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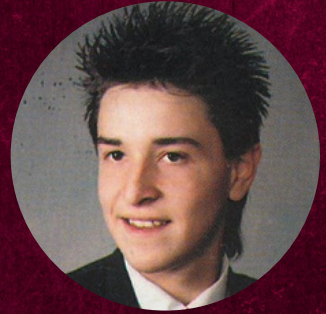


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Adam Alonso has dedicated his life to serving others and strengthening communities across Chicago. A proud graduate of the Class of 1989, Adam grew up in Summit with a heart for helping those around him. After graduating from Argo, Adam studied Latin American Studies at the University of Chicago. While still a student, he created “The Giving Tree,” a grassroots effort to support individuals experiencing homelessness in the area surrounding his dorm. His commitment to compassion earned formal recognition from the university chancellor and marked the beginning of a lifelong career in nonprofit leadership.

Adam went on to serve as Director of Youth Services at Casa Central before founding Corazon Community Services, which grew from a small group of volunteers into a \$2 million organization serving at-risk youth. He later spent a decade as CEO of BUILD, Inc., where he tripled the organization’s staff and budget, launched innovative programs such as the Block 51 Arts Academy and BUILDing Girls 2 Women, and led a \$28 million capital expansion project.

In July 2025, Adam became President and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago, serving more than half a million individuals annually across 14 centers, five camps, and nearly 100 extension sites. His career is defined by purpose-driven leadership, tireless advocacy, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to thrive.



ADAM
ALONSO - '89



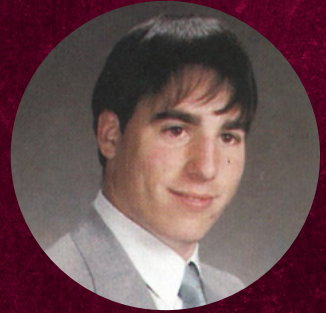
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Andrew Gorski is a powerful example of perseverance, leadership, and lifelong Argonaut pride. A graduate of the Class of 1988, Andrew credits his time at Argo—especially on the football field—for teaching him how to rise after setbacks and push forward with determination.

After initially being denied admission to the University of Illinois, Andrew continued his education at Northern Illinois University, where he discovered his passion for sales and leadership. He went on to build a 33-year career in sales, including 25 years at CDW, where he played a major role in generating more than \$3 billion in revenue and mentoring future leaders.

Today, Andrew serves as Vice President at SVT, a national audio-visual solutions integrator. He continues to give back as an alumni lecturer at NIU and through philanthropic support of organizations such as Operation Support Our Troops, the Oscar Mike Foundation, and Daybreak Shelter.

Andrew remains deeply connected to Argo, regularly attending alumni events and supporting school initiatives. His journey reminds every student that setbacks do not define the future—persistence and integrity do



ANDREW
GORSKI - '88



Distinguished ALUMNI

Anthony “Tony” Anderson

has devoted his life to protecting and serving the Summit community.

A proud graduate of the Class of 1991 and U.S. Navy veteran, Tony has spent decades serving with honor both in uniform and as a firefighter.

After years of dedicated service

within the Summit Fire Department, Tony was promoted to Fire Chief where he currently serves to this day. In this role, he has made community outreach a top priority. He has accomplished great initiatives in his role through various events such as organizing CPR classes, blood drives, and safety education programs for residents and students alike.

Tony is known for recognizing excellence among his department members, building morale, and setting high professional standards. Recently honored on District 104’s Wall of Fame, his leadership continues to shape a safer, stronger Summit for generations to come.



ANTHONY
ANDERSON - '91



Distinguished ALUMNI

April Kates-Ellison is a visionary leader whose life's work reflects a deep commitment to empowering others and strengthening communities. A proud graduate of the Class of 1988, April has dedicated her career to building leadership capacity in individuals, organizations, and neighborhoods. As the Founder and CEO of The Lights On Collective, April provides



**APRIL KATES-
ELLISON - '88**

leadership coaching and consulting services that strengthen organizational culture and community development efforts across the region. Prior to founding her own organization, April served as Chief Client Services and Tripartite Relations Officer at the American Dental Association, where she led a team of 55 staff members and built transformative partnerships among state and local dental societies, federal agencies, and professional organizations nationwide.

April's dedication to Summit and Argo has remained unwavering. In 2024, she returned to Argo Community High School to participate in the Women's Month Panel, partnered with LatinX Digital Leaders Now to provide leadership and career development training, and hosted a Black Girls Lead session to inspire young women.

A recipient of numerous awards—including the Changemaker Award, Top Women Leaders of Illinois, and Woman of Excellence—April continues to serve on local advisory boards and community initiatives. Her legacy is one of transformational leadership, proving that true success is measured not by titles, but by lives changed.



Distinguished ALUMNI

Dr. Chivon Niziolek is a distinguished alumna whose career reflects extraordinary dedication to education, service, and leadership. A graduate of the Class of 2004, Chivon earned her Ph.D. in Applied Behavior Analysis from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology and has been a Board Certified Behavior Analyst since 2013.



CHIVON
NIZIOLEK - '04

Chivon began her career working directly with children with autism, adults with developmental disabilities, and their families in schools, clinics, and adult programs. Her hands-on clinical experience shaped her compassionate approach and strengthened the lives of those she served through individualized treatment planning and staff training.

Today, she serves as Department Chair and Assistant Professor at The Chicago School, where she helped lead the program through ABAI accreditation—making it one of only two fully accredited ABA programs in Illinois. She also directs the WORK Lab (Workplace Optimization, Research, and Knowledge), conducting research on burnout, ethical supervision, and workplace performance. Chivon mentors students through dissertations, chairs theses, and organizes career panels, high school enrichment days, and research forums to connect students with professionals in the field.

Chivon's commitment to integrity, humility, and excellence has touched clients, students, colleagues, and communities. Her life's work stands as a powerful testament to what dedication and compassion can accomplish.



Distinguished ALUMNI

Dr. David Rompala is the embodiment of lifelong learning and service. A proud graduate of the Class of 1968, David credits Argo with instilling in him the foundational principles that shaped both his professional success and personal mission.

David earned two doctorate degrees—one in Audiology and another in Biblical Studies—completing his second Ph.D. at the remarkable age of 71. For over 30 years, he served as Executive Director of the Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center, expanding services from one location to three and increasing the organization's budget from \$100,000 to nearly \$2 million, providing free and sliding-scale services to families and schools, including Argo.

He also founded the Nichole Ann Rompala Scholarship Fund, which has awarded over \$100,000 to special education students and teachers. For more than 35 years, David has led Bible studies, presented at professional conventions, and remained actively engaged in community organizations. David's legacy is defined by faith, education, generosity, and an unwavering belief that it is never too late to learn or give back.



DAVID
ROMPALA - '68



Distinguished ALUMNI

Donald “Don” Karpiak is truly an “Argo kid made good.” A graduate of the Class of 1973, Don grew up in Summit and credits Argo for shaping the values of resilience, loyalty, and leadership that would guide his remarkable career. After earning his bachelor’s degree from Western Illinois University, Don became the youngest Managing Partner and Vice President at Computer



**DONALD
KARPIAK - '73**

Sciences Corporation (CSC), where he led the Midwest Consulting Division and oversaw a team of more than 2,000 employees. His leadership helped propel CSC into the internet age, guiding Fortune 500 companies through complex transitions and contributing to CSC’s growth beyond \$10 billion in annual revenue. In recognition of his influence, Don was named to Crain’s Chicago Business “40 Under 40.” Beyond the boardroom, Don committed himself to opening doors for others. As Chief Marketing Officer at SPR, Inc., he served as Strategic Director of the nAblement Initiative, expanding IT career pathways for individuals with disabilities and creating inclusive opportunities in a rapidly evolving field. He later held senior leadership roles with Fujitsu Consulting, Quinnox, Trissential, and NextTeam.

Don’s devotion to community is equally profound. He has served on the boards of the Chicago State University Foundation, Children’s Medical Research Foundation, and Friends of Marianjoy, using his business acumen to strengthen organizations that serve those in need. Still, his heart never left Argo - proving that Argonaut pride truly lasts a lifetime.



Distinguished ALUMNI

Gina Leahy has built a career defined by excellence, integrity, and compassion for others. A proud graduate of the Class of 2010, Gina is now a partner at Sudekum, Cassidy & Shulruff, where she is known for her precision, leadership, and deep commitment to her clients.

Gina leads complex and sensitive legal matters in which the stakes are often life-changing. Clients consistently praise her for her steady presence, clear communication, and tireless advocacy, qualities that have resulted in decisive courtroom victories and favorable settlements. Her academic excellence was evident early on, earning her two CALI Excellence for the Future Awards in law school for achieving the highest grades in her classes. As a firm leader, Gina has implemented process improvements that streamline case management and strengthen collaboration across teams. She is equally committed to mentoring younger attorneys, offering guidance that blends high expectations with compassion—helping them grow into confident, ethical professionals. Beyond her billable practice, Gina dedicates herself to pro bono service, representing individuals facing housing instability and family law crises. Her leadership in community legal clinics has expanded access to justice for those who might otherwise go without representation. Gina's legacy is not only in the cases she wins, but in the lives she protects and the culture of service she continues to build.



GINA
LEAHY - '10



Distinguished ALUMNI

Kelli Hinton-Moore, for more than a quarter-century, has devoted her life to uplifting families, mentoring youth, and strengthening the Summit-Argo community. A graduate of the Class of 1988, Kelli serves as a social worker with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, where she supports families navigating separation, trauma, and crisis with extraordinary compassion and perseverance.



KELLI HINTON-MOORE - '88

Kelli's community impact extends far beyond her professional role. She spent 15 years as Lead Mentor for the Yes I Can Program, coordinating mentor shifts, organizing activities, and creating the Girls' Club—a safe space where young women could learn about health, hygiene, self-worth, and leadership. Many of the girls she mentored continue to volunteer in the community today.

When the program evolved into the Argo Coalition for Education (ACE), Kelli became Scholarship Chair, overseeing fundraising, application review, and recipient selection. Under her leadership, more than 50 Argo students have received college scholarships—many being first-generation college students. In 2025 alone, ACE awarded ten \$1,000 scholarships. Kelli also serves on the board of The Lights On Collective, acts as Community Liaison for Nubian Nine, and supports families through WE CARE initiatives—organizing voter drives, senior breakfasts, skating events, and youth outreach. Her life is a living testament to servant leadership, bridging schools, families, and organizations to create lasting opportunity and hope.



Distinguished ALUMNI

Kevin Pacheco is a shining example of what it means to be a lifelong Argonaut whose commitment to service has strengthened the Summit. A proud member of the Class of 2000, Kevin grew up in Summit with a deep sense of pride in his hometown and a passion for giving back to the place that shaped him.

Kevin currently serves as the Director of Information Technology for the Village of Bedford Park. Before that, he spent 12 years at York High School as a Senior Support Specialist, where he was known not only for his technical expertise but also for his patience, kindness, and unwavering support of students and staff.

Kevin's greatest impact, however, has been felt at Argo Community High School and District 104. As a longtime school board member, he worked tirelessly to promote fairness, cultural unity, and opportunity for all students. Under his leadership, athletics and extracurriculars were revitalized with the addition of ten new student programs including boys' and girls' cross country, wrestling, chess club, and 5th Grade Cadets. He was also instrumental in securing grant funding for Argo's new softball field, giving students a facility that reflects their pride and dedication.

Kevin's tireless energy, visionary leadership, and genuine love for the community ensure that the Argo area continues to thrive. His legacy is one of compassion, perseverance, and service—and his example challenges every Argonaut to dream bigger and give back boldly.



KEVIN
PACHECHO - '00



Distinguished ALUMNI

Michael Snee embodies courage, leadership, and unwavering service. A proud graduate of the Class of 2008, Mike has devoted his life to protecting others through both military service and law enforcement.

Mike served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for eight years, including a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan. He held leadership roles as Platoon Sergeant with 1/24 Bravo Company, Machine Gun Squad Leader with 3/9 Lima Company, and Assistant Patrol Leader with the Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team, earning the Combat Action Ribbon in 2013.

After his military service, Mike joined the Summit Police Department in 2017 and now serves as Argo's School Resource Officer and Juvenile Officer. He is a trusted mentor to students—especially those from underserved and at-risk backgrounds—leading youth groups and strengthening relationships between the school and law enforcement.

A certified Stop the Bleed and ALICE trainer, Mike has saved multiple lives: rescuing a Bedford Park officer wounded in the line of duty in 2024, providing lifesaving care to a gunshot victim in 2025, and performing CPR on a collapsed citizen outside Argo. He has also played a key role in coordinating emergency response following major community fires in 2024 and 2025.

Mike holds a master's degree in business and is completing a master's in social work in May 2026, continuing his lifelong commitment to service and leadership.



**MICHAEL
SNEE - '08**



Distinguished ALUMNI

Robert Jarosik was the very definition of what it means to be a lifelong Argonaut. A proud graduate of the Class of 1948, Robert spent all 89 years of his life in District 217 and the Village of Summit, dedicating himself wholeheartedly to the community he loved.

After graduating from Argo, Robert founded a cabinet company at a time when cabinetry was custom-built by hand—skills he proudly learned during his years at ACHS. His craftsmanship extended beyond cabinetry as he went on to personally build seven homes throughout the Village of Summit. Robert later served the community for over two decades as the village's Building Inspector, where he played a key role in supporting residents and ensuring the safety and growth of the town.

His devotion to Summit went far beyond his professional accomplishments. Robert was instrumental in helping organize the Village's Ethnic Festivals at Summit Park, bringing people together to celebrate culture, heritage, and community pride. His love for the village was so deep that he proudly displayed "SUMMIT" on his license plate.

Above all, Robert's greatest achievement was the life he built with his beloved wife Marian and their three children. His family's legacy at Argo continues, with all three children and one grandson proudly attending ACHS. Even after his passing in 2020, Robert's unwavering commitment to service, family, and community remains an enduring inspiration.



**ROBERT
JAROSIK - '48**



Distinguished ALUMNI

Shannon Voytsekhovskyy exemplifies the spirit of lifelong learning, service, and cultural connection.

A 1993 graduate of Argo Community High School, Shannon has dedicated her professional life to education and global engagement. Since beginning her teaching career in 1998, Shannon has served as a Spanish educator at St. Francis High School and later at

Hinsdale School District 86, where she has taught every level of Spanish from introductory courses through Advanced Placement. Her curriculum emphasizes not only language acquisition but also a deep appreciation for Latinx cultures. Through her leadership of Spanish Club and American Field Services, as well as her accompaniment of students in study-abroad programs to Alajuela, Costa Rica, Shannon has inspired countless students to pursue Spanish studies beyond high school.

From 2005–2007, Shannon served in the United States Peace Corps as a Teacher Trainer in Kiev and Lutsk, Ukraine. During her service, she achieved mastery of Ukrainian and Russian, trained English teachers, and successfully managed multiple grant initiatives including a Small Projects Assistance Grant and a PEPFAR project—balancing both instruction and fiscal responsibility with excellence.

Shannon continues to serve her community through her church, Community Christian in Plainfield, where she teaches Sunday School.

Shannon's life reflects the power of education, faith, and service to build bridges across cultures and generations.



SHANNON
VOYTSEKHOVSKYY - '93