mike Caton

Tell us about your family today.

I married Kathleen Gassel on March 31, 2007. Kathy was a 1975 graduate from Rosary High School and a 1978 graduate from St. Louis University. We are a blended family. I have one son, Nick, from a previous marriage, who works for Square in St. Louis. Kathy has a son, Matt, who owns his own business, and Katie, who is a licensed professional counselor. We have three grandchildren and one on the way.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I received an A.B. degree in Psychology with a Certificate in Business Administration from St. Louis University in 1978 and a J.D. degree from St. Louis University School of Law in 1982.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I have been an attorney for 42 years with licenses in Missouri, Illinois and Texas. My first position out of law school in 1982 was with a small five person law firm in St. Louis which merged with the Lewis Rice law firm. I left Lewis Rice in 1986 and spent the next 6 years working as an in-house real estate lawyer for The May Department Stores Company. From 1992 until 2020, I was General Counsel for three privately held shopping center developers in St. Louis, Hycel Properties Co., THF Realty, Inc., and The Staenberg Group, focusing on commercial leasing, real estate acquisitions and financing. Currently, I work remotely from St. Louis for a law firm based in Houston, Texas. I was a member of the Board of Trustees of Stages St. Louis for nine years and was President of the Board for three years. I plan to retire at the end of this year or the first quarter of 2025. After retirement, I will have more time to play pickleball and to improve my terrible golf game. Kathy and I are looking forward to spending more time traveling.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Ebbie Dunn was my favorite teacher. Not only was he a great math teacher, he gave me an opportunity to play soccer at SLUH and as a junior to be a part of a state championship soccer team with a great group of guys including two of my St. Michael's classmates. While this is one of my favorite memories, SLUH provided a path to be successful academically and in life and to meet a group of kids from diverse backgrounds, some of whom are lifelong friends to this day.





Tim Cherre

Tell us about your family today.

Married to Michele for 35 years, we have been blessed with a terrific daughter, Gabrielle Rose, who married a great guy, Andy Greubel. We are lucky to have everyone living in St. Louis.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Spring Hill College, Business Administration degree.

Washington University, night school for a Real Estate degree.

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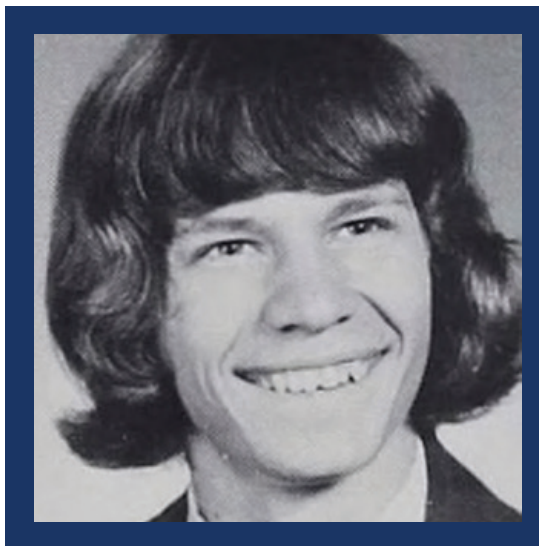
Extremely fortunate to have the business opportunity to be associated with Sansone Group in 1987, and through the next thirty-seven years. The rewards were not just monetary, but personal growth through challenging situations with people in commercial real estate in different parts of the country.

Interests are in cycling, swimming, and kayaking. Favorite travel destination is anywhere in western United States (beaches are a good second choice).

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Most memorable is Fr. Conroy, sophomore Geometry. His weekly ten question tests were brutal, many I did poorly on (had to show your work and circle the answer). Barely got a "C", but he taught me to think, which sometimes is painfully hard to do.





Ken Clifton

Tell us about your family today.

Married to Shelly since 2010, second marriage. 3 step children and eight grandchildren.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Went to Forest Park and Harris Stowe college while enjoying the end of my soccer playing career. Went to work after that then graduated from Saint Louis University.

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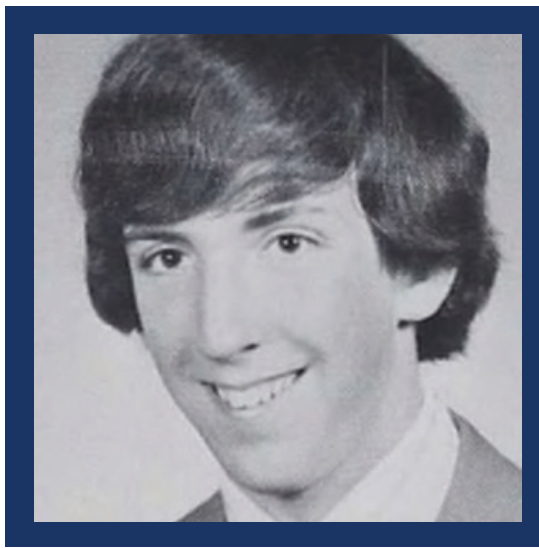
Worked at a hardware distributor for a number of years. Left there to become a regional sales representative. This was followed by a stint with the phone company. Got a job with the Home Depot and currently still work there. Moved to Lake of the Ozarks in 2020.

Ended my soccer playing career after college but then got involved in officiating High School and College soccer for 35 years. Believe it or not loved every moment of that.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Mr Dunn was probably my favorite. I would run into him for years after being a soccer official. Remember once I should have cautioned him for his behavior but I honestly was afraid to do it. Mr Keene was also amazing although I never had class with him, I would do a soccer game at SLUH and the man would remember me 25 years after leaving. Being a teammate on the 1973 State Championship Soccer Team.





Kevin Connolly

Tell us about your family today.

I married Ann Price in 1990. Ann passed away in 1999, age 40. I married Theresa Wright in 2004. I have (3) stepdaughters: Denise (41), Chantal (34) and Sabrina (33). Theresa and her three daughters are British and live in the South of England. We have 5 grandchildren and one great grandson. Life with homes in the USA and UK is challenging.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I started at Marquette preferring a Jesuit education. I was enrolled in a co-op program with McDonnell Aircraft and needed to start working asap, so I transferred to Purdue (W. Lafayette, IN). I majored in Mechanical Engineering and graduated in 1978. While working at MAC, I attended Washington University and completed an MS in Mechanical Engineering.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

My parents passed away when I was 20 & 24 so my adult life started early. I operated Babe's B&G through the '80's. Went skiing for 10 years – Colorado, California and Europe. Attended Indy 500 12 years. Have worked 45 years as an Aircraft Fuel System expert, primarily defense. I have truly enjoyed providing latest technology to the air forces of the USA and other free countries. In the late '80's I led the conversion of the Blue Angels to the F/A-18 Hornet. I also went for a deployment on the USS Truman. In 1998 a job drew me away from St. Louis to California and my life from then on was constantly changing. We have lived in California, Maryland, Connecticut, Georgia, Texas, Florida and England. I should be retired but my employer has asked me to stay on and train new engineers, which I enjoy. My work now enables Theresa and I to travel the world!

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I was never an athlete, but I love sports. I was manager of basketball and track at SLUH and I love both of those sports today. At Purdue, I was blessed to see both Magic Johnson and Larry Bird play in college! There were numerous sporting events that are my most fond memories at SLUH. Teachers – there were many who "shaped" me: Fr. Kellett, Fr. Wayne, Fr. Conroy, Mr. Hanick, Mr. Schulte.





Mike Conway

Tell us about your family today.

This Fall my wife Sue and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. We met in Toronto, Canada. Her first words to me were “you’re a Yankee”. We have three grown children. All are married, have good jobs and we are proud of all of them. We currently have two grandchildren.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I went to the University of Chicago for college (aka “Where Fun Goes To Die”). Humorously, I had a great time there while 52% of my starting cohort dropped out. I played three years of D3 football and joined Psi Upsilon fraternity. I remain active with my college and fraternity. My undergrad major was economics. I later received an MBA at Washington University.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

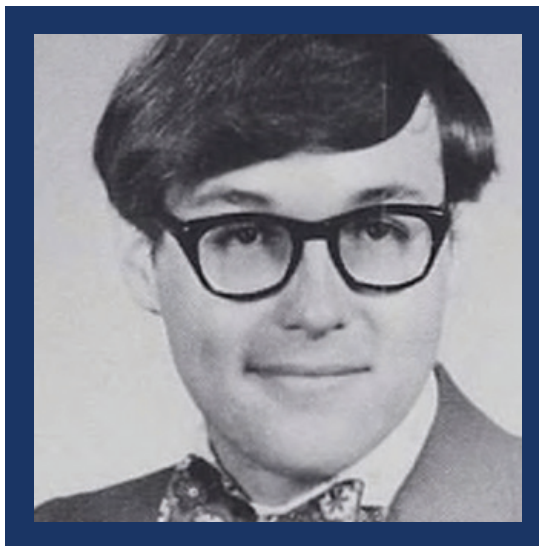
After getting my MBA in 1981, I worked in financial services with stops at two top 10 money center banks and then GMAC. The first stop was a return to Chicago with subsequent moves to Philadelphia and Cleveland. I now root for the Bears, Eagles and Brownies each Fall. I moved back to St. Louis in 2000 to run a family business. Until recently, I played racquetball fairly regularly but alas, the knees aren’t what they used to be. I continue to be involved with my college’s athletic department and alumni office as well as my fraternity. Recently I joined the Knights of Columbus at our parish.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What’s your favorite SLUH memory?

I don’t recall a favorite. Those that made strong impressions are Bailey, Hagan, Karduk and Keefe.

A favorite memory was of Father “Rock” Valiquette taking his collar off and wading in to break up a mugging of SLUH students at an away football game at Columbia Hickman our freshman year.





Kevin Crudden

Tell us about your family today.

I met my wife Louise in College. She is from NYC. Louise is a retired attorney and presently serves as an elected commissioner of a large regional park system in the Twin Cities. We have 2 daughters. Our elder daughter was a Communications major in college and has worked in the software industry. Our younger daughter recently graduated from UC - San Diego with an Economics degree and is looking for an entry level position. We live in a suburb of Minneapolis, where we have been since 1985.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. After working for a few years, I began law school at night initially at the University of Houston and then, after a job transfer, to William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, MN.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After college I worked for Alcoa at a refinery outside Little Rock, Arkansas for a few years. Interesting time - Bill Clinton was the little known governor and in a small town Louise and I had encounters with both Clintons at various events.

An opportunity arose in Houston to work in a large petrochemical plant that was part of the US Steel/Marathon Oil family of companies at the time. A job transfer subsequently brought me to Minneapolis to work with 3M, Honeywell and other companies in the area. At that time I finished law school and was offered a position with one of the large Twin Cities law firms. I became partner and worked there for nearly 20 years, primarily in Minneapolis with brief stints in the regional offices in Boston and Newport Beach. I specialized in M&A, corporate finance, corporate governance, SEC and general corporate matters.

In 2006, one of my clients asked me to help grow his internet and software business. I was ready for a new adventure and joined. The company was publicly listed on NASDAQ. We had a lot of fun and built the company to almost 1500 people, with offices in multiple domestic and international locations. In 2015 we sold the company to a private equity firm. I stayed one year to help with the transition to the new owners and retired in 2016 (although I remain involved with a few organizations).



Kevin Crudden

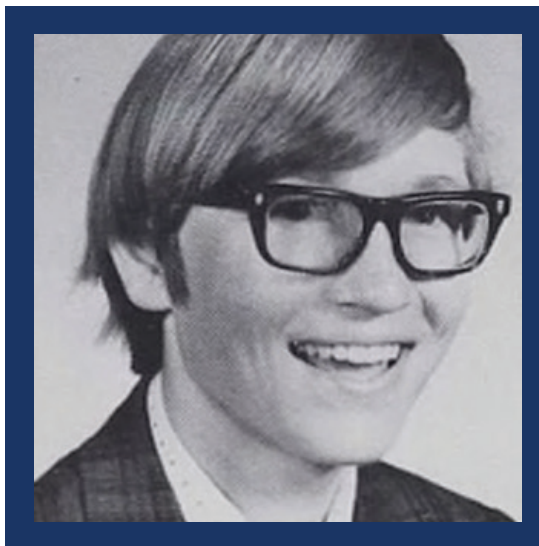
What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

I enjoy skiing (downhill and cross country), hockey (well....we do live in MN), running, biking and travelling. I have completed 36 marathons, including 3 in Boston. Since retirement, I have climbed Kilimanjaro and done the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal. My wife and I are scheduled to hike in Patagonia this Fall (the W Circuit and the Fitz Roy Circuit).

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My overall favorite memory is the exceptional foundation of learning that I received and the strong sense of community among the student body.





Steve Csik

Tell us about your family today.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

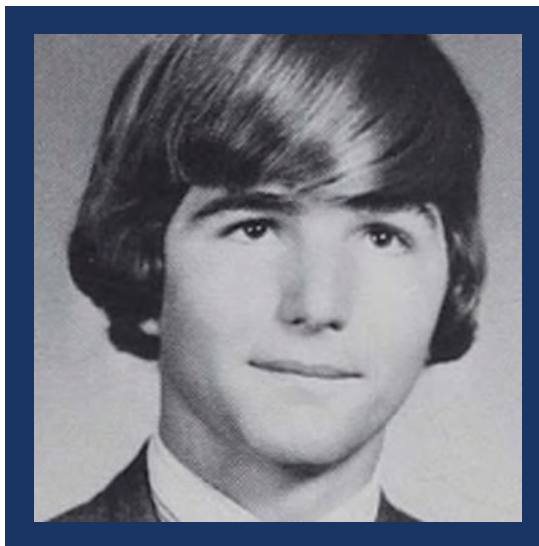
St. Louis University

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Worked as accountant. Owned my own company, Stefan Csik Accounting. & Tax Services.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?





Jim Delworth

Tell us about your family today.

I have been married for 38 years to Patty Costello. Patty retired as a nurse working at St. Luke's Hospital. We have three children. Patrick is at Webster University finishing up a degree in animation and game design. Jane recently graduated from St. Louis University Law School and found out she passed the Missouri Bar a few days ago. Brendan graduated from University of Arkansas in business, doing a year study abroad in Lisbon, Portugal. Brendan works at Boeing.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I went to the University of Santa Clara in California and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics. I then obtained a law degree from St. Louis University Law School.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After graduation from law school, I clerked for a U.S. Magistrate Judge and then worked as an Assistant Federal Public Defender. I was successful in winning a number of cases and was recruited to work as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office. Despite being an introvert by nature, I enjoyed trying cases and have tried approximately 100 jury trials both as a defense attorney and as a prosecutor. I am currently the Chief of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force and have started my 43rd year of government service. In 2009, I volunteered to do a detail in Baghdad, Iraq where I was Deputy Justice Attache and then Justice Attache for 18 months until 2011. I was fortunate to travel throughout Iraq, working on a number of cases as well as advising Iraqi law enforcement and Judiciary. I developed an expertise in anti-money laundering and have given presentations in Iraq as well as to other prosecutors in the United States. For the last ten years, I have been an adjunct professor at Washington University School of Law during the Spring Semester teaching a class entitled International Money Laundering, Corruption, and Terrorism. Over the past year, I have been part of two different teams, giving presentations on Cyber Crime, Cryptocurrency, and Money Laundering in Baku, Azerbaijan, and Tashkent, Uzbekistan.



Jim Delworth

What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

I was fortunate to have the time to actively participate in my kid's sports, coaching softball and basketball teams. We have traveled extensively including many family vacations in far north Wisconsin as well as Estes Park, Colorado.

In 2013 my son Patrick walked the El Camino de Santiago, walking the Camino Francais for 500 miles across Northern Spain. I was able to follow suit in 2019, walking the same 500 mile route and was fortunate to have a fellow classmate, Steve Mager, start me out and walk with me the first three days.

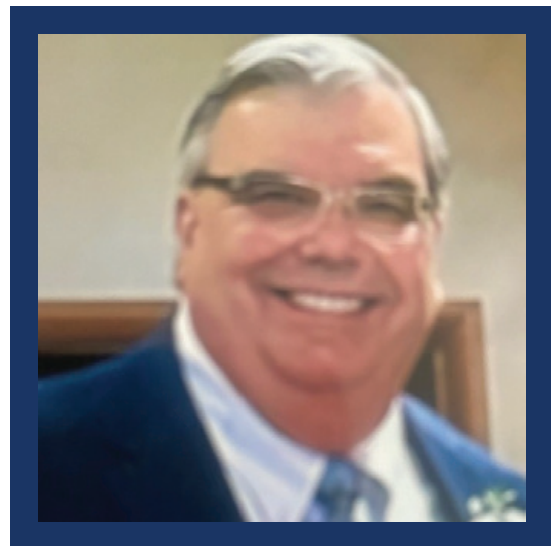
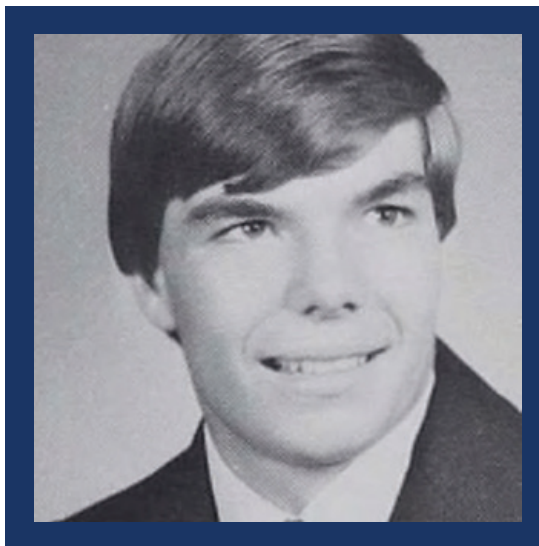
I hope to retire one day and continue my travels with Patty.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I don't have one particular teacher although I did enjoy Father Luebke for math and Mr. Gates for English.

My favorite SLUH memory involves the great friendships that I have developed, especially in my senior year that have lasted to this day with weekly Saturday Zoom calls involving classmates from a number of states. I have enjoyed the continued fellowship that Bob Macauley has fostered through the bi-monthly luncheons at Pietros.





Mike Detwiler

Tell us about your family today.

I married my wife Mary (Sinclair) in 1981. I have seven (7) kids--Liz, Tom, John, Trish, Kevin, Father Joe, and Cecilia. Stephanie, Jen, Brad, and Josh have been great daughter and sons-in law who have joined our family.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

University of Missouri -Columbia Engineering

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After graduating from Mizzou in 1978 , I was hired by General Motors in St Louis. I married my wife Mary (Sinclair) in 1981. As with most corporations, the promotional path led to relocations to Bowling Green, KY, Detroit, and Linden New Jersey. In 1992, I found myself at 36 with a great wife, 5 kids (at the time), working 6/7 days a week running a staff of assembly plant engineering and skilled trades staff that operated 24/7, with little time for family life. While I had success, I decided it was time for a change to improve life for our family.

I had always had the opportunity to join the Sinclair dealerships, once Mary and I were married. So in 1992, we left GM and joined the Sinclair family business. My in-laws were great in helping me making the transition from manufacturing to retail. For many years I ran the Services, Parts, and Collision operations at the Ford store and ultimately Mary and I became partners in the dealership. While the auto business is challenging, risky, and hard work, it has been a great experience being in a family business, and allowed our family to gain success in every way. Most importantly, we and our children have had a wonderful family life, and been involved with our large extended family activities.

Our family has had to face some serious health issues along the way, but everyone has come out the other side in good health. Three(3) of our children had life threatening traumatic injuries from automobile accidents, which set each of them back a year or two, but with the help of great medical providers and support from family and friends, each has made amazing recoveries.

As far as achievements, the only ones that count are Mary, who has put up with me for 43 years, and my healthy kids and grandkids. I'm starting to ease into semi-retirement and traveling. If you're in the Ford store stop to say hi, if not I'll see you on the ball fields with the grandkids.



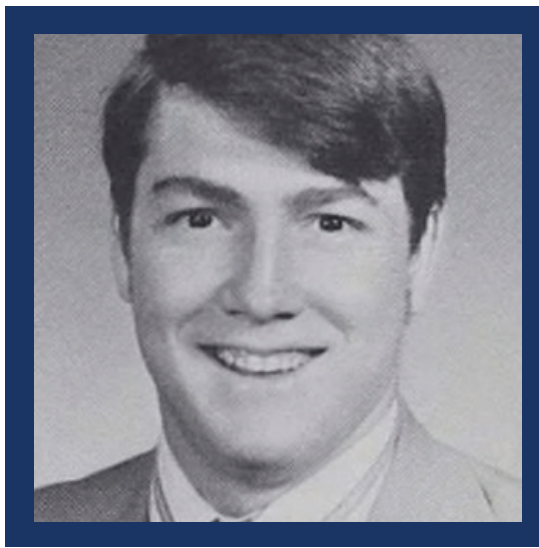
Mike Detwiler

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Favorite teacher --Mr. Keefe

Favorite memory--Bob Klostermeyer and I attempting to see who could infuriate Mr Vitale more during baseball practice. While most of our efforts were funny, and Mr Vitale was an easy target, Bob clearly won.





Jerry DeZern

Tell us about your family today.

Married my wonderful wife, Laurie, in 1995. Our delightful daughter, Monica, recently graduated from the University of Portland with a degree in Environmental Policy and Ethics.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Spent one year at UMSL, then to the University of Kansas where I earned a BS in Architectural Engineering and Bachelor of Environmental Design. Ten years later, I completed an MBA at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Working primarily in the design and construction industry. First in real estate development, then general contracting and design-build construction management. Worked for an international architectural firm for ~17 years, which took us to assignments in Los Angeles, CA and Doha, Qatar, and NY, NY. Currently working for an SBE Owner-Representative/Advisor serving customers in Los Angeles. Still working and living in Pasadena, CA.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Tough question - so many great teachers at SLUH! Fond memories of Fr. Phil Kellett - taught so much more than Latin. Coaches Martel and Dunn instilled the benefits of hard work and dedication. Senior Project at the Jesuit Mission on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming was an eye-opening experience!





Chris Domijan

Tell us about your family today.

Married & living in Dallas. My wife Kelli was the Exec Asst to the President of Bishop Lynch High School the largest Catholic High School in Texas. Have 2 daughters, oldest one Morgan Gross 31 years old married and living in Zambia, Africa - owns "Fundraising Beyond Borders" developing fundraising plans for international nonprofits. 2nd daughter Chandler Domijan 29 years old living in Denver and has her own company "Chandler D. Designs" specializing in bespoke hand-painted wedding stationery.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Went to Rollins College in Winter Park, FL where I played soccer and received a BA in Business/Economics. I took a year off and then went back to Rollins to earn my MBA in finance from the Crummer Business School.

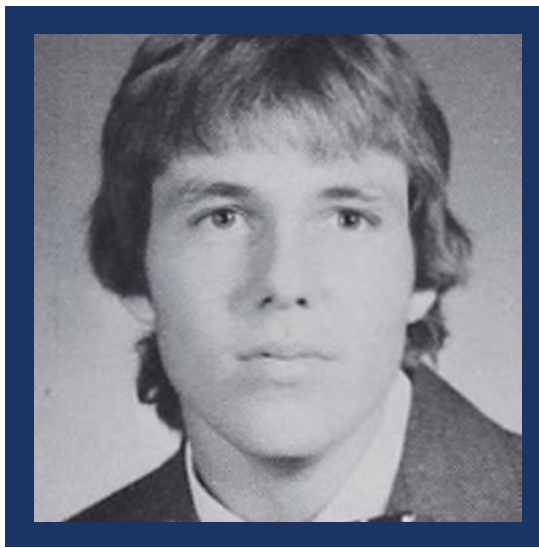
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Moved to Houston after grad school to work in the Corporate Finance dept for an oil and gas company. I lived in Houston a total of 20 years (3 different times), Atlanta 6 years and now Dallas 18 years. I've been a CFO for the last 25 plus years for public and private companies in oil & gas, hospitality, casino gaming, logistics & healthcare. One of my business highlights was uplisting a public casino company to the American Stock Exchange in 2001 and ringing the bell with the CEO. I finished being a full-time CFO last year and I'm now providing CFO consulting services. I stay active working out 5 times a week and playing golf. Other interests include collecting and drinking Italian Brunellos & Barolos along with California Cabs.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Ebbie Dunn was one of my favorite teachers and my soccer coach. Had a great freshman homeroom 111. I enjoyed our lunchroom table and still good friends with many of the guys I sat with. The junior ring dance and prom were great times along with the senior follies. One of the best memories is when we won the state soccer championship my junior year.





Tom Dooley

Tell us about your family today.

Married to Elisa since 1981. We have 3 daughters and a grandchild from each.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended college at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. I graduated with a BS in Natural Science (pre-med) and a minor in Religious Thought while also playing soccer.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

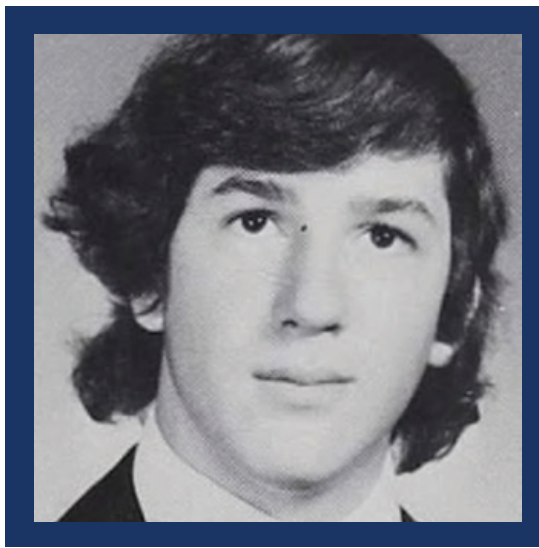
After college, I went to medical school at Mizzou and did most of my residency training in surgery there. In 1989 we moved to Wyomissing, Pennsylvania outside of Reading in the eastern part of the state. I have been practicing Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery since then. I was in private practice most of my career, joined the local hospital system in 2018 and just recently started working only 4 days a week. My wife and I are enjoying our 3 young grandchildren- one is 2 and the others under 1 year old.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

There were so many great teachers at SLUH. It is too hard to single out one. I was very impressed with the dedication to teaching and extracurricular activities by the faculty.

My most favorite memory was the time I realized the impact one can have on others during my senior project.





Peter Dunne

Tell us about your family today.

Proud and grateful husband of Ellen, a St. Louis County Judge. Proud parents of Sergei, Nikolai and Jordan Dunne, all born in Belarus and adopted through Small World Adoption Foundation. Each is now a grown up adult and doing great, thank God.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Attended St. Louis University (A.B. History 1978) and University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law (J.D. 1983). I have been an adjunct instructor at Webster University (Legal Studies) for 20 years, and an adjunct professor at SLU Law School for 15 years teaching Advanced Trial Advocacy. If they only knew!

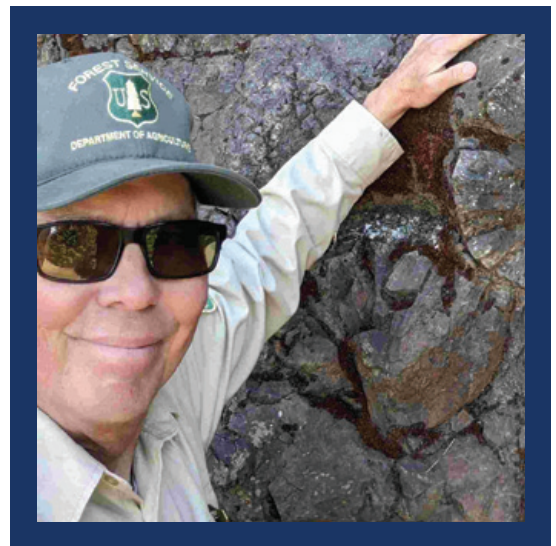
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I stayed home, went to college at SLU, worked as a claims adjuster in Chicago, went to law school at Mizzou, passed the bar, worked as a St. Louis County Public Defender, worked in private practice at the same firm doing insurance defense work for the next 40 years, got married to a fabulous wife, quit smoking, adopted 3 wonderful kids who have turned out great, became a shareholder, tried almost 200 jury trials to verdict, and became a mediator. I avoid golf and pickle ball.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

SLUH teachers were very challenging. I admired Mr. Wang for trying to teach us Chinese for four years. By far the most influential was Mr. Joe Schulte. He showed that he had confidence in me, and taught me to have confidence in myself.





Neil Elfrink

Tell us about your family today.

Married to a Nederlander named Ineke.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Mizzou BS, Oregon State MS, Forest Park CC, Oklahoma State

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Mostly been listening to the Grateful Dead. I am currently volunteer lighthouse geologist at Heceta Head.

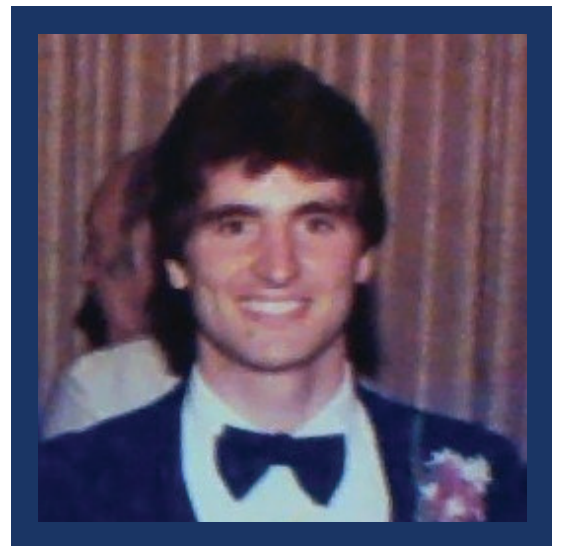
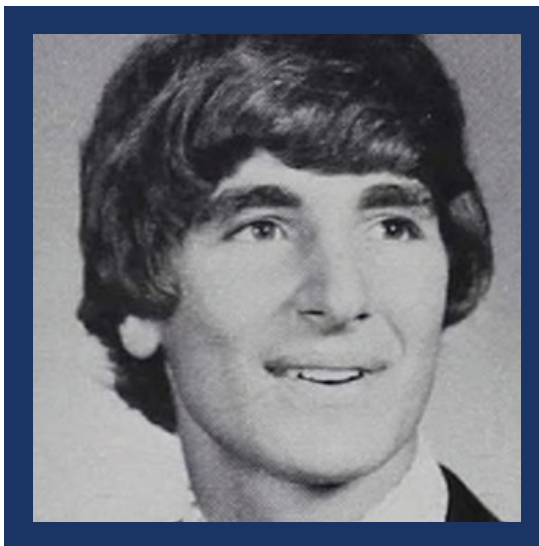
My ideas on bedrock meanders did get referenced in the \$1,299.99 'Encyclopedia of Planetary Landforms'.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Father Jack Warner.

Being dictator for a day.





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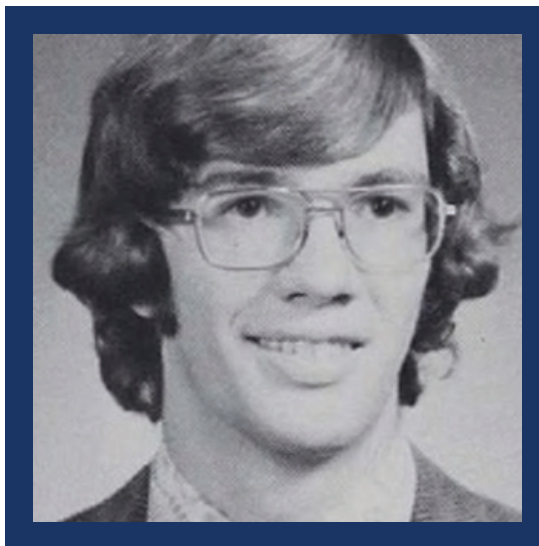
Tell us about your family today.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?





Dan Godar

Tell us about your family today.

My wife (Gretchen Myers, also an attorney) and I will celebrate our 39th wedding anniversary in October! We have three kids, one son and two daughters. My son and a daughter are in the movie industry and my youngest daughter is an attorney. The oldest is 35 and the youngest is 31. They all reside in the LA area which is why we moved here!

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1977 with an accounting degree and in 1980 from Law school.

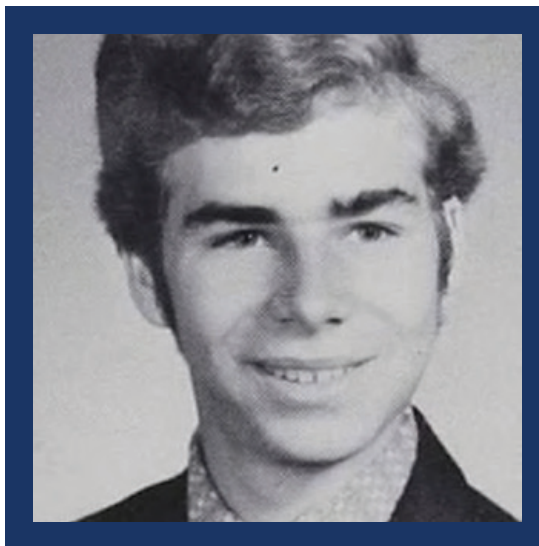
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Started working at my current firm as a summer clerk in 1979 and never looked back. We move to California in 2023 to be closer to the kids so I am currently working remotely and will fully retire in December. I get back to St. Louis every month or two for both work and fun. I go on two fly fishing trips a year with fellow class of 74 alums-Bob Brandt, Marc Hollabaugh, John Kustura and Bill Signaigo. In addition to work I am on the Board of a large St. Louis based Foundation which keeps me busy. We live in the Santa Monica mountains about a mile from the beach and the year round great weather allows me to remain very active!

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Ebbie Dunn. Great teacher who was tough, but at the same time he was always fair and funny. It was an intimidating experience, after being called upon and messing up a problem, to hear him say, "Hey, Babe, come up here to the board!" So many great memories, inside and outside of the classroom, that I can't pick a favorite.





Mark Hopfinger

Tell us about your family today.

I have two wonderful children of whom I am very proud. Kate Vahdani (Nerinx '06) lives in Dallas (husband Chris) and has been consulting in the AI/technology space. She is now setting up her own business in a different industry. Melissa Hopfinger (Nerinx '09) lives in St. Louis (wife Sarah), has a Ph.D. in chemistry, and most recently was a professor at St. Louis University. She is now spending full time renovating an old house they purchased as they prepare for my first grandchild.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I went to St. Louis University, majoring in math (BA '77, MA '82, and Ph.D. '91), and working as a teaching assistant for 6 years (77-83).

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

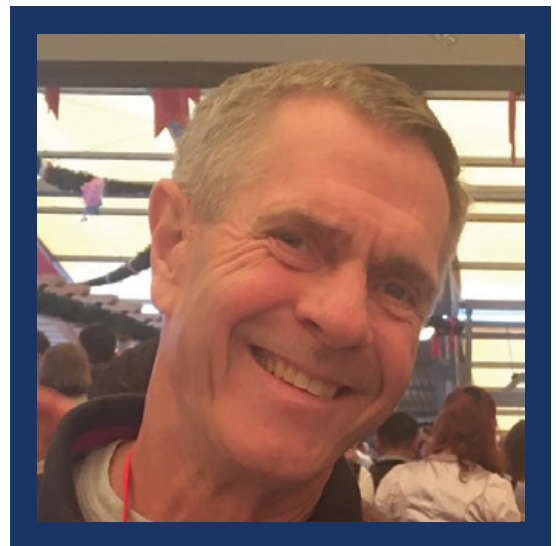
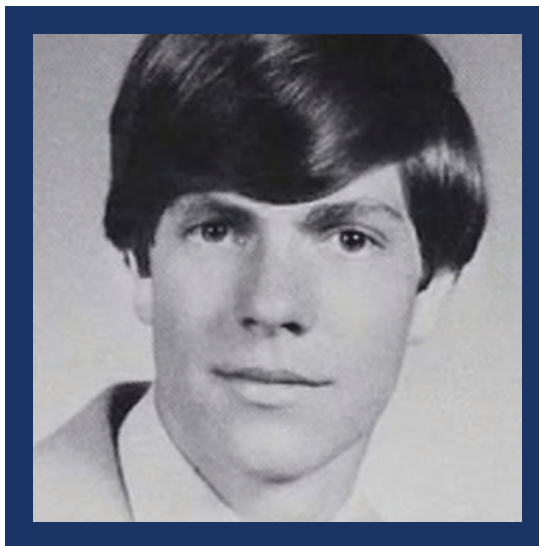
I married in 1983 and had 2 children, but ended in divorce a little over 30 years later. I started work as an actuarial student at General American in 1983 and earned my FSA (Fellow, Society of Actuaries) designation in 1988. I moved to their subsidiary RGA in 2000, a major international reinsurance company headquartered in Chesterfield, MO. I have served in various business development and finance roles since then, including as President and Director of several of RGA's subsidiaries. I've been in St. Louis my entire life, though I am in Bermuda often for work. Work has also permitted me to travel quite a bit visiting several foreign offices.

I enjoy golfing though I never was any good, so when my daughter Melissa asked me to teach her, I paid for her lessons instead. We now go on golf trips together, and I've gone on several golf trips with friends over the years, including St. Andrews. I've bowled in leagues off and on over the years, taking time off to act as chauffeur for the girls. I also took up bridge again 10+ years ago. COVID put a temporary stop to bowling and an end to bridge, though I hope to take bridge up again after I retire next year. I was fortunate to go on an ACTS retreat at my parish (Sacred Heart, Valley Park) years ago, and then served on several retreat teams since then, both at my parish and on mission teams to other parishes. These have helped me come back more strongly to the church, participating in ministries such as RCIA, Eucharistic minister, and Lector.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Fr. Valiquette - he made physics fun. Being part of the bowling and chess teams, where we competed for fun and had good times.





Jack Huether

Tell us about your family today.

I married Teresa Fitzsimmons in 1979. We have 2 kids - Kate and Tim (SLUH '06). We have 2 grandkids - ages 6 and 9 who attend Our Lady of Lourdes in U. City. My BEST decision was marrying Teresa - I am very blessed that she said yes. She gets much of the credit for who I have become.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

BA in Communications from Mizzou in 1977. MBA from Rollins College / SIU - Edwardsville.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After marriage we lived near UMSL and rehabbed a house. My first job was at Junior Achievement. I then joined Emerson in customer service in 1981 and was transferred to Florida in 1986. Our kids were born in 1982 and 1987. We were transferred back in 1990. I moved up in the company running businesses from 2008 (in Tennessee) til retirement. My career allowed me to travel regularly to Asia, Mexico, Europe and throughout the US.

I was involved in CYC sports through my kids grade school teams - not so good as a basketball coach... I have also been very involved in a non-profit (President and Board Member) in St Louis that assists adults with persistent and severe mental illness - mainly bipolar and schizophrenia. It is a globally top rated resource right here in St. Louis!

I love to read history, biographies, timely magazines. I still "play" basketball -as my family says - OMB - Old Man Basketball. Teresa says I have one job when I play - Come home without an injury! We have delighted in watching our kids and grandkids grow and we look forward to many more blessings in the years to come!

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I had 2 favorite teachers - Fr. Kellett for Latin and Joe Schulte for Calculus. Fr. Kellett was an icon. Mr. Schulte was the best teacher I ever had. All our teachers taught us to be critical thinkers and provided moral guidance. Also Fr. Wayne became invaluable Senior Year.

From all the excitement of freshman year to running publicity for all our events senior year (silk screening posters late into the night to send to the girls' schools). But MORE important were the lifelong friends I made.





Richard Jany

Tell us about your family today.

I married Colleen Barnett in 1982, we have three children. Michael lives and works in Eugene, OR. He delivers a rural postal route and is working on a forensic psychology degree. Sean lives in Bend, OR. He and his wife, Whitney, have two children, Traven and Cami. Our two wonderful grandchildren. He is an international tire buyer for a large northwest tire company called Les Schwab. Our Daughter, Kira, and her husband, Kevin, currently live in Beaune, France. Perfecting wine making skills.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended SLU for my BA degree in biology. I attended SLUMS for my MD degree (1978-1982). My internship and residency were done at the Naval Hospital Oakland (1982-1988). I had one year as a medical officer on a ship (1983-1984).

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

My lovely wife and I left the Navy in Philadelphia and joined an orthopedic practice in Oregon. We have lived here on the southern Oregon coast since 1990. Our oldest boy was born in Philley, and the other two children were born here in Oregon. we have enjoyed our life and time, here in rural Oregon. We have a very nice Catholic church in town. We were very active with the youth ministry when the kids were here. My practice kept me busy for 33 years. Helped a lot of folks regain their function and their active lifestyle. It has been a pleasure to serve this community.

A bunch of us old boys missed hockey, so we built a covered rink at a school so we could play roller hockey. That was fun. We finally had to hang it up, too many injuries. Boy it was fun while it lasted!

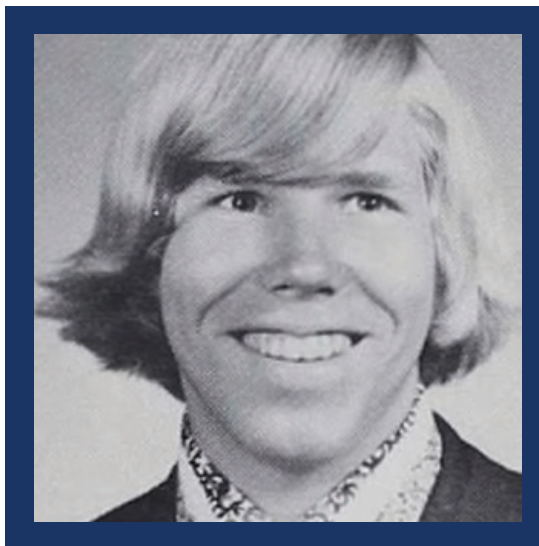
All of our kids were soccer players. The middle boy played in college at George Fox University. They all still enjoy playing today. Now I get to watch the grandkids play! I stay busy swimming and walking on the beach. My fall activities are hunting and fishing. lots of great national forests in Oregon to live off the grid for 10 days at a time. We have deer hunting and elk hunting trips every year.

I make it back to St Louis to see family, friends, and the old rugby team players from SLU and the Black Sheep RFC. Since I've retired, my last trip was a road trip back home following old Route 66. I will miss our reunion because I have to visit my daughter in France, before she and her husband return home this fall.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My SLUH experience shaped my education and life. What a wonderful experience. All of our teachers were excellent, including Mistery Busenhart, Hannick, Gates and Fr. Warner. And our biggest hockey fan, our librarian! I feel blessed to be part of the SLUH community.





Tom Johnson

Tell us about your family today.

Blessed to be married to Etta (Buchheit) for 46 years (April 2024); 5 OG children (4 Girls - UA grads and 1 son-Jesuit trained at DeSmet). 11 Grands - 8 Granddaughters and 3 Grandsons- Schools include Indiana U, DePaul U, Marquette HS, Priory, St. Joe's Academy, Francis Howell, Crestview, and St. Peters in Kirkwood. I am proud of them all! Blessed life for sure!

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

MIT - Missouri In Town (UMSL); Enrolled at Cardinal Glennon for a "cup of coffee", then attended UMSL graduating with my BS/BA in Dec 1997. Enjoyed many classes and times with fellow SLUH alums during these years at UMSL and through various extra-curriculars including the SEARCH retreat program (met Etta there in 1976!) and working Full Time in Banking from 1976-1978.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

That's a tall order request for info - spent 23 years at AT&T (ST. L and KC) retiring as St. Louis Branch Manager for our Enterprise Sales and Technical Engineers; 3 years AIS/French Gerlemann; 12 Years @ Sprint as Market Director for Healthcare and at WWT since 2016 focused on Healthcare and Payor clients (best culture and people and mission of any!) While at AT&T, teamed with IBM to develop the first ever integrated voice mail/phone system solution - unfortunately with Bell Labs, all patents went to the "mothership". Etta and I have lived with our family in St. Louis, Lenexa, KS and now in Chesterfield, MO since 1991. I have learned over the years (much too slowly) not to define myself by a title of VP or Branch Manager...more the impact I could have on the lives of those I serve - clients, colleagues, partners, mentees, family! I credit my Faith, Parents, Family and 4 incredible years at SLUH, our beloved Jesuits and my fellow students to form my strong faith, and throughout what life has brought, cannot imagine more thoroughly enjoying the Highs and getting through some Lows of Lows without my Faith in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit...the Gifts that keep on giving. Interests and hobbies included family, competitive events and travel to Naples, Florida....and always enjoyed Parent Weekends...so with Grands in college, here we go again!

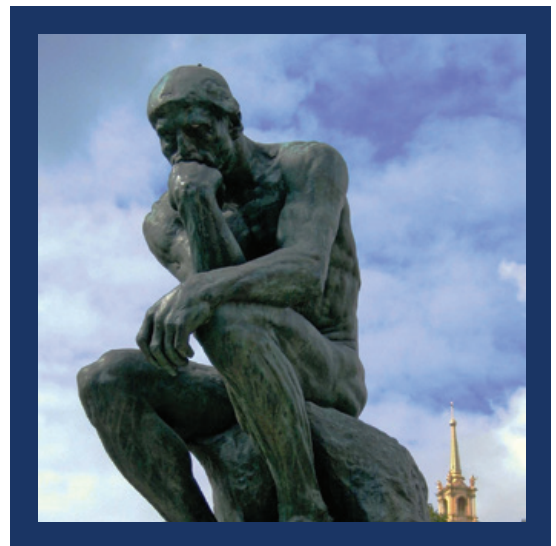
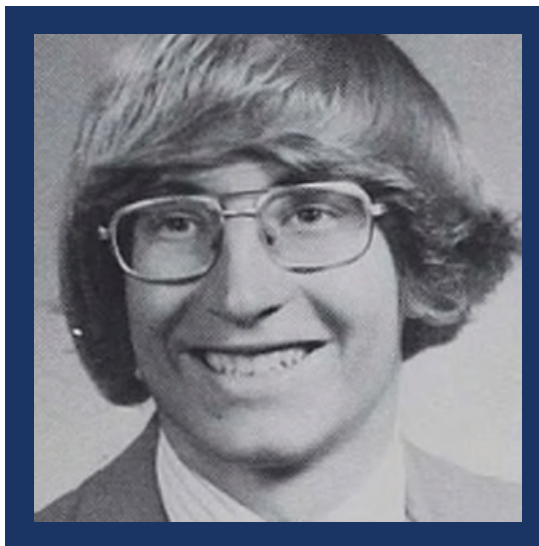


Tom Johnson

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Faves: Mr. Dick Keefe, Rev. Mr. Frank Gold, Fathers Mark McKenzie, Fr. Valequette, Fr. Bailey, Coaches Martel & Owens...During soph. year, many of us enjoyed "Advisor" Thad Strobach! Memories? Pep rallies; '70 Football Championship in COMO (do we get to do this every year?!) Coed dances, Jr. Prom (theme of Stairway to Heaven and the band didn't know how to play :-)), Sr. Fall Fest., Bash Ball/intramurals; & what I now realize, the best/most talented classmates ever. Humbled to be in class of '74





Joseph "Jake" Jolley

Tell us about your family today.

We have one daughter Sarah who recently graduated from law school and is working in Edwardsville, Illinois.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I came to Columbia to go to Mizzou and graduated with a bachelors of arts degree in Radio, TV and Film production. A great 7.5 year campaign, changing majors 3 times.

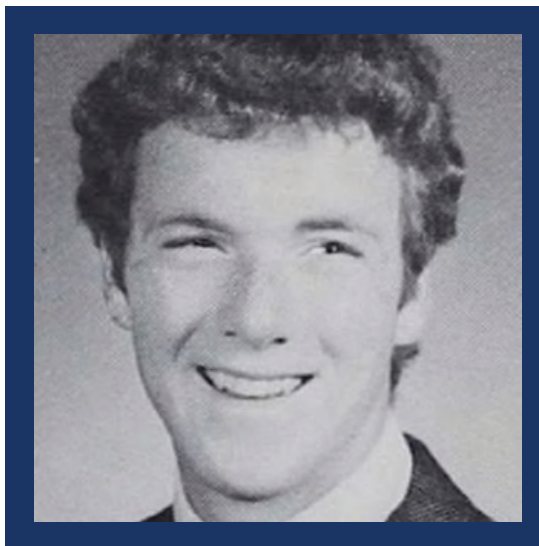
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Life in the food chain. Managed Shakespeare's pizza while attending MU from 1977-1983. Past 41 years I have been selling Restaurant equipment, and now I am a designer for hospitals, colleges, nursing homes and restaurants.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Joe Schulte. Pete Dunn and I were co awarded best actors in our class. I was the steward in the musical " Anything Goes ". On opening night I had a scene were I was delivering a tray of food and drink to one of the staterooms and had glued the glasses to the tray so they would not fall off. I was carrying the tray through the doorway, and hit the top, and the whole tray fell to the ground. I froze for a second and then looked up at the audience and said, "I hope they don't take this out of my pay."





Pete Kinsella

Tell us about your family today.

My family is a blended one. I married in 1984, had 7 children, 6 girls and 1 boy, who are now ages 35 down to 23. With 5 daughters now married, I have 10 grandchildren. After divorcing in 2014, I re-married in 2021 and have added a beautiful wife and three more children, a stepson and two stepdaughters - another set of twin girls. As for who am I proud of - that's easy - all of them!!

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Notre Dame - B.A. History; SLU. - Law School (J.D.) 1982; SLU. - MBA 1984

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Practiced law for 5 years, ultimately as counsel at Chicago Title in Clayton, then became involved in real estate development with Sverdrup at Riverport, developing what was once the Harrah's casino project. Then hired by Harrah's to become Director of Regulatory Approvals for new casino development around country, I relocated to Harrah's HQ in Memphis in 1994 and worked on land-based, riverboat and Indian gaming projects. After Harrah's, became COO of a multi-family property management company in the early 2000's before forming a development company doing work in Arkansas, developing both residential and commercial properties, then in Louisiana, post-Katrina, with another residential project. Married in 1984 and had 7 children, 6 girls and 1. Everyone was involved in multiple sports, but soccer was the "go to" with all 4 of the oldest girls playing on the same state championship team in high schools, my son also winning a state title, and my twin girls winning two state club titles. The twins played D1 at Vanderbilt and my son played D2 at Christian Brothers College in Memphis. Five daughters are now married, so that faint glimmer might be the end of the tunnel! Divorced in 2014, and came back to St. Louis in 2017. Remarried in 2021 and now have a combined 10 children, with 2 sets of twin girls. Upon returning, led the development of the Centene Ice Center project in Maryland Heights, then the R&R Marketplace re-development project in Dellwood, and now heading up a nonprofit devoted solely to helping nonprofits with real estate issues and/or needs. Given my family size, I thoroughly enjoy seeing and visiting with both kids and grandkids, and traveling with my wife, whenever possible. We both enjoy riding bikes, playing golf, hiking, skiing, a good bottle of wine and the all-too-infrequent visits with members of the class of '74.

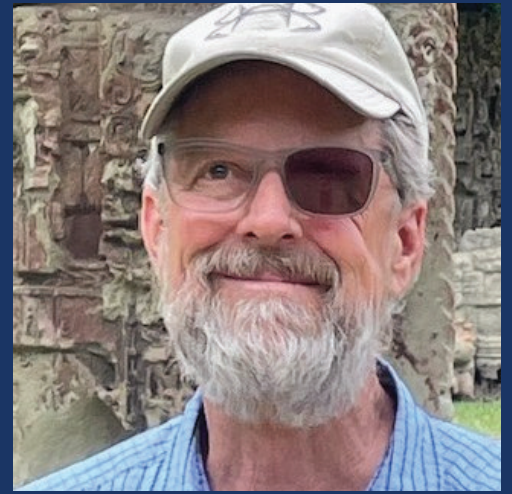
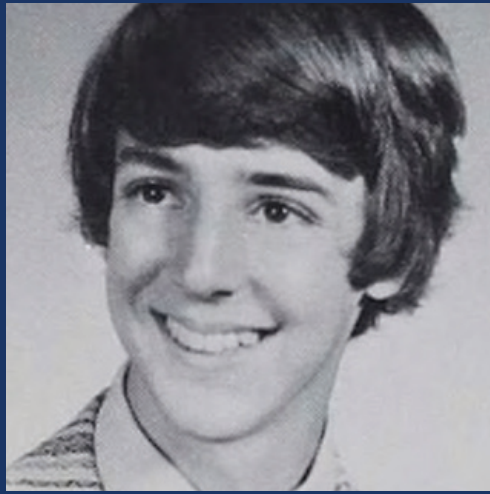


Pete Kinsella

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I've got to give the favorite teacher nod to Mr. Keefe and his sense of humor! My favorite memory might be of playing bashball and the fun we had as part of the water polo and swim teams.





Bruce Kleiner

Tell us about your family today.

Our 14-year-old son Nathaniel Joseph Kleiner is, right now, a sophomore at SLUH, class of 2027. Nathaniel runs cross-country at SLUH, is on the rifle team and plays piano on the side. Our eldest, Zachary Mark ("Zach") Kleiner, is already 31, married up and as CTO leads tech teams for a med supply firm based in Littleton, Colorado. Spouse Maria Elisa Dulcey teaches Spanish at Metro HS, St. Louis Public Schools, doing the Lord's work in a challenging setting.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service (BSFS 1978)
University of Missouri, School of Journalism (Broadcast, M.A. 1989)
U.S. Department of State, Foreign Service Institute language training (Spanish, Japanese, Romanian). FSI Press and Media Tradecraft director (2009-2011).
USAF Air War College, Senior State Department Faculty in national security (2017-2019). (It turns out that you get a lot more education as a teacher than as a student!)

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

A lot of world travel, I suppose, is the simple story of my life. In the three years since I reached the mandatory retirement age of 65 from the U.S. Foreign Service (State Department), we've done multi-week backroads expeditions in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Europe in addition to about 300 nights so far on North America travels in our Winnebago View RV.

As a U.S. Embassy official across 28 years (1993-2021), our family was posted to Honduras, Peru, Ethiopia, Mexico, Japan, Pakistan, Paraguay, Papua New Guinea, Romania and Cuba, in that order. In most places, even the crazy ones, I would commute to work by bicycle, and we had our own 4WD vehicles along for overland travel. From Paraguay, for example, we explored from Chile and Bolivia across Argentina into Brazil and Uruguay in our 4Runner. In Japan, we used a small camping van to hunt down traditional hot springs across the island of Kyushu. The mountain biking in Ethiopia in the 1990s was simply the most exotic thing ever, bombing through thatched-hut villages, chickens goats and children scattering in the face of a marauding biker propelled by Green Day and REM tapes on the Walkman. It was a blessing that people never once guessed I was from the U.S. on these after-hours forays, avoiding any official embarrassment. My focus at the Embassies was news media, artists, academics and other "influencers" as the Counselor for Public Affairs.



Bruce Kleiner

What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

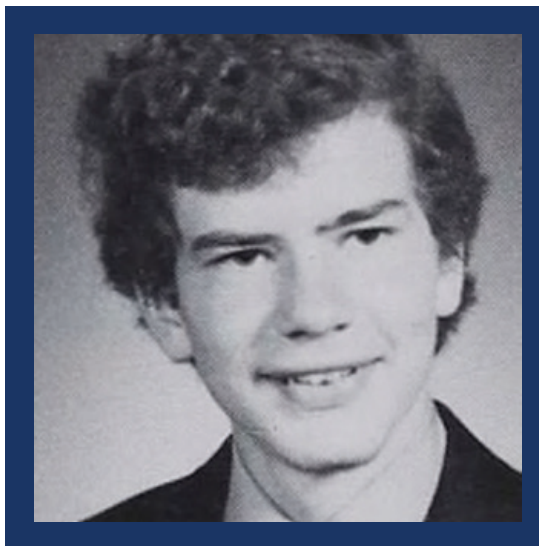
From 1980-1993 I worked in local TV news, mostly at NBC-affiliates in Idaho, California, New Mexico, Missouri and Washington, DC as an on-air TV news reporter and field cameraman. In the early 1990's I was at CNN in Atlanta managing domestic newsgathering.

As a backpacking world traveller, I hitchhiked alone across the Sahara Desert in 1978-79; played guitar, harmonica and sang horribly as a street musician in Europe; hiked the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal; rode local trains to the tip of India and trekked in the Golden Triangle (Laos/Burma/Thailand).

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Father Valiquette was a "Rock" who reached out to everyone with warmth and acceptance, especially attentive to guys who might be feeling self-conscious, bewildered and alone. His "Harvard Project Physics" rewarded self-defined effort on whatever individualized path you chose. Fr. Valiquette's validation approach — what path is going to work best for you as an individual? — really opened up and justified some wild options for me in life as the years rolled on.





Eric Koetting

Tell us about your family today.

I have been married to Sue since 1989. She had two children from her previous marriage, but they were mostly grown when Sue and I married, so we never developed much of a "stepparent/stepchild" relationship. Her son has two sons, now in their late 20s, and although we were geographically distant through most of their childhood, we are closer now.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended Oberlin College in Ohio, majoring first in Sociology and then adding an Economics major my last year. Because of all of my 1818 credits, I graduated in three years, which was a huge financial benefit, but in retrospect had its drawbacks. I then attended the University of Chicago Law School for my JD.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

My entire career has been as a Rates lawyer for the US Postal Service. I started at Postal Service Headquarters in DC in the fall of 1980, and (other than a 4-month detail as an Asst US Attorney in 1985-86) I have exclusively represented the Postal Service regarding rate matters that started with administrative litigation before the Postal Rate Commission and usually ended up in the courts. While doing that, I met Sue when she was a full-time letter carrier and part-time law student from Portland OR, detailed to HQ for the summer of 1987. We hit it off and she agreed to move to DC and get married (she also became a lawyer for the Postal Service) if I would agree to move to Portland when we retired. The years flew by (happily), and as agreed, I retired in 2011 and out to Portland we moved. I essentially flunked retirement, however, so when my office called in 2013 and asked if I wanted to do my same old job remotely from Portland, I jumped at the chance. That has worked out well ever since. My job has presented me with a blend of legal and economic issues that I have found both interesting and challenging, as well as, very importantly, provided me with congenial, dedicated, and wise colleagues with whom I have enjoyed working to address those issues. I recognize that, in the abstract, most people would expect postal ratemaking to be incredibly boring, but I have found it quite the opposite. As my wife frequently laments, work has been central to my life, but I also enjoy genealogy, traveling (been in all fifty states except Florida), and I stay fit enough to still play softball.

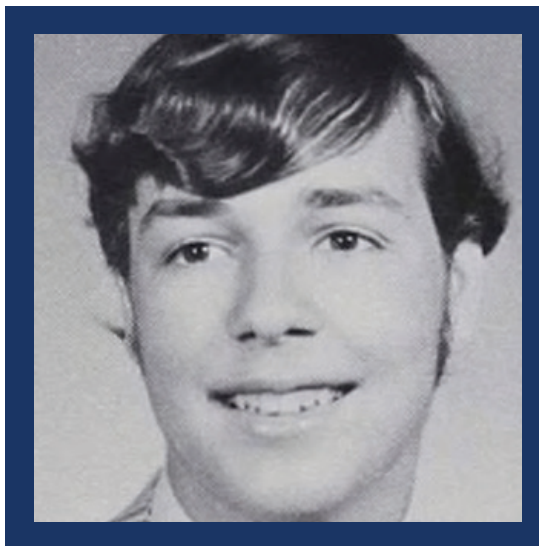


Eric Koetting

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I recall Mark Clark '72 typically rising to the occasion one Advent when asked to lead students singing Christmas carols in the halls during noon rec. Quickly we were all trying to outdo each other in singing as loudly as possible. The Gloria In Excelsis Deo chorus would never again be the same for me -- in minutes, I outgrew my childish notion of Christmas as a mere opportunity to receive gifts, and instead all about those Pogo-ish feelings of warmth, solidarity, and joy that surrounded me.





Joe Kucharski

Tell us about your family today.

We have three children and 5 grandchildren. Our oldest (son) lives in Boston. Our daughter and other son live in Aiken.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I got my BS in Chemistry from St. Louis U. I got my Masters in Chemistry from the University of Utah.

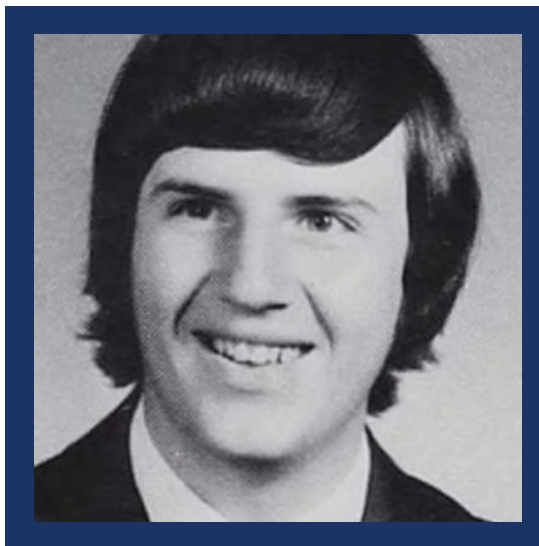
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I worked in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing for 37 years for GlaxoSmithKline in the St. Louis, Clifton (New Jersey) and the Aiken (South Carolina) factories. For the past 22 years I have been the Public Address "voice" of the University of South Carolina at Aiken Pacers. In 2023, I was inducted into the USCA Athletics Hall of Fame. I've been fortunate enough to play a round of golf at the Augusta National Golf Club.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I had a work study assignment to answer the telephone and take messages for the Jesuits who lived on campus. This provided me with the opportunity on Sundays to go to Sunday Mass on campus, and this made an impact on my faith life.





John Kustura

Tell us about your family today.

I have been happily married for 40+ years to my beloved Kathy. We met in Redondo Beach, CA at a friend's 4th of July party. We were married in March of 1984 and two of my SLUH classmates, Bob Brandt and Dan Godar, were in the wedding. We raised three great kids, John, Colleen and Kevin, who are now living in Colorado, Missouri and Illinois, respectively. We are blessed to have 7 grand kids, Buck, Cole, Lyla, Cora, Carli, Quinn and Aliya, and we spend as much time as we can visiting them.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended Parks College of St. Louis University, which at the time was over in Cahokia, IL. I really did not want to attend Parks, but my Dad was a professor there and free tuition "spoke loudly." I ended up having a great experience at Parks and earned my BS in Aerospace Engineering. From there I attended Purdue University and earned my MS in Aeronautics and Astronautics. Later, I attended the University of Southern California part-time getting my MBA.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I worked in the aerospace industry my entire career which is what brought me to southern California after graduating from Purdue. I worked primarily on satellite programs for various government agencies that included NASA and the US Air Force. I was privileged to support six satellite launches in my career and worked on some fantastic systems that utilized incredible technology. I started my career at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and learned quickly that I did not want to sit at a desk and solve equations all day. So, I became an integration and test engineer which allowed me to work with and be close to hardware. It was fun to try and figure out how systems worked, or how to get them to work as designed. As my career progressed, I transitioned into systems engineering and program management that culminated in being a Program Director on various systems that included GPS.



John Kustura

What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

My wife and I have lived in Huntington Beach, CA since 1985 which is where we raised our 3 kids. Huntington Beach is a great place to live and raise a family. Much of our time outside of work revolved around getting our kids to soccer games, baseball games, golf outings, and volleyball matches. It was a bit hectic at times and a lot of fun.

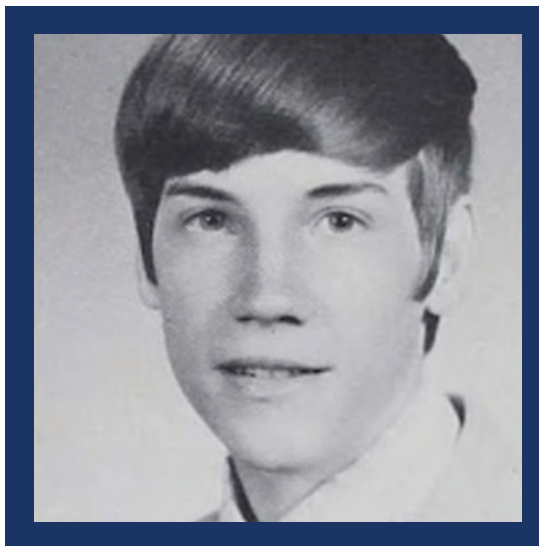
We are members of St. Bonaventure Parish and have been active there since 1985. My wife taught at the parish school for 27 years, and I volunteered my time to support the parish school board, parish council, yearly parish fall festival, annual golf tournament, and other various activities there.

I retired in 2022 and have been working a lot on my golf game since then. I really enjoy playing golf - it's a challenge and I meet great people on the course. I'm also learning to fly fish thanks to some of my SLUH classmates. My wife and I also travel quite a bit. We like to cruise and have been to many places around the world. My favorite places are Sydney, Australia and Tuscany in Italy. We look forward to visiting new places in the years ahead.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Mr. Keefe was terrific. But the guy that I remember the most was Mr. Gates, who was my English teacher freshman year and I think junior year. I remember him because, in my mind, he taught me how to write. He also made literature interesting for me. My favorite SLUH memories are the dances. I loved going to them in the old auditorium. I also enjoyed going to midnight Mass after the dances my senior year. A lot of fun, great camaraderie, and a good way to "blow off some steam."





Frank Linek

Tell us about your family today.

I'm married to Sandra Jean Linek, PhD Organic Chemistry. I have two children: Dr. Carolyn Linek-Rajapaksha MD and Francis Paul Linek, owner of EcoClean - serving suburban Chicago; two granddaughters: Anya (12) and Kate (6). Extremely proud of all of them.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

University of Dayton - graduated 1978 with a BS in Chemical Engineering
Washington University in St. Louis - graduated 1982 with a Doctorate in Science
Chemical Engineering

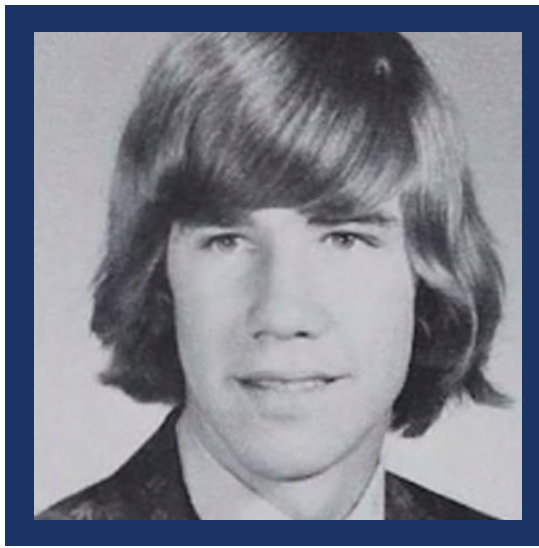
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Worked for Exxon-Mobil from 1982 - 2001 as a Senior Research Engineer, with assignments in Baton Rouge, LA, Sarnia, Ontario Canada, Florham Park, NJ and Paulsboro, NJ. Started a private consulting firm in 2001, retiring December of this year. Playing semi-competitive tennis and chess now in Florida. Planning to be travelling a lot in the future - regretfully will be missing this reunion as travel plans to Europe have already been fixed.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Too many favorites to mention a single teacher or memory. I've appreciated my Jesuit education above all. The depth of my spirituality comes from the openness of everyone at SLUH to listen, question, reflect, and believe. I've found that with this attitude, everything in life can be approached with confidence.





Bob Macauley

Tell us about your family today.

Blessed with 3 incredible children, Michael, Kaetlyn, and Meghan, and married to high school sweetheart, Geri Jordan Macauley, for 45 years. We have a total of 7 grandkids, 5 girls and 2 boys aging from 11 to 4 months. Our children have all done very well in their adult lives, and I am so very proud of who they are, and what they have become. Every parent wishes happiness and purpose for their kids, and we are so lucky to have a close knit family founded in love.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended SLU and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business with a major in Marketing in 1978. I worked in the Athletic Department all 4 years, and had a chance to learn Sports Marketing first hand. I was lucky to work for Larry Albus, a SLUH Alum, who was instrumental in shaping my career and mentoring me over the years. I was also a member of Pi Delta Theta, a local fraternity made up primarily of SLUH and DeSmet students. I have life long friends from Pi Delt, and am very thankful.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Had one of the greatest jobs a young man could hope for at A-B, securing a coordinator position in their Sports Marketing Group in 1983, the year my son Mike was born. I had the fortune of representing AB at major sporting events such as the Daytona 500, the Superbowl, the NCAA Basketball finals, as well as major PGA Tour events. Friends asked me if I actually got paid to do the job! I would likely have done it for free! We moved to South County for easy access to A-B and joined Assumption Parish on Mattese, and became friends with so many wonderful people. I continued to get promoted and worked as Executive Assistant to VP Marketing for 5 years and took on the role of managing the AB Conventions. Over 6,000 attendees would join us every year at various convention cities throughout the US, and due to the incredible resources provided by AB, we were able to stage some amazing events, AB hired many athlete and show biz personalities to promote our brands. I had the amazing opportunity to meet and spend time with some of the top athletes and entertainers from 1993 - 2011. A small sample of individuals included Elton John, Sting, Bart Starr,



Bob Macauley

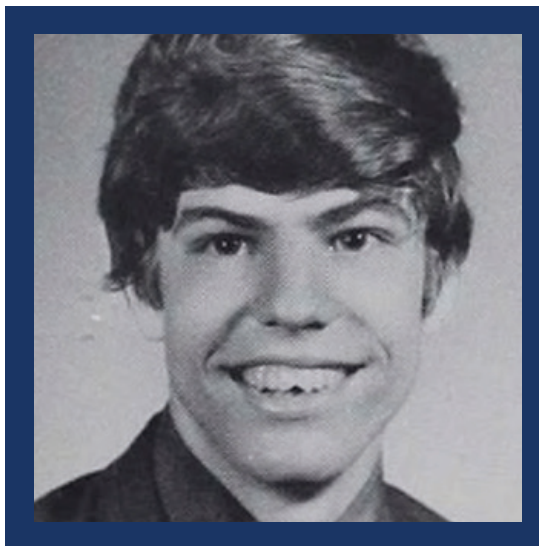
What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

General Norman Schwarzkopf, Tim McGraw, Goldie Hawn, Joan Rivers, and the list goes on. They all loved working with AB, and our wholesalers were thrilled to see them live and on stage. I left AB after the InBev buyout and have an amazing group of ex-AB Friends I see every couple of months. I took a part-time position as Account Executive in 2012 at ITC in STL, selling production services. We produced events, which was my background, only this time I was selling vs buying. It's a lot easier buying!! Once Covid hit, event business dried up, so I retired and joined a number of nonprofit boards to keep busy, and continue to this day. Hobbies included water skiing, snow skiing, sporting clays, golf, and duck hunting. Blessed that my health is good, and now Geri and I are traveling as much as we can...not getting younger!

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite teacher was Ebbie Dunn. I was failing Algebra my Freshman year, first semester because I was so afraid of raising my hand in class...I didn't have a hair on my body yet, and guys like Jim St. Vrain and Kevin Tiffin had full beards and chest hair! Ebbie tutored me for just a couple of months, gave me confidence, and I ended up with a B in the class. Memories include athletic events, dances, parties, playing hockey for Charlie Busenhart and making life-long friends to this day.





Stephen Mager

Tell us about your family today.

My wife Margaret and I married in 1983. We have three very musical daughters: Julie, a paralegal, MO court system; Therese, a research fellow, University of Leipzig, Germany (and an active singer); and Elizabeth, a school admin. asst. in Honolulu (and a Japanese Taiko musician). No grandchildren. Family name explanation: my name at birth was "Mager." My parents died when I was very young. Adopted and raised by my dear aunt and uncle, I went by "Ficker" until restoring my birth name in 1979.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

1.) St. Louis University (where I met my wife), BA in Music (1978), concentration in music theory and piano, minor in French. 2.) Indiana University-Bloomington, MM in choral conducting (1982), concentration in piano. 3.) Indiana University-Bloomington, DM in choral conducting (2009), concentration in organ & musicology. Dissertation: An original composition, Missa Lucis ("Mass of Light") for chorus and small orchestra, premiered by the Bach Society of Saint Louis in April, 2008.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Save for a couple of tours in Bloomington, IN, I have stayed close to family in St. Louis, and music has been my vocation. During my collegiate years at SLU, (1974-78), I became engaged in church music and the liturgy, inspired by the potential of musical artistry to impact the faith lives of ordinary worshipers. I have since held a number of organist-choirmaster positions, most significantly, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Baden (1981-88); and Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Univ. City (1988-present).

Holy Cross, under the guidance of Msgr. Martin B. Hellriegel, was for many decades at the heart of the Liturgical Movement in American Catholicism. I was privileged to know Monsignor, and after his death, I followed in his footsteps during my time at Holy Cross. I was also privileged to study with former Holy Cross organist, the late Dr. Marie Kremer, who was not only a mentor but a dear friend.



Stephen Mager

What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

My subsequent tenure at Bethel Church has afforded me ample creative opportunity not only as an organist-choirmaster, but also as a pianist and composer. The people of Bethel have been very supportive of my professional development. I was granted a sabbatical leave in 1997; and encouraged in 2006 to pursue a doctorate in Indiana, while continuing to work in St. Louis.

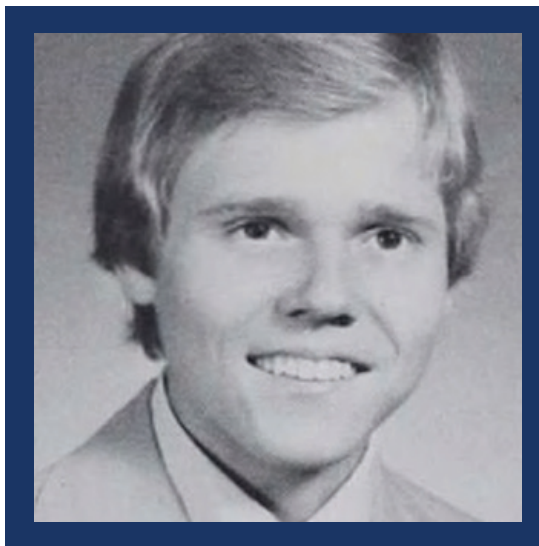
Aside from church work, I have directed community choruses, including the Masterworks Chorale and Children's Chorus of So. Illinois (1989-2000/2009-2024), performing choral-symphonic works such as Handel's Messiah and Mozart's Requiem. My work with children led to education outreach performances (1997-2006) for Opera Theatre of Saint Louis and Washington National Opera, and eventually, the composing and producing of a one-act opera, Dream of the Pacific, for the Lewis and Clark bicentennial.

I have published compositions with Oxford University Press and MorningStar Music, many performed nationwide; produced a number of CD recordings; served as composer-in-residence for the Bach Society of St. Louis, 2004-2021.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I am grateful to all my SLUH teachers. Some had a special impact, with encouragement, or with a well-needed swift kick: history teachers Dr. Jim Robinson (also ScholarQuiz moderator) & Mr. Dominic Calacci (also track coach); French teachers Mr. Dick Keefe & Fr. Lou McCabe (also CC coach); Fr. Jim Burshek (track/CC coach); and the unflappable Fr. Rocky Valiquette. Math teacher Fr. Conroy & English teacher Fr. Ray Windle were tough but got me to work hard. Fr. Bailey got us to think critically.





Paul Makarewicz

Tell us about your family today.

I grew up in a large Polish, Catholic family, the ninth of 13 children in North St. Louis County that instilled in me a strong sense of faith and service. I am most proud of my lovely wife Carmen who is a retired geriatric nurse practitioner, and we live in Ventura, California. We were married in 2014 at our home parish, the Mission Basilica San Buenaventura, in the city of Ventura.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I earned my bachelor's degree in philosophy at Cardinal Glennon College in St. Louis. I went on to complete my theology degree from the Angelicum University in Rome, Italy. Several years later, I returned to school for a master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, and then a second master's in bioethics from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I have served in several different sectors throughout my work life including faith-based, private, non-profit/social service, higher education, and finally healthcare. I began initially in parish ministry as an associate pastor for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. I then moved to Boston and transitioned to the area of workforce development (training and education) with the Boston Private Industry Council assisting with collaborative workforce programs among business, education, and government agencies. The city of Chicago then became my home for many years where I held positions in workforce development with the National Alliance of Business, and then in the corporate setting with Motorola, Inc. I was a program manager in Motorola's training department called Motorola University, working in their emerging markets division on an international level.



Paul Makarewicz

What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

I eventually returned to my deeper interest in the non-profit/social service sector by completing my graduate social work degree and serving on the staff of the UIC Jane Addams College of Social Work in philanthropy. However, the latter part of my career has been most rewarding where I have now served for 17 years as the Chief Mission Integration Officer with a large Catholic healthcare system called Providence on the West Coast. In this collaborative role, I work to ensure the integration of the Catholic mission and core values into the life, policies, practices, and programs of the Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. I am also engaged in bioethics, where I co-chair our Health Center's Bioethics Committee and serve on our Providence Southern California Divisional Bioethics Committee.

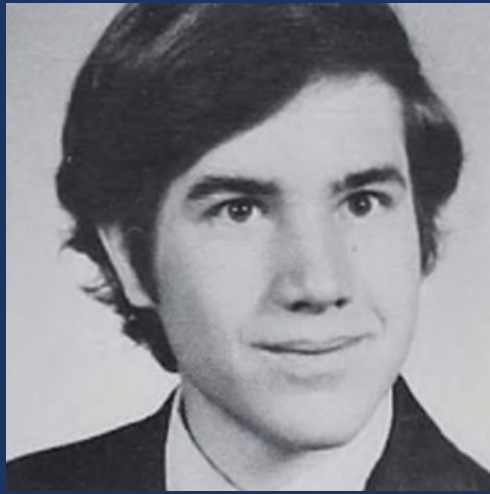
I continue to enjoy my hobby of music as I still play the trumpet that began in the family, developed at SLUH, and continues today with liturgical music and jazz. Carmen and I enjoy walks in the beautiful environs of our coastal city of Ventura, CA and traveling to different countries. We have also served as foster parents.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite teacher was Fr. Ralph Renner who taught us music and led the SLUH concert band and the jazz band. Fr. Renner also encouraged me to try out for the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra where I played trumpet for two seasons. I was so grateful that he let me borrow and wear one of his black suits to our formal SLSYO concerts at Powell Hall on Grand Blvd.

I also really enjoyed history class with Dr. Robinson during his long 42-year career at SLUH.





Chris Malecek

Tell us about your family today.

I met my spouse, Ann, at Macalester. We married in 1981. We have two children, Nick and Kate, one granddaughter, Fiia (now two-and-a-half) and another granddaughter arriving in October. Nick and his spouse Taru live in Redwood City, CA. He works for Apple, she for UCSF. Kate and her spouse Lee live in Pasadena where both work for CalTech. We all got together in late August at Lake Tahoe along with three of my siblings and some of their kids for a not-quite-complete family reunion.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I learned I can handle Minnesota winters better than St. Louis summers so have lived full time in the Twin Cities since 1976, first in St. Paul, then in Minneapolis, and now in a St. Paul suburb, Mendota Heights. Bike and walking trails along both sides of the Mississippi River are just down a hill from our home. I spent most of my working life -- 35 years all in -- at the public relations firm Weber Shandwick with a mix of clients spanning agribusiness, technology, healthcare, financial services and travel & tourism. For the last five years I worked as a freelancer, primarily as a ghostwriter for a variety of business and foundation leaders. Shut down the freelance business and officially retired in May 2024. I inherited my mom's love of books, reading and writing and that played out in service on a few different nonprofit boards, including ThreeSixty Journalism (a program to bring underrepresented youth into journalism); Open Book Minnesota, a unique-in-the-nation center for the literary arts; and Milkweed Editions, an independent publisher, where I served on the board for 13 years, including two as chair. We are fortunate to have a cohort of college friends close by that we still see regularly 40 some years on from our Macalester days. Meanwhile, we are still figuring out the retirement thing, including what to do with the gift of this unencumbered time, where to live out our next few years and how to stay fit and healthy as we ooze into our 70s. I expect there will be lots of back and forth to California to visit with our kids and grandkids.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

There were so many memorable characters: Fr. Phil Kellett of course. Michael Gates and Jack Warner who probably helped light the love of books fire for me. Ebbie Dunn for algebra/trig (but "keep the base, add the exponents" is about all I retained from that class. Fr. Tom Valiquette for physics. I can't recall the name of the biology teacher who organized a bread-bake off each year, inevitably won by one of the guys from the Hill. Senior Follies under Mr. Schulte's direction was a hoot.





John Marklin

Tell us about your family today.

Proud husband of Debbie (Schiller) Marklin (DuBourg 1974) for 45 years, father of 3 children (Jill, Jeff and Shannon), and 5 grandchildren (Sarah, Elsie, Molly, Ginny and Peter).

Lived in four states and now have settled in Richmond, VA since 1994.
Charter member and still active in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Richmond.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Graduated from Mizzou (1978) with BSBA degree. Proud member of Sigma Pi fraternity.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

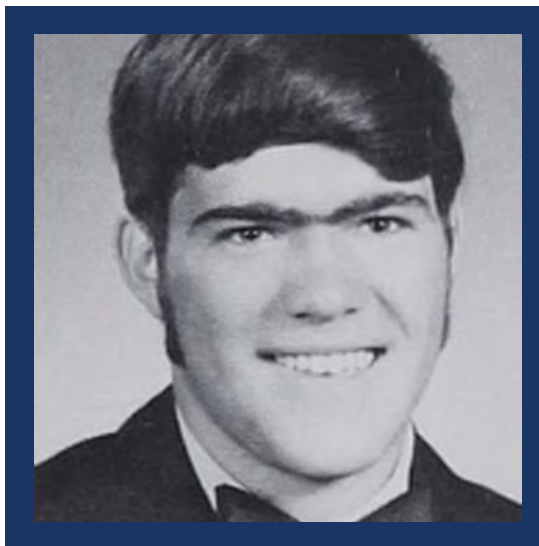
Worked for KPMG as a CPA (6 years); Wetterau, SuperValu and Richfood as a CFO (11 years); Marklin Financial Services (13 years) as a business consultant; owned grocery stores (11 years).

Co-founder of Boys-to-Men Mentoring Network of VA. We mentor Middle and High School boys who live on the margins and who are lacking male role models. We provide emotional support and teach them to speak their truth and be accountable for their actions. We currently have 550 boys in the program at 32 Richmond/Petersburg schools.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Hands down, Richard Keefe was my favorite teacher. He has been, and continues to be, a mentor in my life.





Paul Matecki

Tell us about your family today.

Kathleen and I have been married for 46 years and met on a blind date in part due to our classmate Larry Schaefer. We chose not to have children. We say we have 1000 SLUH boys and 500 St. Joe girls as we have dedicated ourselves to doing everything we can for these outstanding institutions and their students.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended Grinnell College where I received a BA in economics. I played football all 4 years and was a captain my senior year. I also ran the school's coffee house in the student union which began my interest in the culinary arts. I then went to St. Louis University School of Law for my JD.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

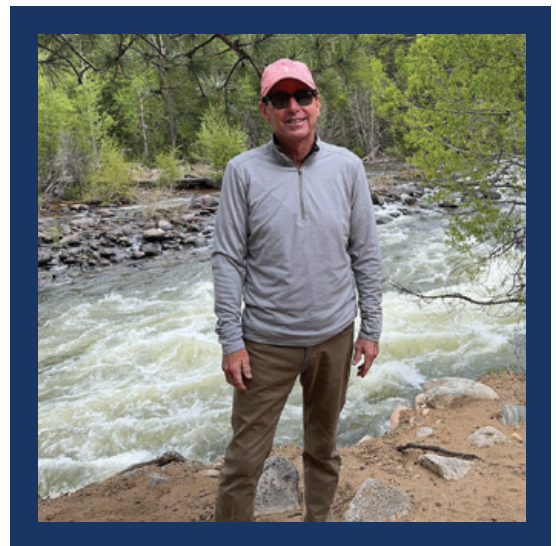
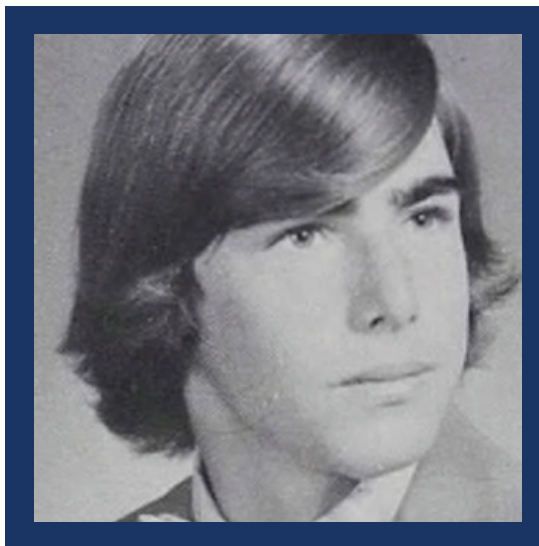
Kathleen and I were married the week before law school started. After passing the Bar, I worked for a solo practitioner SLUH alum for 3 years, and then ended up in the financial services industry as General Counsel/Compliance Director with R. Rowland & Co. in town. After 3 years, we moved to Boca Raton, FL. where I held a similar position for 3 years. I then had the good fortune of being asked to join Raymond James Financial in St. Petersburg, FL. where I remained for 27 years. It was a great ride and, by time I retired in 2016, there were 27 attorneys and some 45 support staff reporting to me. My position provided us with extensive opportunities for international travel for both work and pleasure.

Upon my retirement we moved to Columbia, MO. It's a long story, but we enjoyed our youth in Florida and saw it change for the worse. After 6 years in Columbia, we decided to move back home, and it's been great! We have reconnected with so many old friends and classmates.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Fortunately there were many teachers I admired. A few of my favorites were Msrs Shulte, Callaci, and Keefe. My favorite SLUH memory was attending dances and prom with Kathleen. Another was beating DeSmet in football our senior year, as our class lost the game the first 3 years.





Fran Matthews

Tell us about your family today.

I retired from my dental practice in 2019, 38 years of service. My wife Evonne and I have been married for 46 years. We moved to Colorado Springs after retirement. Two children, Patrick(Charlotte) Allison(Bobby). Three grandchildren, we are active grandparents, never a dull day. Evonne retired from Teva Pharma as Convention Coordinator, in 2023. I golf.....too often! Live is good, Hi to all my Billiken Brothers!

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

BS University of Missouri-Kansas City
DDS University of Missouri-Kansas City

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Work, Family, Retirement!

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Ray Stevison, I have dents in my head from the stone on his class ring!





Michael McDonnell

Tell us about your family today.

I have three wonderfully bright daughters. Maura (37) is an administrative assistant in a medical practice. Meghan (34) teaches English in a program for challenged children. Lindsey (29) is in HR. I am married to Carol for 5 years, and we live in Eugene and on the Oregon Coast (Port Orford).

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

St. Louis University B.S. in Medical Technology ('79); J.D. ('82).

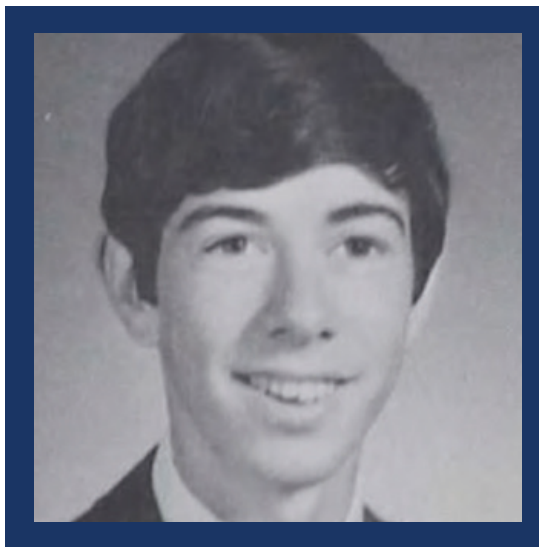
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Well... after my second divorce 16 years ago, I quit the practice of law (30 years) and moved to CO and skied for a season. When my money ran out, I went back to work as a med tech (thank God I kept my license up). I worked 3 years in Winter Park, CO, 3 years in Lake Havasu, AZ, and to the present in Gold Beach, OR. Met Carol 6 years ago and have been happily married (again) for 5 years. I meet with God on my daily walks on the beach and photograph His beautiful Pacific Ocean. Some of my pictures have landed on the walls of local galleries, and I have had one show.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

August Wang (Chinese) and Mr. Conway (who I never had as a teacher but spent a lot of time with). Favorite memories are as a bottle dancer in Fiddler on the Roof, playing Water Polo and receiving my diploma in the mail.





John Mehan

Tell us about your family today.

My wife (Katie) and I have been married for 43 years, we have 1 son, 1 daughter, son-in-law, 3 grandkids. Everyone lives close by, so we see them often. Proud of all of them. Daughter was a teacher & doing a great job with her kids, Son has been employed 15 years at ULINE & has risen in the company, son-in-law runs family business & is a solid guy. Katie is the one who kept it all going when we moved to MKE for my job. She deserves all the credit as we watch our kids/grandkids grow in life.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

SLU for the ever valuable Urban Affairs BA degree, which I then complimented with a MA in Urban Affairs. Then law school at SLU, failed miserably and they tossed me after 1 year. In fairness, I never could have cut in the business school and enjoyed my UA classes. That academic background may have helped me in my future path.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After getting bounced from law school, I worked 1 year for city of STL Mayors Office before landing a job as Asst. City Mgr of Webster Groves. WG was great, but when I turned 30 with 1 child it was time to look at the job market. In '87 I went to MKE to be a muni banker for Baird, small regional brokerage firm. After starving for 6 months, I finally got my first account (thanks to Katie for not letting me give up though it looked hopeless). Year after year, my business increased as did job titles, finally retiring 11/23 after 36 years. Our primary residence is located in a MKE suburb, we have a cottage 45 minutes outside of MKE (where we spend all summer), a condo in Longboat Key, FL (where we spend sometime during the winter). Outside of work, I was on the board of 2 Catholic schools, one an all girls high school and the other a Latino grade school, also serving as Board Chair for both schools. Among other volunteer activities, we have been co-chairs for our parish capital campaigns. I served as Treasurer for 6 years at our country club, which was quite different than being on nonprofit boards. I always believed these boards and committees tie into both my personal achievements & faith life. My interests has always been my family, and now grandkids' activities. Focusing on work/family for so many years I never really got into hobbies, though now I'm playing bad golf on a regular basis both in WI and FL. Being 1 of 6 kids, we visit family regularly in STL. My mom turned 98 in September, though no longer living in south STL. Over the years, I have become even more appreciative for all my parents went without to enable 4 boys to go to SLUH and 2 girls to Catholic high school.



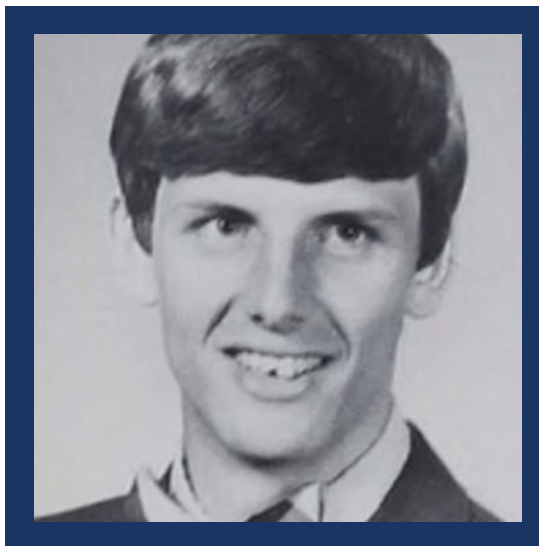
John Mehan

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Fr Kellet. Latin was difficult, but he didn't give up on me as I struggled through the year at the bottom of our class. Without his support, I don't know if I would've made it through freshman year.

There are so many great memories: rec room, lunch table, hanging out by the lockers, buses to the east side games, football team manager, pep rallies, dances junior/senior year, every class a struggle fighting for grades, and at the end feeling like you're with the best group of guys on top of the world.





John Milford

Tell us about your family today.

7 children. Proud of them all. 3 grandkids. It is obvious where their goofball DNA came from. I love them all.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Western Illinois in Macomb where I saw the Super Bowl Rams work out. Then to Meramec Community College without graduating.

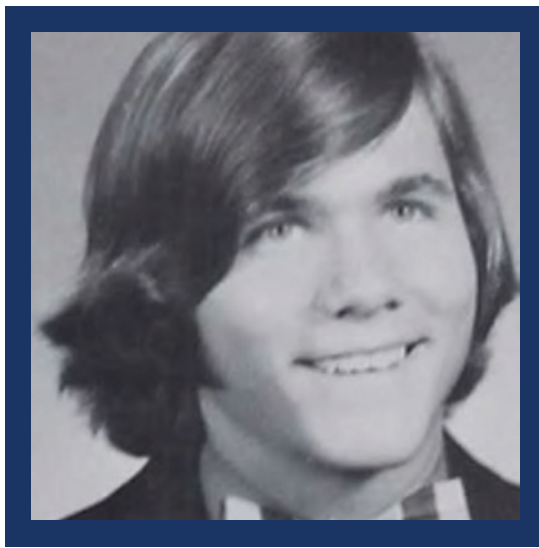
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

You want to know about me? Read my memoirs which have been published on Amazon entitled: My Life is a Joke.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

English was always my favorite class, and although Fr. Wendel may have been a bit overenthusiastic at times, I admired the way he conducted class.





Bob Moore

Tell us about your family today.

I have been blessed with three daughters, but no grandchildren and none are expected. Our youngest daughter is a special needs child and so is still living with us. One of my missions in life is to make sure I have made adequate arrangements to take care of her once I am out of the picture.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

St. Louis University

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Started off living in Kirkwood, MO, moved to Bethlehem, PA, then back to Chesterfield. I have worked for several companies beginning with Curry, Lenhardt & Company, CPAs, Mallinckrodt, Charter Communications, Thermadyne / Victor Technologies, TCI Products, Warrenton Oil Company and now the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Early in my career, I never anticipated how much time I would spend looking for my next work opportunity.

I enjoy being a cantor at my home parish, and I am blessed to play my guitar at a monthly healing Mass at St. Alban.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Fr. Gold, who was Mr. Gold in our early high school years, was a good friend of mine, so more than a teacher. A few of us traveled to Denver for his ordination. I really enjoyed the math classes and have fond memories of Mr. Przybylski and Fr. Luebke.

My favorite memories were spending time on the weekends with the many friends I made which often involved attending sporting events.





Steve Moore

Tell us about your family today.

Unfortunately, my wife of 45 years, Jean Bante Moore (lawyer) is in the final stages of dementia (which may preclude me from attending the reunion).

My kids have followed the family business of law or accounting - Michelle (lawyer in Austin), Colleen and Matthew (both CPAs in Denver)

Grandkids - Chip (9), Quinn (7), Bailey (6) and JD (4)

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Rockhurst University - 1977 - BSBA in Accounting

University of Missouri - 1978 - MA in Accounting

University of Chicago - 1993 - MBA

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

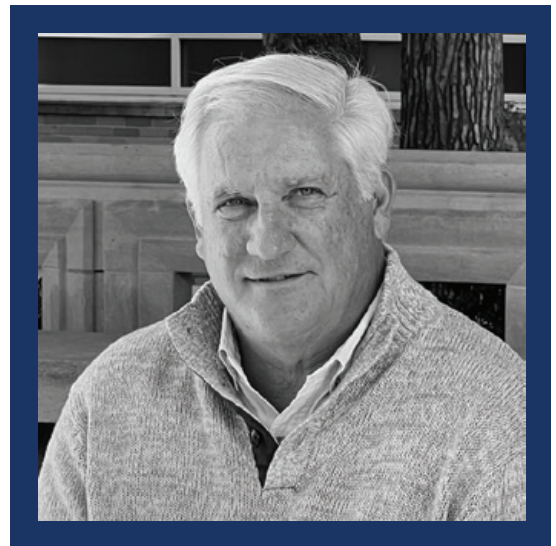
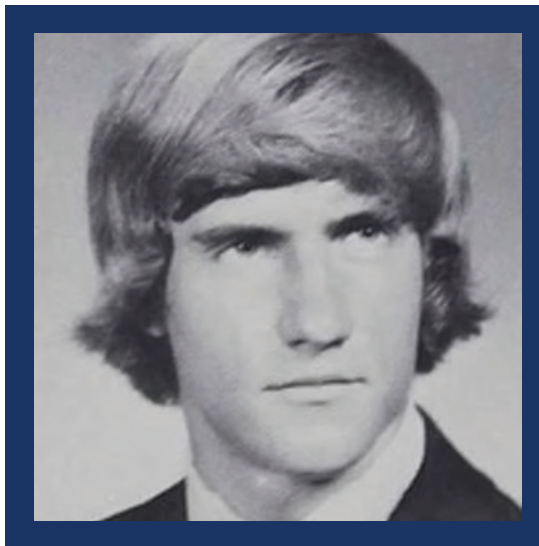
After getting a degree from Mizzou, I worked in public accounting, the oil and gas industry, and then public accounting again. I started my career in St. Louis, then New York, Chicago, Calgary, Houston and finally New York again where I reached the mandatory Ernst & Young partner retirement age of 60. Not ready to retire, I taught accounting at the University of Texas - Austin for 3 years before both my and my wife's health needed attention. I was treated for a rare cancer (angiosarcoma), but now have been cancer-free for 5 years (the treatment resulted in my current look of being bald). We then moved to Denver where there was more support for her. Oddly enough, my wife's health issues have brought me closer to God and I go to Mass daily. I now work for Catholic Charities in Denver in the Finance Department looking after their 34 housing developments.

In my spare time, I ski in the winter and play golf (not great) in the summer at Cherry Hills Country Club. If you are in Denver and would like to play golf there, please look me up.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite SLUH teacher was never my assigned formal teacher. Although he didn't say a lot, Ebbie Dunn, my soccer coach, taught me a lot more than just soccer. My favorite memory is winning the state soccer title our junior year (even though I gave up a goal that shouldn't have been). I was the backup goalie who was playing because the starter was injured in gym class.





Don Mueller

Tell us about your family today.

Linda Young (Nerinx 1974) and I just celebrated our 41st wedding anniversary in August. We have 3 grown daughters who are each married to great guys with children of their own. Kristin is a law firm partner in Saint Louis with a daughter and 2 sons. Carolyn is an Author and Zookeeper/Tour Coordinator, also in Saint Louis. She has a son and a daughter. Our youngest, Nancy, is a Veterinarian in Kansas City with 2 boys and a girl.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

The Jesuits have been in my pocket for a long time! After our SLUH Graduation, I attended St. Louis University (SLU) for most of the next decade (B.S.-Finance 1979, J.D. 1983, M.H.A. 1983).

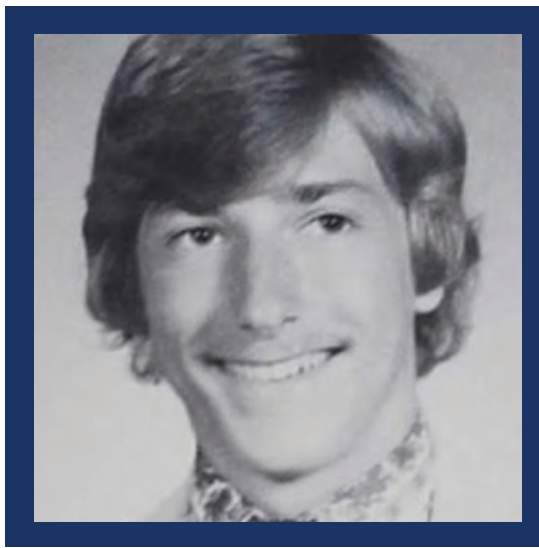
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After graduating from SLU and getting married in 1983, I practiced Corporate Healthcare Law and Public Finance as a Partner at various large law firms, initially in Chicago and then in Saint Louis. I finished my official legal practice as an in-house attorney at a pharmacy benefit management company in Saint Louis. I have been retired since 2012, although I have been involved with a number of healthcare startup companies since that time. During my active legal practice, I also served as an Adjunct Professor at SLU Law School for a number of years teaching a Healthcare Law Class. Our growing family moved from Chicago to St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur in 1986. We remained in that home for 37 years until Linda and I moved to what our Grandkids call a "flat house" (i.e. ranch house) in Warson Woods last year. Our new parish is Saint Genevieve du Bois. We also have owned a lake home an hour away in Ste. Genevieve County for the last 25 years. During our years at St. Monica, I coached soccer, served as a Eucharistic Minister, assisted with many ACTS retreats and was involved with the Parish St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and Room At the Inn programs. Surprisingly, I was also allowed to be a Monday Morning Money Counter for the weekend collections!

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

While I had several teachers that influenced me, Messrs. Keefe, Highberger and Murphy stand out. My favorite memory is from Freshman year. While proctoring, Mr. Highberger asked if my parents were planning to attend the Parents/Teacher conference that night, and would they see him. To say that I was concerned would be an understatement; however, he only wanted to compliment them on my thanking him for coaching football, which apparently was rare. Result = Making his B Baseball team as a Freshman!





Jim Mueller

Tell us about your family today.

I met my lovely wife, Sheila, before college. We married in 1981. We have been happily married for 43+ yrs. We had 2 great sons, Kevin & Corey. Kevin graduated from Rolla in 2008 with a BSME degree. He lived in KC, MO, working for Ford. Kevin passed away on March 1, 2023 of accidental Fentanyl poisoning at 38. He was not married. We miss him dearly.

His brother, Corey, is 34 and works for Tech Electronics in STL as a Service Tech. Along with his girlfriend, Amber, they are the joys of our life.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

After high school I attended the University of Missouri - Rolla or UMR before it became MS&T. I majored in Mechanical Engineering, graduating in 1978 with a BSME degree.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I feel my life has passed the "test of time" after SLUH, while trying to still be a "man for others."

I began working for the Nooter group of employee owned companies before college graduation and ended with 35 years of service at 57. I had numerous titles and positions over my career that afforded me the opportunity to travel the world doing world class business for this STL based company, while being a U.S. "ambassador" and making many friends along the way. I enjoyed my career, including the knowledge and experiences I gained.

My family still came first though. I guess one could say I became good at juggling the many balls that are thrown one's way over the "test of time". I liked to cook in our household among other shared responsibilities we had as parents of 2 active boys. Both boys became active in the BSA along with me in the local Pack and Troop with me serving as a leader for 12 years to them and within the district & council. We all 3 had the pleasure of high adventure hiking Philmont. The boys were active in baseball and soccer with me assisting their coaches and us attending their games. We enjoyed travel together, using my travel rewards, and we have gone many places. We had our modest house built in Fenton and remained there for 43 years.



Jim Mueller

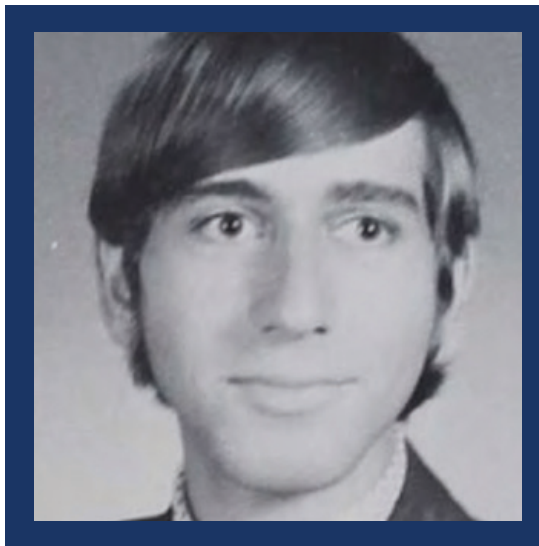
What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

Corey recently bought his nice home in the Barnhart/Pevely area. I have always been into cars, still possessing my very first car that I bought from my parents in 1973. Currently, we have 6 cars total now but not enough garage space for them all. Sheila was raised Lutheran, and we decided to have the boys baptized Lutheran. I finally chose to become Lutheran in 2006. Frankly, I now wish I had done it sooner, even though I now have attended 15 years of White House Catholic retreats with friends. We love our large Church home at St. John's Lutheran in Arnold for the last 12 years & are very active. I can't say no when asked to help there. It is all a "labor of love" for us. I regularly play cards. I like fishing.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Dr. Jim Murphy is my favorite member of the Staff at SLUH, since he was my Wrestling Coach and counselor that suggested UMR to me when I needed guidance. I also liked Charlie Busenhart, who was our Water Polo Coach. I guess my favorite memory among so many at SLUH was playing pool at every opportunity in the Rec Room. We have a pool table in our basement because of it, and I used to play in a local weekly league for years.





Joe Mueller

Tell us about your family today.

I married Laura, a registered nurse, in 1992. We have three children who graduated from Lindbergh High School. Carolyn is a physical therapist assistant, David is self-employed with an internet sales business, and Ellen is pursuing a masters degree in biological science. Both daughters marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade, one in 2011 and the other in 2018, with Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis Marching Band.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

After graduating SLUH, I went to St. Louis U but did not complete a degree. I guess college wasn't right for me at the time. Later, I went to South County Technical School to get a certificate in HVAC-R.

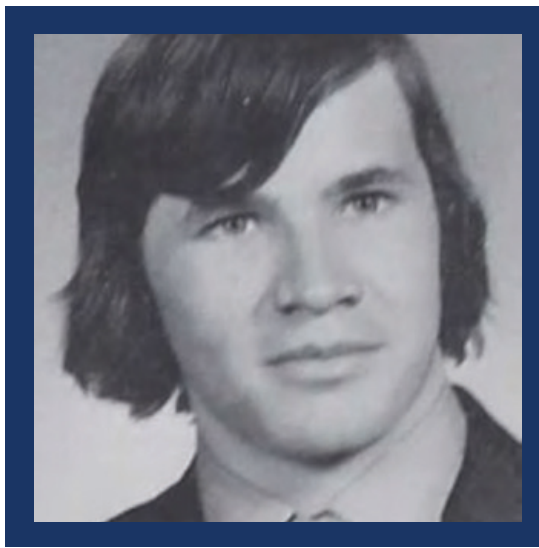
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I've lived in St. Louis all my life but spend a lot of time in Columbia, IL. where my wife grew up and still has family. While going to college, I worked at Ponderosa Steak House. After leaving college, I went into restaurant management where I stayed for about twenty years. As my family started to grow, I decided to get away from the rigors of the restaurant industry with working long hours, weekends, holidays, etc. I took evening classes to pursue a new career and took a job at Sears as an appliance repair technician. It was a big change, but I enjoyed taking things apart, seeing how they work, and fixing things. After 20+ years, I retired at the end of 2020, and now enjoy traveling with my wife and dabbling in photography and woodworking.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite teacher was Fr. Conroy for geometry, although he was out most of the first semester after falling off the roof. The Friday quizzes gave practical applications to areas, volumes, etc. If there was confusion about theorems, axioms, or whatever, "let's see what Mary has to say about it" was his way of checking the textbook (written by Mary Dolciani).





Eddie Neill

Tell us about your family today.

Linda and I are living in a small town on Lake Huron. We have four daughters and a son.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

St. Louis University
George Washington University

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Post grad school I entered the restaurant industry full time. As a chef/owner, I've been part of seven of my own endeavors and consulted on over fifty.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Fr. Doyle.

Favorite memory, probably was a result of all the capers that the St. Roch boys pulled during our tenure at SLUH. Upon going through the graduation receiving line, Fr. Durso shook my hand and would not let it go. With a wry smile and bulging neck veins from trying to inflict pain on my digits he said, "Neill, I am so glad to get rid of you and your St. Roch pals out of my school."

Other than that, it was probably the football victories over CBC.





Joe Neyer

Tell us about your family today.

My wife of 40 years Patty Neyer (Thomas) (Rosati Kain '78) passed away from pancreatic cancer in 2022.

I have three sons and three granddaughters. Jeff (SLUH '03) and his three daughters live in Minneapolis.

My son Doug (CBC'07) lives in St. Louis, and my son Matt (SLUH '12) lives in Tulsa. Very proud of all three of my sons.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I graduated from UMR with a BS in Mechanical Engineering in 1978. After working in the industry for a year and a half, I returned to Rolla and earned my Masters in Engineering Management in 1981.

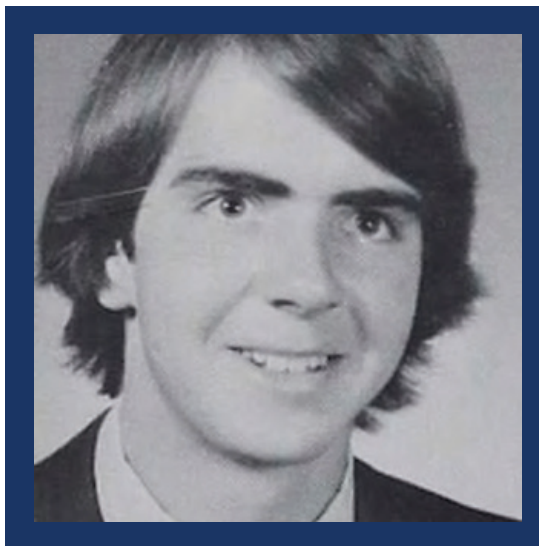
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

As for as my work career, I worked for Allis Chalmers for 1 1/2 years in their combine division and compressor division. After getting my Masters, I went to work for Monsanto in St. Louis where I branched out into electrical and instrumentation engineering, becoming a process controls engineer. I left Monsanto after 11 years and joined three other guys to start our own system integration company. Magnum Technologies was an INC 500 company twice, and we eventually caught the eye of General Electric who bought us out in 1998. I hung with them for a few years until they drove the business into the ground and then eventually resurfaced with my ex-partner, working in different management capacities, primarily focused on the Chemical, Oil and Gas Industry. I spent the last 14 years of my career as controls specialist and project manager at Phillips 66 in Wood River. I was very active in our church at St. Clement running the basketball program for 14 years and the Athletic Association for 3 years. I coached baseball and basketball and played organized softball into my 50s. I retired in early 2021 to care for my wife. I enjoy traveling and visiting friends and family all over the US. I stay active and enjoy many outdoor activities.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

There were so many great teachers at SLUH, it's hard to name just one. Mr. Schulte was one of the best teachers I have ever had anywhere. He made Calculus exciting, as crazy as that sounds. I really enjoyed Mr. Otten as our yearbook moderator. He had a goofy sense of humor on par with mine, and we had the most fun captioning the pictures in our Senior Yearbook. Fr. Valiquette was also a favorite of mine. So many fond memories too; Senior Follies, Winning State in football our Freshman Year.





Tom Pettey

Tell us about your family today.

I married Penny Adams in 1995. We adopted two daughters from mainland China. The older one just graduated from Seattle University, and the younger one is starting freshman year at Western Washington University. As you might expect, I am very proud of my entire family.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended Mizzou for two years, and then transferred to SLU where I earned a degree in Physical Therapy.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

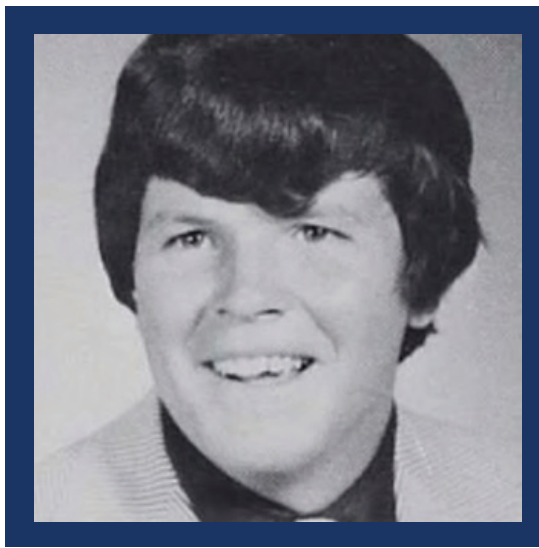
After working in St Louis for two years, I moved myself to a town south of Eugene, Oregon where I worked at a small hospital for two more years. I moved again to Portland, Oregon and I have been here ever since. All in all, I saw patients as a Physical Therapist for 37 years, and then retired. I enjoy visiting the Oregon Coast (beach), and the Cascade Mountains. It's all good.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I enjoyed English class Junior (?) yr with Nick Otten. We explored many interesting topics. Jerry Przybylski (sp), SJ was a very tolerant Freshman yr Algebra teacher. He put up with a lot of crap from my class. Joe Vitale was an enjoyable Economics teacher who did not put up with any crap.

I recall Fr. Kellet taking a last drag off of one of his unfiltered cigs, and then tossing it out the window before starting Latin class, (random memory).





Bill Pohrer

Tell us about your family today.

I have been married to my wife, Susan, for 42 years. We are very proud of our daughter, Katie, who is married and lives in St. Louis with her husband, Aaron Chatman. They have one son, Camden William, who has been the light of our lives.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended St. Louis University and received my BS in Accounting in 1978. After working for a couple years, I attended St. Louis University Law School and received my JD in 1983.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After receiving my law degree, I worked as a tax attorney for about six years. During that time, I obtained my CPA designation. While employed at Mallinckrodt Company, I moved into the Corporate legal department, specializing in labor and employment and contract law. One of the highlights of my time at Mallinckrodt was managing the acquisition of a medical device company in Milan, Italy. In 1998, I transitioned from corporate law into the financial services industry as a wealth advisor. In 2007, I obtained my CFP designation and in 2013, I moved to Krilogy, where I am currently employed. Over the years, I have enjoyed helping my clients achieve their financial goals and renewing friendships from high school and college.

I have lived in St. Louis all my life. My wife and I have lived in our current home in Warson Woods for 35 years, where we have been members of Ste. Genevieve du Bois parish.

My outside interests include golf, wine, cooking and travel. I also enjoyed coaching our daughter's athletic teams as she was growing up.

After high school graduation, I got involved in officiating high school water polo. This past Spring, I decided to retire after 50 years of reffing. During that time, I was selected to referee more than 40 state finals, and in 2009, I was inducted into the Missouri Water Polo Hall of Fame.



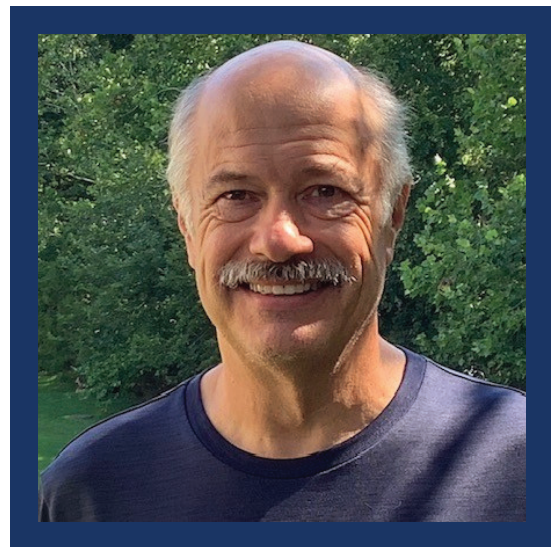
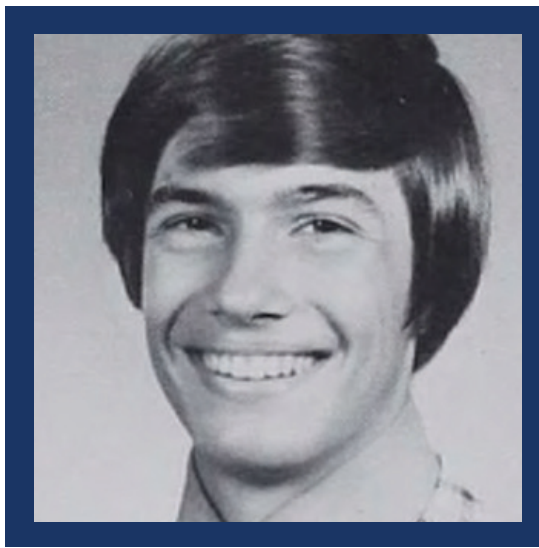
Bill Pohrer

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite teacher at SLUH was Fr. Kellett. Although his teaching methods were unique, he always made his class interesting. In addition, his love for all SLUH sports, especially football, was unmatched, and you never attended a better pep rally than when he was the speaker. His incredibly strong religious faith was contagious.

My favorite SLUH memory occurred freshman year. I attended all the football games, along with many classmates, including the state championship game in Columbia, MO.





Ken Rekowski

Tell us about your family today.

Married Karen Degnan (Notre Dame '76) in 1982. 3 kids - Kevin, Kaitlyn, Kory who all attended Rockwood Summit High School and graduated from Missouri State University. Kevin is a Senior Financial Analyst for Commerce Bank in Kansas City, Katie a Senior Accounting Manager at Panera Bread, and Kory is a Computer Programmer Analyst for Ameren in St Louis. We currently have 4 grandchildren, with #5 due in December 2024 - 2 girls (ages 2 & 4), 2 boys (ages 6 and 2 month), and another boy on the way!

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Attended St Louis University on a partial academic scholarship, initially pre-med but switched to accounting.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Started at McDonald's when I was 16 and retired in June of 2020 after 48 years. Worked in numerous roles in operations, training, and technology. My last position was U.S. Operations Director and leading a national cross functional team responsible for drive thru performance, including equipment and operations tests. Now I work part-time for FEMA.

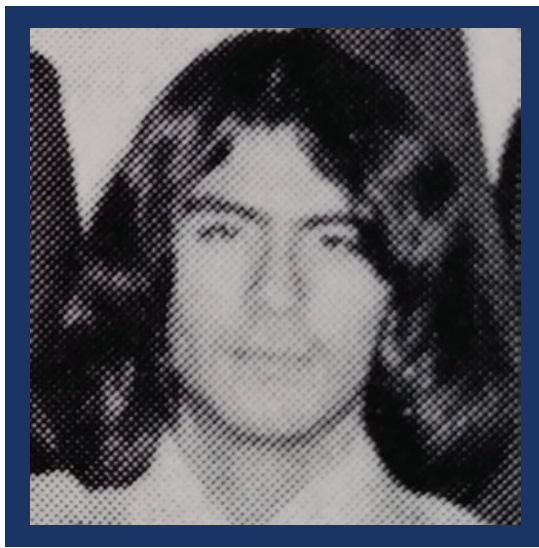
When we aren't traveling or with the grandkids, we're tending to our vegetable garden, doing some light remodeling, trying to stay fit, and enjoying the wildlife from our backyard.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Father Kellett made an impression on me. I can remember him to this day saying "Ero, eras, eDiechmann (instead of erunt)" as he conjugated the verb (I think) for the class. He liked his wooden pointer stick and heaven forbid if you weren't paying attention!

My best memory outside of the SLUH/CBC games at Busch stadium is the Senior Project. Got to see a side of the world I was totally unfamiliar with and gave me an appreciation for what I had in my life.





Glenn Roncal

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

U. Of Wisconsin - Madison

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Headed up to UW mad city and was lucky to be part of the UW soccer team from 74-77. Johnny Mac and Tommy Malacek witnessed my first goal.

We traveled to Notre Dame, Marquette, Indiana, Michigan and all over the state of Wisconsin in three Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser station wagons with the UW logo and "Numen Lumen" on the side doors. Eric Heiden was on the team, so was Jim Martini. Terry McCarthy, Bobby's cousin who high-schooled at DeSmet played for N.D. and Llewelyn class of 75' played for Marquette. In 77' held a good Indiana team 1-1 for 75 minutes but lost 2-1. Angelo diBernardo could play, but alas he did not score that day. We had two guys on him the minute he received the ball.

Studied and lived in Spain for a year having a great time - Franco died and we celebrated! Plenty of wine, women and caciones.

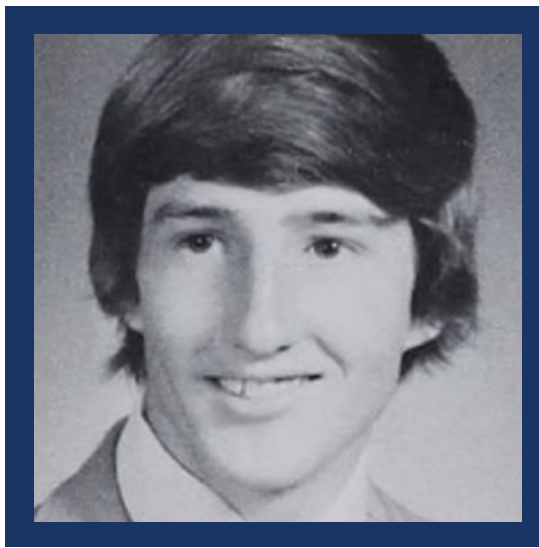
Worked in Beijing for a while, Reagan was in town one weekend and they closed all the streets. We could not drive our little green Toyota with the steering wheel on the right hand side because security was tight.

Travelled a bit saw the world then settled down to work in IT mostly in the non profit sector in San Francisco.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Mr. Morris was great, we really learned Russian and could speak like natives. His Russian language summer camps were phenomenal. I can still picture a very voluptuous co-ed diving in the pool as Buzz and Tim Finnegan looked on.





Rick Ryan

Tell us about your family today.

I have two adult children both of whom I am most proud. I have 11 step-grandchildren and 1 step-great granddaughter. I would like to be closer to some of them. :D

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I went to Mizzou for undergraduate studies, and was very fortunate, thanks to Mr. George Morris, to have studied for a semester at the Pushkin Russian Language Institute (Moscow, USSR at the time in '81).

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

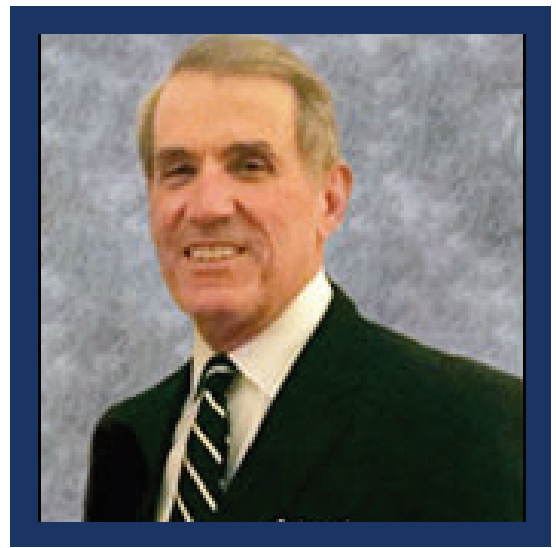
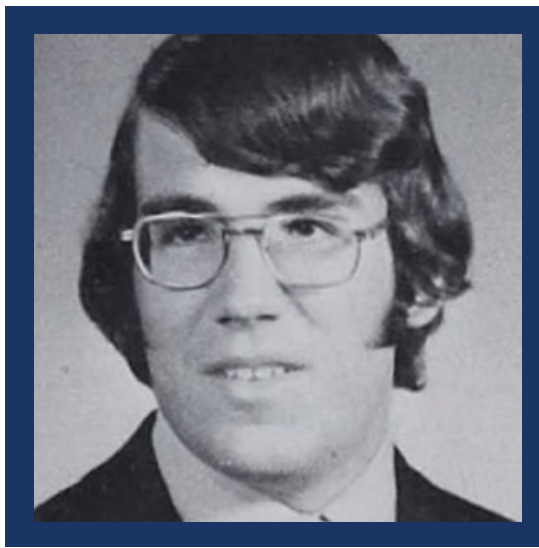
I moved to Tucson, AZ in January of '83 with the encouragement of our classmate Rick Reis. While my intention had been to establish residency then pursue a master's degree program at the U. of A., I started working for a window company shortly after arriving in Tucson...and I'm still selling windows. :D

While working for that company, I travelled a lot. Over the course of 8 1/2 years, I had relocated to, in order: San Diego, San Jose, Albuquerque, Seattle, Phoenix, Denver, & back to Phoenix before returning to St. Louis in '91.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Easily my favorite teacher was Mr. Morris. Favorite memory is more challenging, because as we all know to some degree, memories are fading fast. Going to Columbia as a wide-eyed Freshman to watch the football team win State comes to mind. Smoking cigarettes and playing Hearts in the Senior Smoker was also a gem of an experience. The vast majority of people who hear that we had that as an option are in a state of disbelief.





Greg Sahrman

Tell us about your family today.

I have been married to my wife Sue for 31 years and have three daughters and five grandkids, ages 4 months to five years. All of my children and grandchildren live here in St. Louis.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Mizzou, BSCE in 1978 and an MBA in 1980.

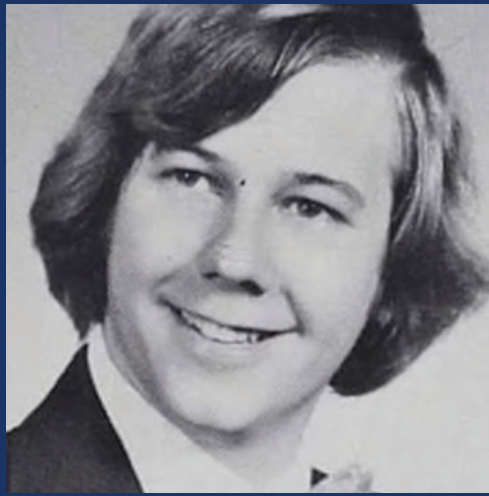
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I lived in five different cities throughout the Midwest and Southwest after leaving Mizzou and moved back to St Louis in 1999. I had a long career in the Fintech Industry and retired in 2021. I now volunteer for SCORE (business education and mentoring) and Catholic Charities, chase grandkids, and work on my golf game.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Father Bailey, who married my wife and me in 1983. One of my most lasting memory was getting jugged the week of freshman year by Father Vogt for not having a pen in Spanish class. Needless to say, I never was without a pen again.





Mike Schaper

Tell us about your family today.

I have 2 sisters, 4 nieces, 1 nephew, 3 great-nieces, and 5 great-nephews. Most are grown but I spent a lot of time with the College freshman (Quincy College) and High School freshman (Northwest HS). Both played football, baseball, and soccer. I enjoyed going to their games.

I'm proud of all of them as they all turned out to be good, hardworking people who are able to take care of themselves. I wish I could tell you I had the biggest impact on them but that honor goes to their parents!

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

University of Missouri - Saint Louis

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I have lived St. Louis my entire life. I always wanted to live somewhere near the water. Long range, I would like to retire to one of the Carolinas when that time comes.

My career has consisted of 2 parts. The 1st part was with the USPS in accounting for 20 years. During this part, I passed the CPA test. The 2nd (and current) part has been with Enterprise Mobility (aka Enterprise Rent-A-Car) where I develop efficiency tools that saves the company time and money. (In hindsight, I should have asked for royalty on those tools.)

2 of my favorite things are traveling and hockey. I've been to 40 states, 6 Canadian provinces, and 8 foreign countries. Traveling for hockey is even better. I took 2 hockey trips with my Dad while he was still alive. The 1st trip was in Ontario and Quebec, where we saw 7 games in 7 nights in 7 different cities.

The 2nd trip was to Western Canada where we saw 9 games in 10 different cities. The one night we did not go to a game, we watched the St. Louis Blues on TV. My Dad's request for this trip was that we go to Las Vegas for 3 days after the hockey portion. We did and it was a win-win for both of us.

My next favorite trips were to the Carolinas (twice), where I took my extended family (sisters, nieces, nephews, significant others), We all stayed together in a house on the beach and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I'm planning on doing it again with the next year or two.



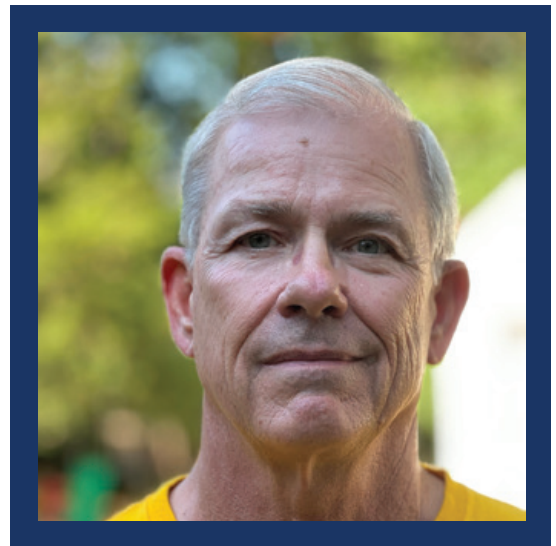
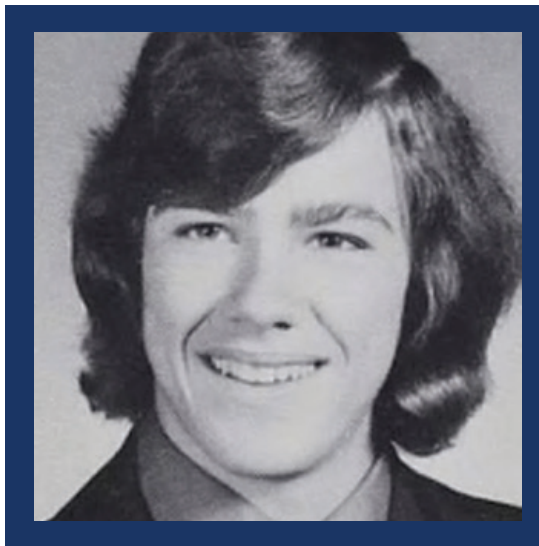
Mike Schaper

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Favorite teacher: Charlie Busenhart (for picking me to play on SLUH's hockey team my senior year).

Favorite Memory: Scoring the only goal of my high school hockey career at the old Arena against the dreaded DeSmet Spartans. My goal was to our school uniform in some sport and Mr. Busenhart gave me that chance.





Chuck Schranck

Tell us about your family today.

Seven of our sons are married. 8th son and our daughter are engaged. All of the married ones currently live in the greater St Louis area within 45 minutes of our home in Alton. With the addition of identical twin boys on 8/23/2024 and a girl on 8/25/2024, we now have 14 grandchildren under 7y/o! (7 boys & 7 girls) They are all happy and healthy--source of great pride and satisfaction in our lives. We are blessed beyond measure!

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences 5/1977, U of MO-Columbia
Doctor of Medicine 5/1981, Creighton U, Omaha NE
Radiology Residency 7/1981-6/1985, Wesley Medical Center, Wichita KS

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Married Julie Curotto 6/2/1979, just before 3rd yr of med school. Started family while in Wichita; Chas, Barry & James born there. Went on active duty in US Air Force 8/1985 and moved to Griffiss AFB in Rome, NY to repay Uncle Sam for med school scholarship. 4th son, Stephen, born there. Transferred to Scott AFB 7/1988. Twin sons, Andy & Doug, born there. Owed Uncle Sam 3 yrs; stayed 5.5. Left AF in 12/1990, just prior to Desert Storm. Moved to Alton to join radiology group at Alton Memorial Hospital, where I worked for 29 yrs, becoming chairman in 2009. Served a year as president of Madison County Medical Society in 2002; AMH Medical Executive Committee member for 20+ yrs and president 2yrs; AMH Board of Directors Chairman's Award recipient in 2009. Retired 12/31/2019, just prior to onset of COVID. (Notice the serendipity of leaving Air Force and retiring just before significant, potentially life-changing world events occurred!). 7th & 8th sons, Phillip & Nick, were born in Alton in 1990 & 1994. Finished filling our Ford 350 Econoline van with the birth of our only daughter Ginny in 1999!



Chuck Schranck

What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

We were often asked whether we were Mormon or Catholic--the latter we proudly answered. Raised a house full of athletes; no musicians or artists, despite efforts to interest some in coronet and/or piano. Became much more familiar with Midwest geography taking kids to baseball, football, basketball, soccer, ice and roller hockey, tennis, wrestling, volleyball, tumbling and swimming competitions. Kids all attended St. Ambrose grade school (Godfrey) and Marquette Catholic HS; then 3 jr colleges, 9 undergraduate colleges/universities, 2 grad schools and 1 law school.

Education~\$1.8M;

Sports~\$250K

Food, Clothes, Transportation, etc ~\$1M

9 Great Children--PRICELESS!!!

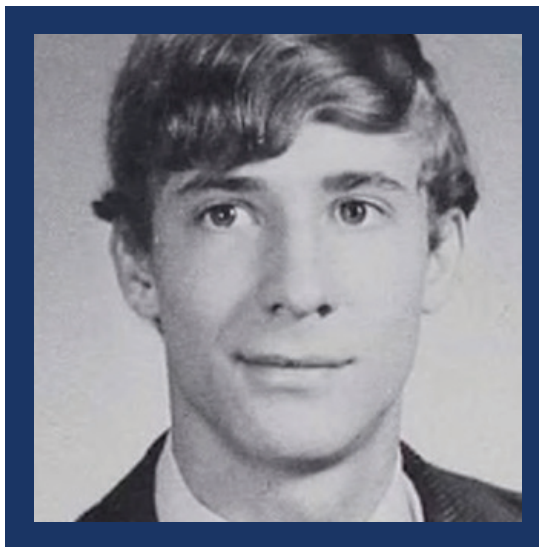
Along the way I managed to keep my golf game on life support, playing 20-35 x/yr while working and raising family; ramped up since retirement, now >100 rounds/yr. Planning to travel more since retirement and post COVID.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Can't say I had a favorite teacher. Jim Murphy, Patrick Conley, Charlie Busenhart, Ebbie Dunn, and Fr Valiquette are teachers whose classes I enjoyed.

Favorite SLUH memories included playing football, especially senior year; bashball on the upper field; and all of the new friends made throughout the four years on Oakland Ave.





Jim Sellinger

Tell us about your family today.

My wife, Francine, and I have been married for 45 years and have 3 children (Laura, Stephanie, and Jim Jr.) who all graduated from the University of Notre Dame. We are blessed with 7 grandchildren.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

After graduating from SLUH, I attended the University of Notre Dame and received a B.S. in electrical engineering and computer science.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After graduating from ND, I joined IBM in 1978 in St. Louis. After holding a variety of technical, sales, marketing management and staff positions in St. Louis, in 1988, I was promoted to branch manager of the Tampa Communications and Industrial sales office in Tampa, Florida. In 1991, I was promoted to the position of administrative assistant to the general manager of IBM United States in New York. In August 1992, I was promoted to the position of general manager of the Maryland Trading Area in Baltimore. In April 1995, I was named Vice President, Product Marketing for the Southern Area and was promoted to Vice President, Technical Sales Support, IBM Americas in November, 1996, and was the senior leader of technical sales support until my retirement in December 2012 after 35 years with IBM.

I came out of retirement in August 2014 at the request of Archbishop William E. Lori to become the first Chancellor of Education for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. I guided the Catholic Schools and kept the schools open throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic and built the Mother Mary Lange Catholic School in West Baltimore; the first new Catholic school built in Baltimore City in over 60 years. I led the Catholic schools for 8 years and retired from the Archdiocese of Baltimore in July 2022.

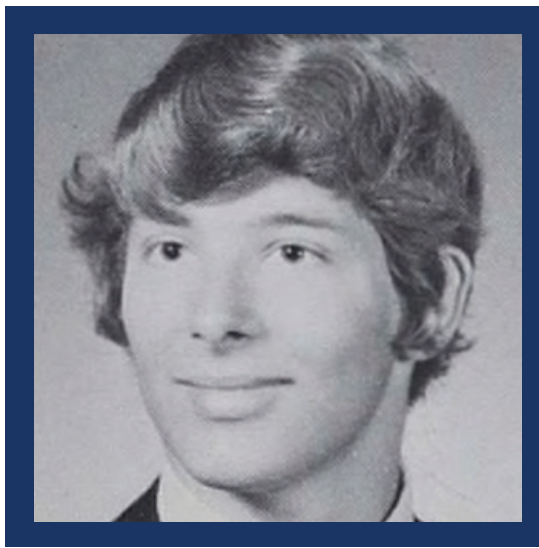
Francine and I maintain our home in Baltimore and spend time visiting our children/grandchildren in Boston and Minneapolis, and spend time in Kiawah, SC where we enjoy the ocean and golf. I serve on the St. Joseph Medical Center, First Fruits Farm, and Catholic Community Foundation Boards.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

There were many great teachers...I thoroughly enjoyed Joe Vitale and his Economics class.

My favorite memory was playing on the baseball team coached by Joe Vitale along with Mike Detwiler, Bob Klostermeyer, Fran Matthews, John Cosgrove, and Bob Wilbur to name a few....





Kevin Sparks

Tell us about your family today.

My wife Shirley and I moved 10 times during my career including to Moscow, for 3 years. Shirley became an expert in coping with the mayhem that comes with moving. Our daughter, Katie, who has a Masters in Biology, Museum Studies and Library Science, is a Research Librarian at the U of Colorado-Boulder. Our son, Dave, is the Director of Analytics for the Boston Celtics. He graduated from Vanderbilt Magna Cum Laude with degrees in Economics and Political Science and from Duke with a PhD in Poli Sci.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I went to Mizzou for a BA in Economics and Michigan State for a Masters in Labor and Industrial Relations (MLIR). I also received a Certificate in Advanced Business Studies from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I started in HR with Marathon Oil in September, 1978. We moved, a lot. Probably the most fun and interesting period of my working days was when I was the Director of HR and Administration for a JV Marathon I was involved with. I lived on Sakhalin Island in the Russian Pacific for 2 years and then Shirley, the kids, and our poodle moved with me to Moscow for 3 years.

My dad died very young, at 62. My dad and I were VERY close and it was really traumatic. Shirley and I decided right then that I would retire as soon as I could and did so on January 1, 2009 at age 52. Within two weeks of retirement, we moved to Cape Coral, FL and have had homes there ever since. We bought a house in Creve Coeur in 2021 to be close to my sister and brother-in-law and their kids and grand kids. We spend summers in St Louis. After retiring, I taught HR and other business classes at Barry University for a while and did some consulting in HR, mostly for small startups. In 2011, some partners and I formed an LLC investing in agriculture in Central Florida.



Kevin Sparks

What have you been up to for the past 50 years? [Continued]

My advice from this experience: oranges and grapefruit are tasty and profitable to grow, but leave tomatoes alone! We then moved on to buy Old Corkscrew Golf Club in Estero, FL. I am not a golfer, but this turned out to be a really fun and profitable business. We sold it in 2022. Since then we've now formed a fledgling pharmaceuticals business, EfficRX, LLC. This firm focuses on buying the rights to and manufacture of generic drugs that are no longer profitable for the big pharmaceutical houses to make. We'll see how this one goes.....

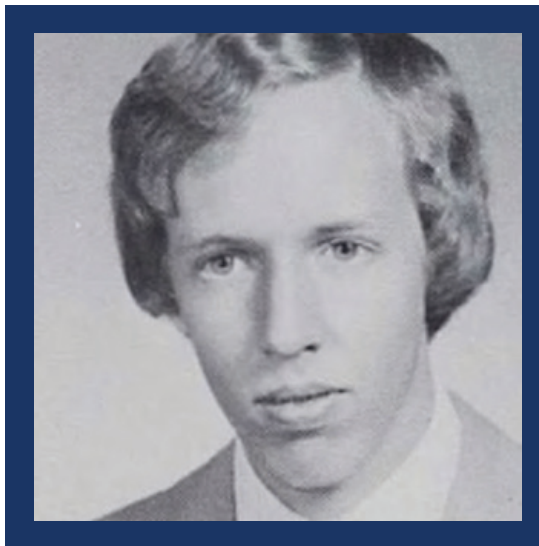
My hobbies are fishing and cars. Since I was a little boy my dad and I fished. I love it and we live on the water in Florida, and I fish multiple time a week there. When in St. Louis, I fish the streams in the Ozarks. Cars have been an addiction since my teens when my uncle owned DiSalvo Jeep/Chrysler. I got the bug really bad then and have bought, sold, restored and collected hundreds of cars ever since.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite teacher was probably Father Valiquette. He was a great person and teacher, AND took on the job of coach for the water polo team when he knew NOTHING about the game. What a riot that first year was!

Favorite SLUH memory...I would have to say that my favorite memory was the one year I played water polo. I really loved it and was pretty good at it. But, my dad loved football and, although he never asked me to, I shifted over to football. I was not particularly good at football.





Bob Sutter

Tell us about your family today.

Proudly still single. No biological children, but I supported many throughout the decades.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

SLU for undergraduate mathematics and graduate administration degrees

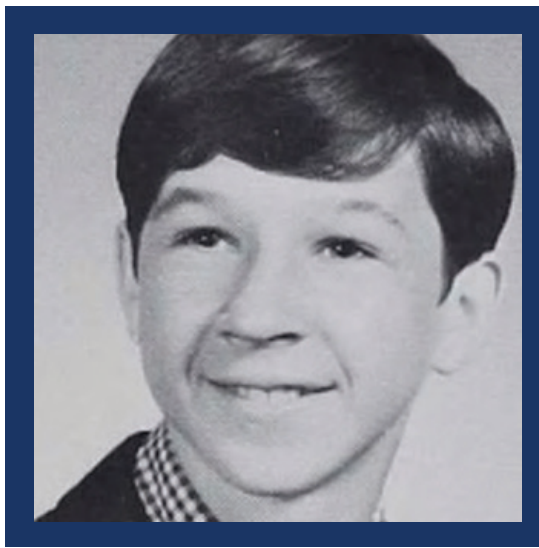
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Still a St. Louisan. One time geometry teacher, though without the style of Father VonderHaar. Then residential remodel designer, still geometry all day long. One-time chess player and organizer with numerous national and international titles. Long-time usher at Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Enjoy at least fifteen local theater performances every year. Always a national parks aficionado. Considering retirement at age 70.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Joe Schulte, a man who thoroughly enjoyed his calculus.





Pat Swanger

Tell us about your family today.

I am single, was married for 15 years, and have been divorced for 25 years. I have two great kids, a daughter Bridget who is 37 years old and a son Kevin who is 35 years old. They are both college graduates and successful in their careers. Kevin is a SLUH graduate, class of 2007, and is an electrical engineer, and Bridget is a project coordinator. Both of my kids still live in St. Louis, and I see them regularly.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

After SLUH, I continued my education at Saint Louis University and graduated with a BS in Business in 1978. My major was accounting and worked in that field until I retired in 2018.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

After graduating from Saint Louis University, I worked in accounting for 40 years, mainly in the construction accounting field for 30 plus years. My first job after graduation was accounting manager for International Hat Co, this was before the computer age, and we worked with a manual sets of books. Then I went to McCarthy Brothers and had a nice career there. I was the Corporate Accounting Manager, then Equipment Accounting Manager, and finally Bridge & Highway Division Controller. We had projects all over the country: The James River Bridge in Richmond, the Dames Point Expressway in Jacksonville, the Mississippi River Bridge in Quincy, as well as numerous highway projects in the St. Louis area. After McCarthy, I went to McBride & Son Contracting Company where I spent the lion's share of my career. I was both a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and Certified Construction Financial Professional (CCFP). I belonged to the Construction Financial Managers Association and was an officer for many years, including two years as President of the St Louis Chapter. I was involved in our parish Athletic Association, coaching baseball and soccer, and other administrative roles while my kids were growing up. My personal hobbies are mainly sports related: I played CYC soccer in over 40 league for many years, also enjoyed playing softball and pickup basketball for many years. I still participate in a fantasy football league with guys from McCarthy that we have been doing since 1983. I am a member of the Affton Elks, and my only sporting activity now involves playing golf with some of the other Elks.

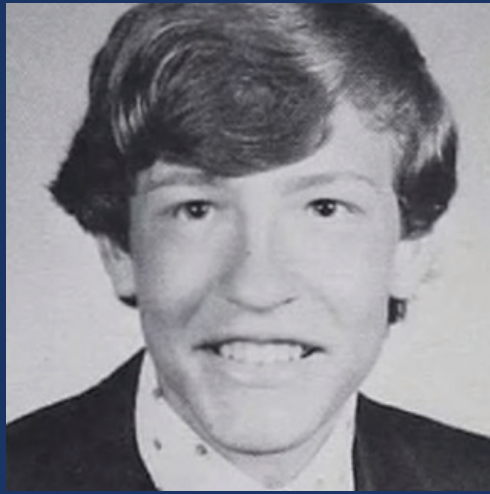


Pat Swanger

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

My favorite SLUH teacher was Ebbie Dunn, he was such a straight shooter. I had Mr. Rubich for gym class all four years, I really learned about calisthenics! One of my most enjoyable things while at SLUH was playing Wallball. Every day during noon rec, Andy Bender, Mick Bayer, Tim Stapp and I would play on one of the big courts, and it was very competitive. When I went to class after noon rec, I was usually soaking wet. I also enjoyed playing intramural sports, Bashball was my favorite.





Erv Switzer

Tell us about your family today.

I am a life-long St. Louisan, married to Rita for 41 years. I have one daughter who is married to a SLUH grad, and one grandchild, an 8-month-old future Junior Billiken. We all live in South St. Louis City. My wife and I are in St. Gabriel's parish, and our daughter's family is in St. Stephen's. I am very proud of all of them.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I am a triple Billiken, getting a Bachelors Degree in 1978 and my Law degree in 1981 from St. Louis University. I was inducted into the St. Louis University Law School Hall of Fame in 2024.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

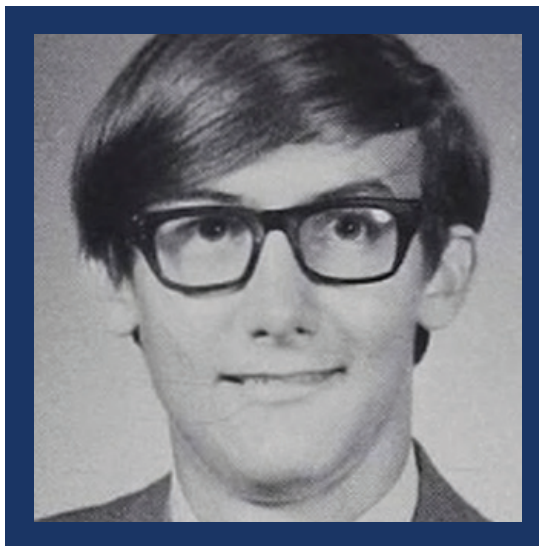
In my professional life, I have practiced law in St. Louis for 41 years. First, I was a partner in a large St. Louis law firm doing business law. Later I served as Chief Counsel to Attorney General Jay Nixon (1994 to 2005), handling Consumer Protection and other cases. Since 2007, I have been at UB Greensfelder, formerly known as Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, in downtown St. Louis. I serve as the Firm's General Counsel. I am the Editor of a national treatise on State Consumer Protection Law published by the American Bar Association in 2022.

I have served on various boards and commissions, including the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners, the St. Louis Election Board, the St. Louis Public Library Board, the St. Louis Housing Authority Board, and the Missouri Technology Corporation. In August 2000 I tossed a ceremonial first pitch at Cardinals game at Busch Stadium II. It did not bounce before reaching catcher Mike Matheny! I regularly played softball on Friday nights until recently. Because of my ability to get infield hits, I earned the nickname "Crazy Legs." Now I spend more time golfing. My family's main vacation destination is Disneyworld. We go almost every year and love it.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Scholastic English Teacher Frank Gold. In Mr. Gold's sophomore English class, he was about to Jug me after he caught me throwing paper wads. He offered to let me out of the Jug if I threw a paper wad into the trash can in the corner across the room. I missed, and then said: "double or nothing." With the class chanting support, I threw the paper wad across the room, it banked against both walls, and fell into the can. The class bell went off. The crowd went wild. My greatest athletic achievement!





George Telthorst

Tell us about your family today.

I have three daughters that I love very much and am proud of. Laura is a recognized wedding photographer. She and her husband live nearby in Bloomington, IN (no grandkids...yet). Meg is a marketing writer for a Fortune 500 firm and living in Milwaukee. Julia is a creative director working in technology and living in Austin, Tx. My partner, Laurie, and I met on Catholic Match and have been together 5 years. After a first date in AZ, we spend our time between Bloomington and STL.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I received an undergraduate degree in engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point and an MBA in production/operations from the University of Chicago.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Upon graduation from West Point, I spent five years on active duty in the Army - two years with the 101st Airborne Division (yes, I did jump out of perfectly good airplanes) and three years in military recruiting based in suburban Chicago. I then left active duty and went for a graduate degree to make the transition to the business world. After completing my MBA, I worked for over twenty years for Baxter Healthcare, Johnson & Johnson and Boston Scientific running operations making medical products like dialyzers, stainless steel surgical instruments and kidney stone removal catheters. After a merger, I made the decision not to relocate and then joined the faculty at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business where I teach courses about and help students prepare for careers in the healthcare and life sciences industry.

Most of the past 50 years, I have lived in the Midwest but have been able to visit over 30 countries for business and pleasure. In the last ten years, my family and I have vacationed together in Washington, D.C., Montreal, London, Paris, Greece, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, and Boston. This past summer, by popular demand, we vacationed in St Louis! My daughters had not been back since my mother passed away in 2008, and it was fun to see them experience as adults the things I grew up with (The Hill, CWE, Cardinal Baseball, Shaw's Garden, The Brewery). I look forward to retiring in 2-3 years and spending my time traveling, chasing golf and pickleballs, and doing genealogy research to fill in the blanks on my family tree.

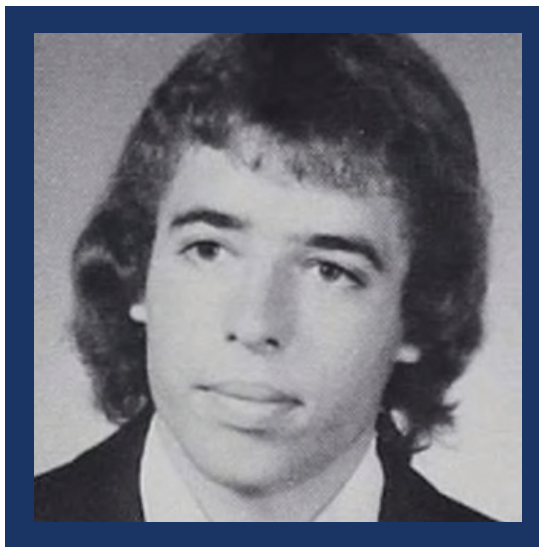


George Telthorst

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

SLUH gave me a base that has allowed me to lead an interesting and fulfilling life and connected me with a circle of friends I've stayed close to ever since. Favorite memory (despite falling off a mountain) is the 7-week trip to Europe between sophomore and junior year organized by Fr. Pieper. Most memorable/favorite instructors were Fr. Kellet, Fr. Mattione and Fr. Distler in Latin, Mr. Ebbie Dunn, Fr. Conroy and Fr. Von der Haar in math, and Doc Robby in social studies and the Scholar Quiz team.





Roy Thee

Tell us about your family today.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

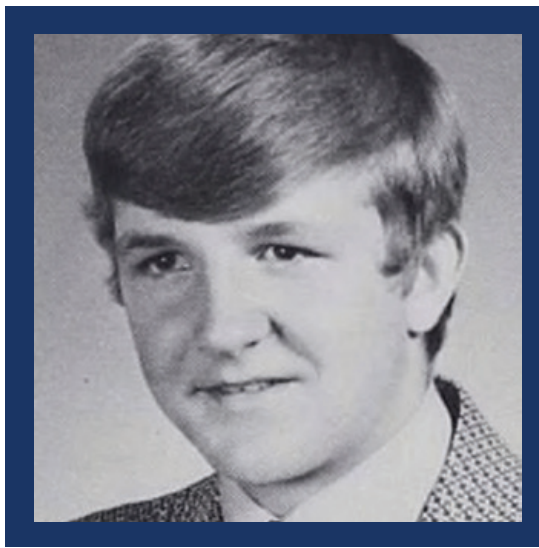
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Worked in real estate.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Father Doyle





Bob Thomasson

Tell us about your family today.

My wife, Sue, and I have been blessed with 3 great kids, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. We've been calling South County our home since 1987. Sue retired from Ursuline in 2021, and I retired from Edward Jones last year. Played in the Men's Senior Baseball league until I was 57. For the last 8 seasons, I've been umpiring HS, Legion and Men's baseball in MO and IL. I generally get to call several games a year at SLUH. We like to travel to the beach and do a lot of grandkid events.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Went to Northeast Missouri State University and obtained a Business Management degree.

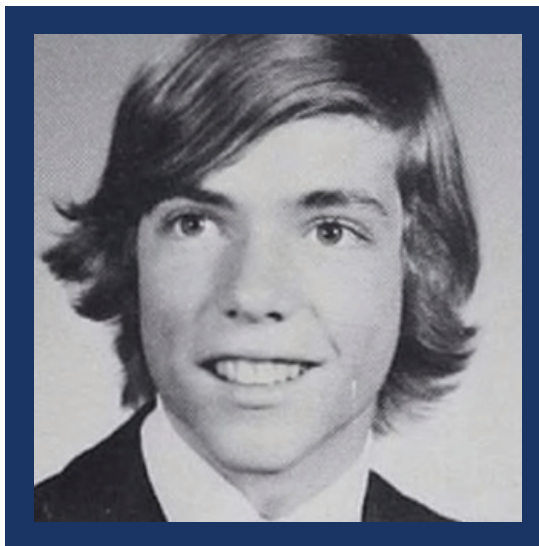
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Following NEMO went to Navy OCS and onto San Diego. Served on the USS Vancouver and completed 2 deployments to the Indian Ocean. We were a Marine carrying ship so we made a lot of trips to Hawaii, Philippines, Australia, Japan and Korea. My second Captain was actually John McCann's roommate at the Academy. We came back to St. Louis in 1987, and I worked in the telecom world until I retired. When I began umpiring, I thought it would be something to do "a couple days a week" in retirement. Well, it's turned into pretty much a FT job that keeps me very busy from March through October. I had the privilege of doing the Cardinals Fantasy camp a couple years ago at Busch. We enjoy our trips together and are pretty consumed in attending grandkid events.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Probably Mr. Calacci. My favorite memory was sitting in the grass, at midfield, at SLUH for the 73 soccer championship game. John Marklin, Mike Riley and I got there early and literally sat next to the sideline at mid-field. 7 overtimes later we had a championship.





Jack Weber

Tell us about your family today.

I'm the proud father of four, a daughter and three sons. My children all went to Little Flower Grade School and St. Louis area Catholic high schools. Two of my sons served in the United States Marine Corps, one of whom rose through the ranks to become an officer, and retired in 2023 after a 20 year career. I have 7 grandkids, the oldest is 11 years and the youngest are twins born this past Spring. I met my wife in 2010 on MetroLink while commuting to work downtown.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

I attended Marquette University and Mizzou studying journalism and advertising

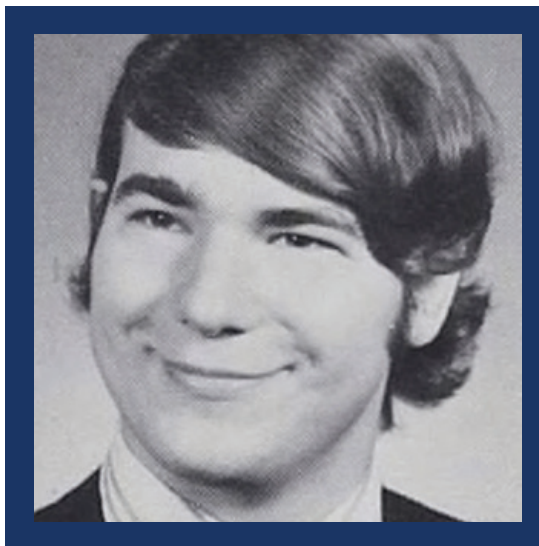
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I've been working in the barge transportation industry since 1976, when I spent the summer as a deckhand on the Gulf Coast. I've had experience in many areas of the industry, and since 2010 have focused primarily on computer systems and most recently data analysis. After an acquisition earlier this year, I currently work in IT Services for Nashville-based Ingram Barge Co.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

I can't pick a favorite, but among those who I remember favorably (hopefully, my memory isn't failing and I get their names right) are Mr. Snodgrass and Fr. Vogt for inspiring me to learn Spanish, Mr. Hannick for making science understandable, and Fr. Winkler for introducing me to The Canterbury Tales. I don't have one favorite memory, but generally speaking, I recall the camaraderie of being in the stands with classmates for football and basketball games. And Crazy Clothes day.





Dave Weissgerber

Tell us about your family today.

Never married

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Post graduation, I spent 3.5 years in Rolla, MO. at the University of Missouri Rolla where I obtained a BSEE. Upon graduation, I immediately began a 44-year career with McDonnell Douglas/Boeing. Overall, I was not a fan of Rolla, the school gave me a great education, but there was no social life, so I generally left town each weekend.

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

In my 44 years at Boeing, I had a number of different positions. Starting as a design engineer, spending a number of years as a Systems Engineer, I eventually moved into program management where I developed numerous systems for the F/A -18 A/B/C/D/E and F. I was the deputy Chief Engineer for the F/A -18 G Electronic Warfare aircraft and Deputy Chief Engineer for the X45A drone.

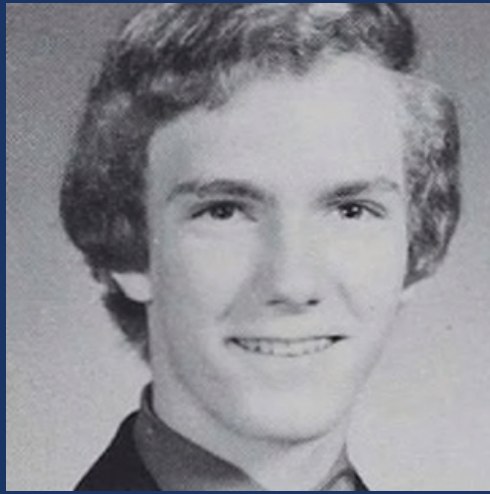
I managed the development of hardware and software for the AV-8B, T 45 trainer and few systems for the F-15. Non fighter programs included the Army Future Combat system, EMARRS (electronic warfare) and the ATFLIR. I ended my career as co-lead for a team designing Flight Control Computers for Drones and commercial aircraft. I travel extensively for both work and pleasure visiting some 45 US states, 10 Canadian Provinces and something like 35 countries. International travel, especially Europe, continues to intrigue me. I never married but still have a very family focused life. Taking my nephews on international trips and getting involved in their lives. Something I continue to do. I still maintain contact with about 8 to 10 class of 74 graduates. We have weekly telephone calls, socialize regularly together and even travel together. In retirement, I finally have the time to reengage with my old classmates and rekindle friendship. Part of this is a regularly scheduled luncheon organized by Bob Macauley.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Mr. Schulte my senior year calculus teacher. He made an otherwise dry subject be quite entertaining.

Key memories: A SLUH trip I took to Europe between years 3 and 4. Senior year!!!!





Bob Westwood

Tell us about your family today.

Married 43 years to Cathleen

Two daughters, one son - Anna, Kerry Anne, Joel ('06)

Seven grandchildren ages 14 down to 3 years - Leyton, Ryder, Declan, Graham, Clara, Kate, Judah

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

MIZZOU

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Taught Math at Lindbergh High School for a couple years, then moved to IT. Spent a lot of years consulting with A-B, finishing my career with Magellan Healthcare. Worked with many refugees and their families through church and Oasis International. That led to a short stint as an Uber driver so I knew what I was getting some of them into.

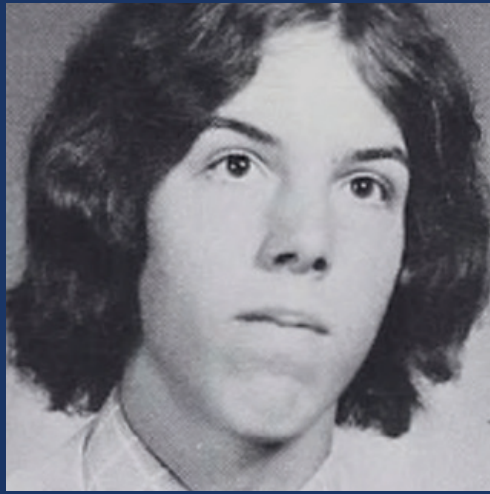
Love time with family, tennis and working out.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Mr. Schulte, because of my love for Math.

I loved working after school to pay part of my tuition.





Bob Wilber

Tell us about your family today.

My father played for the Cardinals, Phillies, and Red Sox in MLB. He then spent the rest of his working life in pro baseball as a scout, manager, and coach. My mother was a reporter for KMOX, then an executive for the Cardinals, and finally opened her own PR firm. I'm extremely proud of both of them. You can't pick your parents. I won the lottery.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

Full athletic scholarship (baseball) to SIUE, playing on two teams that advanced to the NCAA Div. 2 World Series. Both teams are now in the SIUE Athletic Hall of Fame. Got my degree in Broadcast Journalism.

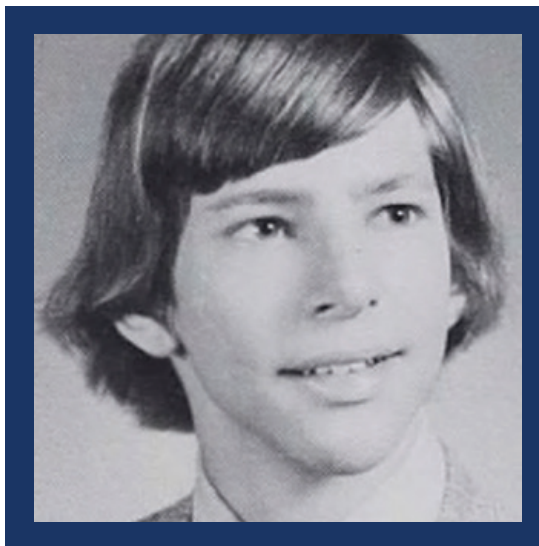
What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

I have been in sports my entire life. Played pro ball with the Tigers and A's, and then scouted for the Blue Jays. Went into sports marketing after five years with Toronto. That allowed me to start playing ball again; I did so for the Sauget Wizards, arguably the best semipro team in the St. Louis area. On April 18, 2024 I was inducted into the Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. Was also the VP-Mktg and Sales for the St. Louis Storm indoor soccer team in 1989-90, then was General Manager for the Kansas City Attack indoor soccer team, the the GM of Heartland Park Topeka race track. That got me into drag racing and I spent 22+ years as a manager and PR rep for three different Nitro Funny Car drivers. After the 2015 season, I retired to become a full-time author. My first book was my autobiography "Bats, Balls, and Burnouts." My second was "How Far?" which is historical fiction but still in the sports vein. It was written in the voices of two athletes; a hockey player from northern Minnesota and a baseball player from Southern California, so it was really interesting to write. My newest book is "The Lost Manuscript" due to the fact I kept a daily diary of the 2001 NHRA season with Del Worsham's team. And then I lost the only printed copy. We found it in our utility room in mid-2023 and got it out on the market on October 3. All three have sold very well.

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Mr. Snodgrass. Watching those "grown men" on the football varsity win STATE our freshman year.





Tom Winkelmann

Tell us about your family today.

Where did you go for education after SLUH?

SLU

What have you been up to for the past 50 years?

Rehabilitation of house in St. Louis Hills Estates

Who is your favorite SLUH teacher? What's your favorite SLUH memory?

Fr. Distler and Fr. Luebke



