CLUB AND NETWORK NEWS



Kellogg Executive Women's Network

This year marks the 20th anniversary of KEWN, whose mission is to connect and support Kellogg alumnae worldwide with programming, networking and community outreach opportunities. Guided by the priorities in the organization's Strategic Plan 2022-2025, KEWN's goals include reaching a national and international audience of alumnae by offering virtual and in-person events and activities. In August 2022, KEWN launched its "Power of Personal Leadership" series with a virtual workshop, The Art of Negotiation for Women, offered by Kathryn Landis '15 MBA. Kathryn shared her expertise with attendees and provided an extensive set of practical negotiation tools.

In October, KEWN presented its 8th Annual Fall Social to welcome new alumnae. Held in person at Laudi Vidni in Chicago, the event was hosted by Laura Kofoid, Laudi Vidni's owner and co-founder. She shared the challenges of building an environmentally sustainable woman-owned business and surviving the pandemic.

In December, KEWN hosted its 15th Annual Holiday Brunch and Gift Wrapping, an in-person event that supports Community Alternatives Unlimited. CAU provides necessities and services for mothers and babies and developmentally challenged individuals. The holiday spirit was evident as Kellogg women, along with their families and friends, enjoyed networking and wrapped gifts to make the holiday season brighter for CAU families. Learn more about KEWN's upcoming spring events on our website, found on the Clubs and Affinity Groups section of kellogg.northwestern.edu/ alumni.

1955-FT Merlin Schulze

Merlin writes to say that he was working full time until two years ago at Touchstone Group LLC, a small, boutique investment bank he co-founded in 2002. He still serves as senior adviser.

1958-FT Wilbrod LeClerc

After graduating from Kellogg, Wilbrod obtained his PhD in economics from McGill University in Montreal in 1964. He started working as an economist with Canadian National Railways in 1958 and joined senior management in 1970. He then transferred to the federal government as assistant deputy minister in charge of surface transportation (railways, trucking and ferries). In 1975, he became a professor of business management at the University of Ottawa faculty of administration, where he remained until retiring in 1990.

1960-E&W John Linderoth

John keeps busy in his 80s through involvement in community theater, a credit union board and board of review, and community service. His 55-plus-year career in financial products continues. John and his wife, Sharon Holmes, live in Sycamore, Illinois, where they are active in church and Walk to Emmaus programs, and John is a Stephen Ministry leader.

1962-FT Will Shineflug

Will continues as president of a manufacturing company in Antioch, Illinois. Will purchased the company in 1978 and enjoys his daily routine of leading a small enterprise into today's business environment. The entrepreneurial program offered by Northwestern and mentoring by Don Jacobs prepared him to run a successful enterprise. Thanks, Kellogg!



1969-FT John Podliska

John, of Hinsdale, Illinois, took to the stage last fall, playing the role of a corrupt hospital director in a production of Jeffrey Hatcher's 2008 adaptation of Nikolai Gogol's 1835 satirical classic, "The Government Inspector." The show took place during the 94th season at The Theatre of Western Springs, Illinois, one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in the United States.

1971-FT Robert Don Dexheimer

Robert has moved to O'Fallon, Illinois. He writes that he has been asked to come out of retirement to serve as the interim pastor for a nearby church.



1976-FT Margot Machol

After earning her MBA, Margot moved to Washington, D.C., where she spent 20 years in and around government, including as an FTC commissioner, chief of staff of the Council of Economic Advisers and head of a nonprofit that set up economic think tanks in Eastern Europe. More recently, she wrote a book, "Raising an Entrepreneur: How to Help Your Children Achieve Their Dreams." A parenting expert, she is a contributor to CNBC and makes frequent guest appearances on podcasts.

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1978-FT Ingrid Stafford

Ingrid writes to say that she is enjoying corporate and volunteer board service after retiring in 2019 from a 44-year career in finance leadership at Northwestern University. She remains in Evanston and enjoys traveling to visit children and grandchildren on both coasts. Ingrid was excited to connect with classmates at her 45-year reunion in May.

1979-FT Phil Hayes

Phil was ordained January 7, 2023, as a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



1980-FT Mansoor Shafi

Mansoor shares that he has embarked on a new career in homeopathy after training at the International Academy of Classical Homeopathy in Alonissos, Greece. "This is my fourth career. After having been a banker, an entrepreneur and a federal employee, I'm now practicing alternative medicine. Life is an adventure!"



1981-FT Julie Rupp Dasher

Julie and her husband, **Thom Dasher '82 MBA**, have moved to Scottsdale, Arizona. Their daughter, Lily, also moved to Scottsdale, and their son, Grant, is getting married in California in June 2023. Julie was honored to receive the 2022 first place design excellence award for rugs/ tile/textiles from the Arizona North chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. She and Thom adopted a Shih Tzu mix and named him Smoke. They encourage friends to look them up if they are in the Scottsdale area!

1981-FT Karen Snepp

Karen lives in Kirkland, Washington, and recently received The Compassionate Friends' 2022 Simon Stephens Award, the organization's highest honor. It was given in recognition of her years of volunteer service in memory of her brother, Dave. TCF is the nation's largest self-help organization that supports people grieving the death of a child, sibling or grandparent.



1982-FT Theresa Schnepf

Theresa writes, "Thanks to classmate **Diana Ingram '82 MBA**, I was reunited in person with her and **Candy (Simpson) Black '82 MBA** for the first time in 40 years! With our partners in a lovely setting near Los Angeles, we had a lively and magical evening. Seeing us back together in person made me grateful we met all those years ago!"

1983-E&W Steve Larek

All in the family: Steve, CFO of Clare Holdings LLC, proudly shares the news that his daughter **Amy Larek '15 MBA** was recently named director of brand marketing at Premier Nutrition Company.



1983-FT Cesar Purisima

The French Republic recognized Cesar with the National Order of Legion of Honor (Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur) with the rank of Knight on July 30, 2022. The Legion of Honor is the most prestigious distinction France awards in recognition of distinguished service to France and her allies. Cesar was honored for his work in deepening economic ties between France and the Philippines when he served as finance secretary for the Philippines. He is now a founding partner at Ikhlas Capital, a private equity firm focused on countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

1984-FT Curt Bergstrom

Curt writes, "Despite a year of COVID-19 challenges, 2022 was still a good year for my family and my company, Sino Matters (sino-matters.com) in China. After 16 years of a truly innovative language product and with a loyal super team, we now have no competition in teaching spoken Mandarin to the top-tier foreign business leaders in China. Wishing everyone an even better 2023!"



1984-FT Alisa Levy Klein

Alisa shares, "I'm loving my second (or is it third?) career running my residential interior design firm. When I attended Kellogg, I never thought I would be an entrepreneur, but I'm so grateful for the business skills that have enabled me to run this firm. My clients appreciate the level of professionalism that these skills bring to my creative business."

1984-E&W Charles T. Onlye

"Proud parent alert! My son, Charlie, joined the Kellogg family in the fall!" writes Charles. "I couldn't be more excited!"



1985-FT Keith Bank

Keith, founder and CEO of KB Partners, announced the closing of KB Partners Myriad Opportunity Fund II, one of the largest early-stage sports/tech venture capital funds ever raised, at \$127 million. Keith has been a VC since 1996, following a successful career as an entrepreneur and real estate developer. He has partnered with longtime friend and former BCG senior partner John Garabedian '85 **MBA** to find and back the best entrepreneurs from the sports world. Northwestern University women's lacrosse legend Taylor Thornton '13, '14 MS is the firm's chief administrative officer.



1985-FT Dennis Canfield

In 2022, Dennis and his wife, Anne, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary and welcomed their first grandchild. Dennis also celebrated his 34th anniversary of serving clients as a financial adviser for Northwestern Mutual.

1986-FT Lori Collins Luski

Lori, owner of Collins Climate Consulting, was appointed for a three-year term to the U.S. EPA Environmental Financial Advisory Board, which provides ideas and advice on ways to lower the costs of and increase investments in environmental and public health protection. Formed in 1991, the board is one of the longest-chartered federal advisory committees at the EPA.

1989-FT Steve Foster

Steve is working as a venture partner at Piva Ventures, where he helps the fund choose investments in disruptive energy and industrial technologies. The fund was co-founded in 2019 by another Kellogg alumnus, **Ricardo Angel '02 MBA**.



1989-FT Michel Philippart

The Glion Institute of Higher Education, one of the world's leading hospitality business schools, has named Michel as its new managing director. Founded in 1962, the Glion Institute offers bachelor's and master's degrees in hospitality, luxury and finance management to an international student body across three campuses in Switzerland and London.



1990-FT Charlie Brown While not ready to hang it up, Charlie says he's ramping up family travel and scaling back on business commitments.

1990-FT David Jehn

David has changed roles at JetBlue, becoming vice president of network planning and airline partnerships. His new responsibilities include building JetBlue's growing route network and expanding into Europe, as well as developing and enhancing relationships with myriad airlines domestically and around the globe. Outside of work, David and his wife, Cathy, are "doing tons of traveling and loving living in New York."

1990-FT Dennis Valdes

Dennis writes in to say, "I retired from corporate life last July and moved to a small island called Popototan Island. It's worth a Google if you want to see what remote living is all about. Visitors are always welcome!"



1991-E&W Kristin Grundmann "After spending many years in

a writer," shares Kristin. "I got

the chance to tell the adventurous 150-year story of the highly specialized steel engineering company that built the award-winning Porsche Museum in Stuttgart, Germany. And I loved every minute of it. Thanks, Fritz! Apart from writing, I finally have time for traveling with my husband — New Zealand, we'll be back!"

1991-E&W Michael Murray

Mike retired after a 48-year career in manufacturing, which included the founding of First Choice Building Products in 2001.

1991-FT Janice Williams Oliver

Janice's beauty-industry startup, MisTee Wants To Know Inc., received a \$50,000 angel investment and was accepted into the Digitalundivided Do You Fellowship program. She continues to look for funding and has raised \$170,000 toward a goal of \$600,000.

1992-E&W David Kirshenbaum

David founded MeadeCo LLC, a Northbrook, Illinois-based virtual merchant bank focusing on debt capitalizations and advisory work for earlier-stage companies with a particular emphasis on the healthy food, cannabis, real estate and tech industries. David is also a Tiger 21 chair in Chicago and is in the process of building his second group of local members.

1992-E&W Maggie Schell

Maggie is co-founder and vice president of Impact Grants Chicago, which connects women by collectively funding grants to Chicago nonprofits. One of more than 60 Impact100 chapters worldwide, the organization has donated nearly \$2.5 million since 2017. Impact Grants Chicago embraces the collective giving model: At least 100 women give a \$1,000 tax-deductible donation each, and together they vet the applicants and award grants in increments of \$100,000.

1993-FT John Kwant

After more than 23 years with Ford Motor Company, John retired in October. He and his wife, **Carolyn Kwant '95 MBA**, will be splitting their time between their Michigan and Florida homes and traveling to destinations they have not yet visited.

1994-FT Sherif Mityas

Sherif was named CEO for BRIX Holdings, a Dallas-based multibrand restaurant portfolio company that includes the Friendly's Restaurant group, Red Mango, Orange Leaf, Smoothie Factory, Souper Salads and Humble Donuts. The portfolio represents over 300 locations across 38 states.

1994-ft Monica Logani

Monica recently moved to Valencia, Spain, and is working as the CFO for Yuvod, a media-tech company providing streaming software to global telcos, sports leagues and hospitality franchises. She loves living in Europe and travels extensively in her free time. Monica enjoys showing friends around Valencia and invites you to drop her an email if you are swinging through.



1994-FT Mark Jansen

Mark, the president and CEO of Blue Diamond since 2010, will lead a graceful succession in 2023. This comes after consecutive years of record profits and building the almond cooperative into a \$1.65 billion business with leading global brands in almond milk, snack nuts and gluten-free crackers. He says it is the right time for the business and for his personal plans.



1994-FT Susan Silver

In July 2022, Susie married Jeff Weiss at a Sunday morning brunch wedding held at Cafe Brauer in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood. The wedding took place 26 months after the originally planned date due to multiple COVID-19-related delays. Wedding guests included 15 Kellogg graduates spanning the Classes of 1992 through 2007. Susie has been president of Argentum Strategy Group, a marketing strategy consulting firm she founded, since 2006.



1995-FT Lisa Morrell

Lisa was accepted into Chief, a private network for women in C-level leadership, joining **Erin O'Malia Gehan '95 MBA** and **Sheila Matuscak '95 MBA**. In April, Lisa hopped a red-eye from Phoenix to make the long-awaited Class of 1995 reunion in Evanston. It was well worth it for memorable gatherings organized by **Dena Dodd Perry '95 MBA** and **Jason Parke '95 MBA** and crashing at Sheila's like back in the day.

1995-FT Win Reis

Win left Silicon Valley after nearly 25 years and started his next/final career in the wine industry at Mount Eden and Benessere while working toward a sommelier certification. "If you're in the Bay Area or Napa Valley, hit me up!"



1995-FT James Pitts

James has been busy growing Greenwood CRE into a national commercial real estate services company that now operates in 10 major cities and 22 states. "Greenwood CRE is leading the way to a commercial real estate industry as diverse as the world we live in," writes James.

1996-FT Rachel Bass Hyman

Rachel was named president of The Family Wealth Alliance, a B2B organization focused on connecting and supporting North American multifamily wealth firms through proprietary research, industry thought leadership, events and facilitated networking. Rachel currently lives in Deerfield, Illinois, with her two teenage sons.



1996-FT Susan Clark

Susan joined the General Board of Global Ministries/UMCOR — the mission, humanitarian aid and relief agency of The United Methodist Church — as chief communications officer in April 2022, after serving nearly 10 years as associate dean for marketing and communications at Emory University School of Law. Susan lives in Atlanta with her 13-year-old daughter, Sophie.



1996-FT Brandyn (Criswell) Iverson

With the help of several Kellogg alums (especially from Section 61), Brandyn was recently elected to the city council in Orinda, California. She still works in real estate, now as COO of a Bay Area investor/owner-operator, and she shares that adding local government will be a great way to give back and put her JD/MBA and real estate skills to work in the community.

1996-E&W Denise Maple

Denise recently launched Live Life Business Consulting to teach business executives and entrepreneurs how to up their mental game and streamline their work to achieve limitless possibilities. Live Life's vision is for all businesses to be heartled to confidently achieve their goals for their individual success and the greater good.





1997-FT Scott Morrow

Scott and seven classmates from the Class of 1997 got together this summer for their first post-pandemic reunion. Scott, **Matt Daniel, Kurt Weinsheimer, Chris Avery, Karl Kleiderer, Grant Gund, Kevin Pate** and **Alex Moorhead** gathered at Alex's family cottage on Lake Muskoka in Ontario. It was a weekend full of laughter and good times.

1997-FT Stephanie (Gordon) Farsht

Stephanie and her co-founders have spent the past few years building out Small Wonder (smallwonder.world), a new sustainable-luxury brand in the hair-care space. She met one of her two co-founders, Paul Earle, while teaching at Kellogg over the past seven years. The startup is fundraising and building with plans to launch in early 2023, and she asks anyone with interest in the startup world of sustainable beauty to reach out.

1997-FT Nico Ortiz

Nico is still working at Turtle Mountain Brewing Company, the brewpub he opened in 1999. Turtle Mountain now has two pubs in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, and celebrated its 24th anniversary in March. Nico stays in close contact with Brian Korn '97 MBA and Sue Gouws Korn '97 MBA. The Korn and Ortiz families are avid sailors, and they have chartered catamarans in the South Pacific. Thailand, British Virgin Islands and U.S. Virgin Islands. Nico encourages alumni passing through New Mexico to contact him at nico@turtlemountainbrewing.com.

1997-E&W Robert Pasin

Robert, chief wagon officer (CEO) of Radio Flyer, is proud to share that the company received B Corp Certification in September. The 105-year-old, Chicago-based company makes the Original Little Red Wagon and is the leader in kids' ride-ons and adult micromobility products. It was the first global toy and electric-bike manufacturer to receive this recognition.

1997-E&W Edward Rafacz

Edward launched an interactive virtual reality tool describing complex spacecraft artifacts at the Gene Cernan Earth and Space Center in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 17 mission, the most recent expedition to bring humans to the surface of the moon.

1997-E&W Dean Sirakides

Angeles Equity Partners has acquired Data Clean, a provider of specialized contamination control and removal services for critical environments. Angeles will partner with Data Clean's former owners, **Richard Hill '89 MBA** and **Dean Sirakides '97 MBA**. They will retain an ownership stake in the company and are focused on executing a buy-and-build strategy in the critical contamination control sector.

1997-FT Addison Snell

Addison was thrilled to see his first crossword puzzles published by The New York Times in 2022 — three in all, including a Sunday crossword that ran on October 30. While at Kellogg, Addison constructed Kellogg-themed crosswords for the student newspaper, a hobby that connected him with dear friends he still treasures today.

^{1998-FT} Caroline Mendoza Horrigan

Caroline has established her own design firm after working with a Georgetown designer for six years. It has been a busy year with trips abroad to visit her two older daughters, who have been studying in Madrid and Florence. Caroline is excited to take on the new challenge of starting her own business while she continues her involvement as an investor in Rice Wrap Foods Corporation, which recently partnered with TGI Fridays. You can follow both ventures on Instagram at @horrigan123 and @rollwithricewrap.

1998-FT Len Ross

Len has launched Cat Club Royale, an NFT collection of 10 "super agent cats" on the ethereum blockchain. Each cat has 999 NFTs, and 20% of mint proceeds are donated to cat rescue and animal rights organizations. "It's been fascinating learning about NFTs and crypto," he writes. "Have a look at what we're doing at CatClubRoyale.com."

1998-FT Jason Spievak

Following successful careers in Silicon Valley as founders and operators, Jason and **Karen Roter Davis '98** have launched Entrada Ventures, an early-stage venture fund focused on disruptive technologies. Several Kellogg classmates are investors in the fund. Jason and Karen say they're looking forward to catching up with friends at their 25th reunion this spring.



1998-FT Andreas Zehnder

Andreas writes that he's looking forward to reconnecting with many Kelloggians at the 25th anniversary of his graduation this spring in Evanston and Chicago, as well as reuniting with friends from The Bottom Line, Kellogg's late-1990s a cappella group. Also this spring, he plans to take a round-the-world trip to Australia, Japan, Latin America and Canada with his wife, Clarissa.

1999-FT Barbara Close

Barbara joined KPMG's private equity strategy practice in New York in fall 2022 following a decade leading her own boutique consulting practice. She leads a mix of M&A diligence, performance improvement and value-creation projects focused on industrial and consumer products and manufacturing clients for both PE portcos and corporate clients. She and her husband, Edwin, live and work from home in Princeton, New Jersey, where their main focus is keeping their golf handicaps sharp, spoiling their cats and dealing with their rural property.



1999-FT Jon Harris

Jon writes to say that he and several classmates recently had a quick mini-reunion to see comedian Kevin Hart perform in Philadelphia. Joining Jon were **Ari Ackerman, William Graham, Todd Sandler, Thad Wilson** and **Michael Jaffe**'s brother Steve standing in for him!

1999-FT Julia Herr Smith

Julia and Scott Smith '98 MBA are enjoying life in New York City with their two children and two dogs. Julia retired in 2022 as general counsel of Euclidean Capital. Scott owns and operates Biscuits & Bath, a full-service dog care provider with 15 locations and over 200 employees in Manhattan. Scott plans to expand into new markets next year to serve more dogs and their owners. Julia and Scott say they're both looking forward to their 25th reunion in May!

1999-FT Suresh Krishna

Suresh, the president and CEO of family-owned Northern Tool + Equipment, was recognized by New Delhi-based Asian media powerhouse AsiaOne as a "Global Indian of the Year," a celebration of his successful executive career to date.



1999-FT Cory Mann

Cory reports from the Boston area that daughter, Kate, is a junior at Suffolk University, and son, Ian, is graduating high school this spring. Summer 2022 included a family vacation in England and Scotland, with Edinburgh and its annual festival as a highlight. Cory and David both look forward to life slowing down a bit, and would love to have visitors if any of you are heading to Massachusetts!

1999-FT Rachel Schnoll

After 23 years at Goldman Sachs, Rachel left the firm in January 2022. She had worked at GS since graduation in 1999 and most recently led a fintech solution for registered investment advisers called FinLife. She moved to the nonprofit space and is now the CEO of the Jewish Communal Fund. With close to \$3 billion in assets and over 80,000 annual grants, JCF is the largest and most active charitable gift fund in the Jewish world. Rachel says it was a welcome surprise when she arrived at JCF to find Jon Harris '99 MBA on the board of the organization.



2000-FT Tania Haladner

After a 20-year marketing career at Kraft and PepsiCo, Tania joined the WNBA's Chicago Sky as vice president, integrated marketing. A former college point guard, Tania says it has been a dream come true to combine her passion for women's basketball with brand marketing. In May 2022, Tania had the opportunity to welcome the Kellogg Gender Equity and Sports Business Clubs to a Sky game.

2000-E&W Lisa Haley Huff

Lisa moved to her hometown of Pittsburgh with her 15-year-old son, JT. She also changed roles and now leads middle-market banking for the Commercial Bank in Western Pennsylvania for JPMorgan Chase. the beauty of the Kellogg ohana (family). With mixed emotions, Brian, Silvia, Daniela and Adriana are returning to San Francisco after retreating to Hawaii during the height of COVID-19.

2000-FT Roland Jarquio

After 13 years leading marketing in the capital markets divisions of Wall Street firms (Lehman Brothers, Barclays and Citi), Roland says he was happy to make the leap from traditional finance to crypto to become head of institutional sales marketing for Coinbase. At age 51, he continues to be an internationally competitive adult figure skater, something he picked up soon after graduating from Kellogg.



2000-FT Manthos Kallios

After three and a half years at the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, Manthos is moving to Oxagon (Neom's industrial city) as senior manager, international investor attraction, focusing on renewable energy, water and clean tech. The new role will involve international travel, and he says he hopes this will enable him to meet up with classmates around the world and maybe even drum up some business.

2000-FT Daniel Szlapak

"I turned 50 this year and decided to celebrate in style!" writes Daniel. "With a close friend in Kenya, we took three months off to do a wild expedition: from South Kenya to North Kenya by foot, cycle and sail." More info on his travels is at lamutojadesea.blogspot.com and on Instagram at @lamu_to_jade_sea.



2001-FT Andrew Malkin

"Twenty-one years after our last trip to Paris, Ellery and I caught up again this June with Catherine and **Christophe Ambrosi '01 MBA**, including children this time," Andrew writes. "Amazing BBQ, wine, memories and hospitality!"



2001-E&W Erin Owen

Erin returned full time to her private leadership and executive coaching practice last year after an informative experience in the startup world. She welcomes the opportunity to network with other Kellogg alumni who are coaches and senior leaders committed to leadership and talent development. Contact her at erin@erinowen.com.

2001-FT Isi Okogun Ozekhome

Isi writes that she was excited to attend her 20-year reunion this past summer and enjoyed connecting with many classmates, especially Lina, Nichole, Teague, Harold, Natasha, Dana, Lisa, Cliff, Margaret and Tim. She writes that the "new" Global Hub building is impressive! Separately, Isi was recently invited to join the advisory board of the Kellogg Finance Network and hopes to make important contributions as a member. She has been in touch with Mark Buschman '01 MBA and ran into him on the New Canaan Metro North Train once! Isi also touches base periodically with Frank Fehrenbach '03 JD. **MBA**. She invites alumni to reach out if you're in New York City.



2001-FT Martha Wofford

Martha and her family moved from Denver to Rhode Island in 2021, when Martha took on the CEO role at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island. She has been enjoying both the position and living in the beautiful Ocean State! She had the opportunity to visit **Lisa Mazzocato Frazier '01 MBA** and her family in Sydney and has seen **Lisa Stern Kaplowitz '01 MBA** on Lisa's trips to Providence to support Brown University athletics.



2002-CERT Brian Blazina

Brian has led Energy Resource Americas in energy and environment solutions for more than 15 years. ENRAM's decision support services offer a balanced mix of new and traditional solutions that preserve the environment, save costs and minimize economic risk including education, trade and investment strategies for private and public organizations.



2002-FT <mark>Qiaoni Linda Jing</mark>

Qiaoni, the president, CEO and board director of biotech joint venture Genective, was named a Midwest finalist for EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2022, the world's most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs.

2002-FT Ana Villegas

Ana has accepted her next challenge as CMO for AffiniPay, an Austin-based fintech company that has appeared on the annual Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing companies in America for 11 years in a row.



2002-FT Kuo-Loon Loh

Kuo-Loon celebrated his 50th birthday in December 2022 in Tokyo with a mini 20th class reunion. **Ayano Sakiyama '02 MBA** and **Mia Chang '02 MBA** joined him on top of the newly completed Shibuya Sky Stage, where Ayano happened to be working five floors below. Kuo-Loon shares that it was a beautiful day with blue skies and happy faces.

2003-CERT Sharad Chadha

Sharad, who graduated from the Kellogg Management Institute in 2003, became CEO of beverage company Sprecher Brewing Company in Wisconsin in February 2020. Since then, the company has more than doubled in size and expanded its national reach. Recently, Sharad also led the acquisition of Chicago-based soda company Wit Beverage, best known for making the iconic Green River Soda brand.



2003-FT David Fleck

Longtime reader, first-time submitter of a class note! David has been married to Lauren Arnault since 2010 and has three wonderful kids: Lulu (9), Leo (7), and Fiona (7). After the sale of his last company in 2018, David founded a venture capital firm. Freeflow focuses on incubating scientific companies that are working on human and planetary health and are based at Caltech or the Jet Propulsion Lab, an operating division of Caltech. David splits his time between Berkeley and Pasadena, California. He asks alumni to please give him a shout if you're ever in either spot.nature, an understanding of science and a desire to protect the natural world. Amico also recently published a children's book, "Three Fairies," available on Amazon and at other retailers.

2003-FT Mike Simonton

Mike was recently named head of Sustainable Fitch, a business unit and wholly owned subsidiary of Hearst Corporation. During his 23-year tenure at Fitch, he's been head of U.S. leveraged finance and head of U.S./Canada corporate ratings. Most recently he held a role leading social value collaborations, a bridge between the company's internal work on diversity, equity and inclusion and corporate social responsibility and those of its customers. He and his wife, Natania, and their two boys, Jack (3) and Max (1), are living happily in Chicago's South Loop.

2003-FT Rachel Jarrett

Rachel was named co-CEO of Zola, a tech company in the wedding space, in June 2022 after serving as the company's COO for six years.





2003-E&W Rick Pollock

Rick writes in to say that the GIM China 2002 reunion, hosted by **Sheau-Ming Ross '04 MBA**, brought together most of the students who attended the course and trip 20 years ago, along with their spouses! He writes that it was a fantastic evening catching up with old friends, and it felt as if no time had passed.



2003-FT Andre Winarto

Andre has worked at EY for a decade now. For the past seven years, he has been a member of the company's global leadership team for energy and resources, where he leads global research and insights development. After two years stuck behind the closed borders of the great COVID wall of Western Australia, Andre says, he finally started traveling around the world again in 2022. Andre and Michelle recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and their two boys, Owen and Dean, are now both at university.



2004-E&W Tunir Chatterjee

Tunir runs Chicago-based Valorant (valorant.com), which is focused on profitability improvement and supply chain risks. Tunir also helps his only son, Moulik, a senior in high school, with his nonprofit, CNCF (cncf. info). Recently, Tunir co-founded a data science product company building an industry agnostic data utility engine and platform of custom OE, environmental, social and governance workflows.

Valorant hires Northwestern University students as paid summer interns and plans to extend the opportunity further.

2004-E&W Michael Ruby

Michael has been promoted to president at Microban International. With the largest portfolio of antimicrobial, odor control and surface disinfection solutions available, Microban has a vision to be the most trusted brand in cleanliness and product protection. The company is proud of its 800 partners all around the world.

2005-FT Andreas Pecher

Andreas writes to say that he and classmate **Sam Mehta '05 MBA** took advantage of Sam's business trip to the Netherlands to have a small MMM Program 2005 reunion. "Great to catch up after several years!"



2008-FT Derek Beaty

Derek launched his own investment firm, Kapok Partners, which invests patient capital in founder-led and family-owned businesses contributing to energy transition, cleaner energy and decarbonization. After several years in Brazil, he has relocated to the Lakeview area of Chicago with his wife, Erica, and two grade-school-age daughters.



2008-FT Carlos Antonio Rodrigues Jorge

In 2021 Carlos co-founded Chicago Advisory Partners, a consultancy responsible for Open Finance, a Brazilian Central Bank initiative. The firm serves the entire Brazilian financial system. Co-founder André Olinto do Valle Silva is a Chicago Booth MBA graduate who attended Kellogg Executive Education. Chicago Advisory Partners was named best open banking fintech partnership at the 4th Annual Global Open Finance Awards in 2021, and in 2022 was a finalist for company of the year in the Open Summit Awards!



2009-FT Aviva Tropp

Aviva was recently promoted to partner at Prophet, a growth consultancy, where she helps business leaders and CMOs unlock new paths to growth in the face of disruption. She works across industries including healthcare, retail, hospitality, CPG and financial services, among others.



2009-E&W Anisha Madan

Anisha, EVP and CFO at healthcare technology company Emids, won the Nashville Business Journal's 2022 CFO Award in the medium private company category.

2010-E&W Sumita Ghosh

Sumi works at Reynolds Consumer Products, where she leads the Hefty Trash Bags business. Previously, she successfully launched TruSens Air Purifiers online during the pandemic with ACCO Brands. She writes that the Kellogg network has been a source of inspiration and counsel with mentors and mentees at companies from Kimberly-Clark to PepsiCo. Sumi finds peace through yoga and with her husband and two children.



2010-FT Jennifer Yee

Jennifer joined the board of directors at the Boulder Public Library Foundation, merging her love of books with her passion for impact. Her husband, **Sanay Patel '10 MBA**, and several friends joined her at the benefit gala in November. Jennifer left HelloFresh last year and has launched her own firm, creating learning, organizational and leadership-development initiatives for high-growth companies.

2011-FT Ifeolu Babatunde Sered

Ifeolu and her husband, Barak, welcomed their second child, Naomi Temitope Sered, in March 2022. Ifeolu continues to work at LinkedIn and lives in the Brooklyn borough of New York City with her family.



2011-FT Andrew Lim

Despite his best efforts to make another international move, Andrew still lives in the Chicago area with his wife, Jennifer, and two daughters, Zoey (4) and Mina (2). After five years at leadership advisory firm ghSMART, where he worked with Kellogg alums including Katie Creagh, Karen Welt Steeves, Amy Han and Eric Germann, he recently joined Blackstone, where he serves as head of talent and leadership across the real estate portfolio.



2011-E&W Nick Scarlett

Nick is beginning his fifth year living in London with his wife, Heather. They welcomed their first child, Jude Rhys Scarlett, in May 2022. Nick is contributing to the rapid growth of Chicagobased consulting firm TRC Advisory, focusing on strategy, commercial effectiveness and pricing with clients on both sides of the pond.



^{2011-E&W} Kara Wallace

Kara has been promoted to vice president, strategic marketing and business development at Mortenson, a \$6 billion real estate development, engineering and construction firm ranked among the top 20 U.S. builders. She is responsible for integrating sales, marketing and intelligence functions, as well as brand and customer experience. Founded in 1954, Mortenson is a privately held company with operations across North America.

^{2012-FT} Björgvin Ingi Ólafsson

An equity partner and strategy lead at Deloitte in Iceland since 2018, Bo became a member of the firm's board of directors in September.





2016-FT Tom Hamilton

Three Kellogg alumni and their team at Mezo raised a \$6 million seed series to fuel the growth of their maintenance platform. The company's leadership includes co-founder and CEO Mike Travalini '09, VP of operations Tom Hamilton '16 and director of data and analytics David Turner '18. Mezo gives property operators unprecedented transparency into their maintenance operations by empowering residents to clearly articulate issues and enabling technicians to arrive prepared. The company was founded in 2020 and came out of stealth mode in January 2022.

2014-FT Jordan Brown

Jordan and husband, Greg, welcomed their first daughter, Easton Campbell Brown, on July 26, 2022. Easton is well loved by two older brothers, Bruce (10) and Bode (2). The family lives in Newport Beach, California.



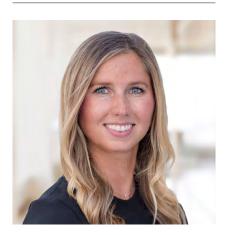
2017-E&W Bob Dolgan

The Chicago Audubon Society recognized Bob with an Excellence in Environmental Reporting award for his two documentaries about Monty and Rose, the piping plovers that nested on a busy Chicago beach, and for his efforts to educate the public about bird conservation. The films have been shown more than 100 times and broadcast on public television in Chicago and Detroit. His latest film, "The Magic Stump," was released in September 2022 to positive reviews and has been featured in the Chicago Sun-Times, in BirdWatching magazine, on WTTW.com and on Chicago Public Radio.



2017-FT H. Kay Howard

H. Kay joined Per Scholas, a national nonprofit focused on technology-workforce development, as managing director of the Greater Boston campus. The organization's mission is to advance economic equity through rigorous training for tech careers and to connect skilled talent with leading businesses. Reach out to H. Kay if your company might be interested in hiring a graduate, customizing a training course or volunteering to support mock interviews in Greater Boston or one of the organization's other 18 locations.



^{2017-FT} Rebecca (Stull) Schlagenhauf

Becca was recently promoted to principal at Baird Capital. She most recently served as vice president and is a member of the global private equity team. Becca is also a CFA charterholder and was named a 2022 "Woman to Watch" by Wall Street Journal Pro: Private Equity.

2018-E&W Geoffrey Hanson

Geoffrey is celebrating three years of entrepreneurship as founder and owner of Midwest Mobility. Serving the Chicago area, Midwest Mobility helps people increase their mobility and live more safely by providing sales, rentals and in-home repairs of home medical and mobility equipment. He says he's grateful to his customers, who have awarded the company a five-star Google rating. He is also grateful to his family for their unwavering support and to the students, faculty and staff at Kellogg who gave him the skills and confidence to strike out on his own!



2018-FT Sean Purdy

Sean, a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves, has been appointed commanding officer of NR Carrier Strike Group Four Air Command and Control, based in Houston.

2019-FT Michael J. Burnes

Michael and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their first child, Jack, named after Kellogg classmate Jack Partain '19 MBA

2019 - FT Patrick Firlik

Patrick is excited to announce his travel and wellness startup, Well Traveled (gowelltraveled.com). The company will offer wellness products that support a healthy lifestyle for travelers on the road. Its first product, an immune support powder, launched this past March.

2019-FT Viviktha Ramesh

Viviktha moved to a new division of Roche, Roche Information Solutions, and is currently working on designing clinical trials for innovative digital health products with a focus on neurology.



2019-FT Kate (Petersen) Panning

In October 2022, Kate married Matt Panning in Colorado. They were grateful to be surrounded by close family and friends, and they are excited for the future.



2020-FT Seamus Donegan

In January 2022, Seamus and **Dr. Mary Catherine Donegan '17 AuD** welcomed their first son, Seamus Gerard Donegan. Seamus was recently promoted to manager at Deloitte Consulting, and Mary Catherine began her fifth year as an audiologist at Children's Wisconsin in Milwaukee.



2021-CERT Tarun Katial

Tarun is the founder and CEO of Eve World, which launched coto, a social community app exclusively for women. Tarun previously spearheaded the growth of leading media and entertainment companies in India and the Asia-Pacific region. He started his career as an advertiser and eventually led Star Network and ZEE5. Featured in the "Dreamers. Disruptors" video series by Bloomberg-Quint, Tarun has spoken at TEDx events. He also actively invests in and mentors edtech and media-tech businesses.

2022-FT Melissa Kandinata

After graduating from Kellogg, Melissa joined Baird Capital's venture capital team as vice president. During her time at Kellogg, she worked at Cisco Investments in venture investments and M&A. Before business school, she spent two years at FHI 360, one of the largest global development organizations. Before that, Melissa spent three years in investment banking at Citigroup. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond.



2022-E&W Jono Keedy

Jono happily shares that he got engaged in Iceland during the 2022 Thanksgiving holiday.





2022-E&W Uyi Uwadiae

Uyi joined McKinsey & Company as an associate in the growth, marketing and sales practice and the implementation practice.

2022-FT Trevor Marrero

Trevor shares that he moved back to Boston after graduation and couldn't be happier! There is a great Kellogg contingent in Boston that meets up quite frequently. Trevor lives in Roxbury, just west of Mass Ave and about a mile from the Analysis Group office in the Prudential Center. Before starting work in September, he traveled to Italy for 17 days with classmates **Kyle Dougher '22 MBA** and **Jeanne Russo '22 MBA**!



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EMBA Cohort 8 Robert Anderson

Bob retired from UOP LLC, where he was vice president, and Illinois Institute of Technology, where he was director of technology transfer and intellectual property and adjunct professor of chemical engineering, only to be elected president of the Wyndemere Residents' Association in Wheaton, Illinois. Overseeing a full-care retirement community requires the use of all the skills he learned at Kellogg, he writes. He was also recently named a fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.

EMBA Cohort 28 Dennis Streppa

Dennis leveraged his Kellogg experience to form iotech, a robotic-rehabilitation-device company that supports people who have experienced strokes, spinal cord injury or neuromuscular trauma. He invites anyone interested in learning about the company's clinical results to contact him.



EMBA Cohort 29 Philip Zazove

Philip retired July 1, 2022, and highly recommends the change of pace. He shares that he has been traveling, entertaining and preparing to publish his third book, "Silent Evidence," a mystery featuring a deaf detective.

EMBA Cohort 43 Alan Berger

Alan, former head of technology at Volvo CE and CNH Industrial, and Carl Gustaf Göransson, former president of construction at CNH, launched abcg AB, a management consultancy that promotes sustainable business transformation for the on-and-off highway commercial vehicle industry. Service focus areas include business growth, M&A, portfolio management and technology transformation, as well as more general organizational and leadership issues.



EMBA Cohort 46 Joyce Hansen

Joyce received a special KILMER award in recognition of her achievements in the advancement of microbiological quality and sterility assurance in the medtech, pharmaceutical, consumer and food industries. Joyce also retired from Johnson & Johnson at the end of January 2023 after working in microbiological quality for 43 years.



EMBA Cohort 49 Mushtaq Merchant

After owning a software development and consulting company for over 30 years, Mushtaq decided to sell the company to an Atlanta-based company in 2021 and take up golf. "Last summer, as I was practicing my golf swings at a local golf club, I saw a person walking towards me and that happened to be Doug Reed '01 MBA, my classmate from Kellogg," he writes. "It was so exciting that I even forgot about my golf swings and started to chat with him. Now we occasionally get together to play golf and talk about the good old Kellogg days."

EMBA Cohort 68 Vijay Rao

Vijay recently exited the corporate world to launch his firm, Pontis Group (pontis-group. com). His immediate focus is on acquiring a company in the industrial sector in the lower middle market. He has also formed a consortium of individuals and companies that can deliver digital transformation to his target market. Please contact him if you are interested in digital transformation and know of potential acquisition targets.

EMBA Cohort 73 Steve Greenspon

Steve was named chairperson of the International Housewares Association, the trade association for the multibillion-dollar home and housewares products industry. The IHA's Inspired Home Show (aka The Housewares Show) is the largest annual trade show in Chicago. Steve continues to enjoy spending time with family and disco dancing.

EMBA Cohort 107 Ricardo Cardiel

Ricardo writes, "My mission in Latin American Rainmakers after the pandemic has been to identify the benefits for every stakeholder involved in a project, analyzing the maximum benefit we can provide to each of them. Our work has changed with the pandemic and the logistical challenges that it brought as well as all the geopolitical tensions in the world, but we still look beyond the margins in each of our opportunities with an eye on how to bring prosperity to others, helping them to resurface. Thank you, Kellogg, for your insight!"



EMBA Cohort 108 Evey Cormican

In 2017 Evey founded Visionary Training Resources, a virtual reality software design company. An airline captain, Evey says, "We work hard every day to bring virtual reality into commercial airline training, thereby producing better pilots faster. Well done, team VTR!" The company is honored to have received the award for most innovative commercial pilot training solution at the Unity Government and Aerospace creator awards. Evey and team were present to accept the award.

EMBA Cohort 110 Lopamudra Das Roy

Lopamudra founded Breast Cancer Hub (breastcancerhub.org) in 2017 while pursuing her Executive MBA and now works full time as the organization's president. A humanitarian organization that provides free services, BCH works to save lives by making innovative, sustainable changes and working at the grassroots level to bridge the gap between developed and developing countries. She says } she's grateful to her cohort and her Kellogg network for their tremendous support.



EMBA Cohort 108 Rama Donepudi

As CIO for the nutrition business at Reckitt, Rama is part of the leadership team delivering Enfamil infant formula products, which many American families relied on during the recent infant formula crisis. Under his leadership, the technology teams fired on all cylinders so Reckitt could scale up immediately and ensure access to critical nutrition for every infant in need in the U.S.





EMBA Cohort 121 Chris Mackey

Chris and Dan Liliedahl founded Bluebid Homes to build a direct housing market where owners and buyers can privately explore deals. The real estate technology company recently launched its platform in Massachusetts and has near-term plans for nationwide expansion. Learn more at www.bluebidhomes.com.



EMBA Cohort 122 Kevin Denison

Kevin recently presented at the Women Business Enterprises Supplier Diversity Conference in Toronto. Kevin, executive sponsor for CDW Canada's supplier diversity program, highlighted the \$77 million in purchases his company has made from small and minority- and woman-owned businesses in Canada as a result of his initiative.



EMBA Cohort 124 Kevin Pang

Kevin, editorial director of digital for "America's Test Kitchen" on PBS, has made a commitment to write his first cookbook. "A Very Chinese Cookbook," based on the YouTube series featuring Kevin and his father, Jeffrey Pang, will be released in December 2023.

EMBA Cohort 125 Dharam Khalsa

Dharam closed a \$500,000 pre-seed funding round for his new startup, Mirador, with participation from five EMBA 125 classmates! The startup is building a platform to help families find the best care for aging family members.

EMBA Cohort KH5 Craig Carlyon

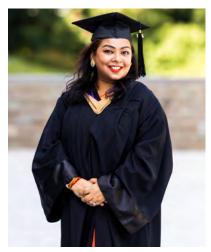
Craig writes in with an update about several of his KH5 classmates in the Class of 2003: Since graduating, Mark Beaumont has moved from Taiwan to Southern California to Japan and then India and Saudi Arabia for Boeing. After retiring from Boeing, he had a short stint at Parker Aerospace before joining Virgin Galactic as director of procurement for spaceships. Valerie Presdee has recently moved to London, and Alice Li is now VP of HR for Lenovo in Beijing. Peter Davidson has completed his master of jurisprudence at the University of Washington in Seattle, focusing on international public and private law. Kenny Wong has joined Pearl Engineered Solutions as chief revenue officer, and his daughter Antoinette is studying marketing and communications at Northeastern University in Boston.

EMBA Cohort KS1 Rafael Cortes

Rafael is proud and happy to share that he recently joined RT Lawrence, a leading payment processing company in the U.S., to lead the effort on IDA, a top-notch, state-of-the-art BI platform for organizations. IDA makes speed to knowledge and understanding its core, low code, high tech, efficiency and resembling the human thought process for managers and users alike.

EMBA Cohort KW23 Sonalaxmi Sarkar

Recognized for her leadership skills and positive energy, Sonalaxmi advanced into two leadership roles with Microsoft Germany within a year. She writes, "Axel Hosek, an alum of Kellogg-WHU Cohort 8, taught me how to turn difficult times to your benefit to grow personally and professionally." Sonalaxmi is a strong advocate of diversity and inclusion and has been recognized as a "chief entertainment officer" who keeps her Kellogg cohort socially connected.





1966-PhD **Roger Blackwell**

Roger, a retired Ohio State University professor, is celebrating the publication of "Objective Prosperity: How Behavioral Economics Can Improve Outcomes for You,

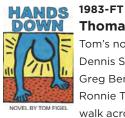
Your Business, and Your Nation." Co-authored with Ohio State colleague Roger Bailey, the book explores the reasons why some people are poor and others are prosperous.



1968-BBA Jerry Juska

Jerry is celebrating the publication of "Integrated Marketing Communication: Advertising and Promotion in a Digital World," a concise guide for MBA students and corpo-

rate managers who want to know more about creating brand advertisements, reaching shoppers through media pathways and engaging customers with promotional activities. This introductory textbook emphasizes strategic planning, consumer research, budget allocations, market segmentation, brand visibility and measurable communication objectives. Advanced marketing topics include artificial intelligence, synthetic media, facial-recognition software, voice commerce, SpaceX satellite networks and the future of virtual reality, especially the metaverse.



Thomas Figel

Tom's novel "Hands Down" has entrepreneur Dennis Spuhn at its heart, along with nemesis Greg Benson, lovely Jenny Adamski and Ronnie Tonti, an Army veteran determined to walk across Iowa on his hands. Set mostly in

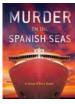
lowa, the book focuses on the late '60s and early '70s era. Details are available at reputecture.com, and the novel is available at Barnes & Noble. Amazon and other booksellers.



Neil Kaplan

Neil completed the second edition of "Acquiring Polish Citizenship by Descent: What You Need to Know." The first book to tackle the complexities of the process, the

publication serves as a comprehensive guide to Americans with Polish ancestry interested in obtaining Polish citizenship. The book was inspired by the considerable interest demonstrated in PolandPassport.com, a global advocacy and consulting services firm that Neil founded.



1992-FT Wendy Church

Wendy is on her seventh career and recently published her first novel, "Murder on the Spanish Seas," available on Amazon. Her second novel is scheduled for publication in

October 2023. You can learn more about Wendy as an author and sign up for her newsletter at wendyschurch.com.



1996-FT **Kevin Harmon**

Kevin is excited to share that he and Paul Ciampa '94 MBA recently published "Money Talk." "Our goal for the book is to offer an early-career audience, especially, a framework

for making financial decisions, gleaned from our combined years of finance and investing experience," Kevin says. "We aimed for approachability by narrating through the life of Grace, a recent college grad who has a vibrant career and life - and who makes a series of important financial choices along the way. Each small choice compounds toward financial freedom."



EMBA Cohort 31 Dave Lumley '77 MS, '95 MBA

How can you better understand, learn and implement plans and actions to further your business career and the company you work for? You commit to it! In his book "It's Impossible to

Commit to Maybe: A Bold Guide for Business Managers," Dave, a former CEO, presents key business issues and learnings from himself and others. The book outlines successful techniques for reaching goals based on his nearly four decades of success at several Fortune 500, private, private-equity-owned and family businesses. Dave is embarking on a speaking and book tour and says he's grateful for his Kellogg MBA and Medill MSJ.



EMBA Cohort 80 Ben Weprin

Ben, founder and CEO of Graduate Hotels, a collection of hotels located in college towns across the U.S., is celebrating the launch of the brand's first coffee-table book.

Designed in the style of a college yearbook, "Graduate Hotels" tells the nuanced stories behind the unique and thought-provoking design of each of the 32-plus hotels in the collection. Each hotel was created to celebrate the history, tradition, local artisans, architecture and youthful spirit of the community it inhabits.

IN MEMORY

1954-BBA Jack K. Sorenson

Jack, of Des Plaines, Illinois, passed away on Oct. 1, 2022, his son reports. Jack studied accounting while earning his undergraduate degree at Kellogg.

1970-FT Thomas J. Hartwick

Thomas, of Centerville, Ohio, passed away on Oct. 14, 2020. After graduating from Kellogg, he worked for more than 30 years at U.S. Steel. He and his wife of 55 years, Ruth, loved to travel, and his hobbies included music, photography, and helping family and friends with their computer complications. His children counted him as a best friend, and "Gramps" loved to dote on his grandchildren.

1990-FT Ruth J. Finn Oshin

Ruth, of Weston, Connecticut, died peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Oct. 12, 2022. A marketing and brand management executive, she began her career in the Macy's management training program and went on to hold positions of increasing responsibility at various companies. Ruth had battled ALS since 2009, but her determination enabled her to raise her children, Matthew and Alexa, seeing them through high school and into college. She is also survived by her husband, Larry Oshin, along with an extended family and many dear friends.



EMBA Cohort 34 James L. Cainkar

James passed away on Dec. 19, 2022. His long career as a civil engineer at Novotny Engineering spanned over 50 years and included the role of president. He also served as village engineer to the Illinois towns of Lemont, McCook, Lyons, Hodgkins and Summit. His professional designations included professional engineer, and he was licensed as an Illinois land surveyor.

Faculty Ralph Westfall

Ralph Westfall '41 MBA, '52 PhD passed away on Oct. 25, 2022, at the age of 104. Ralph served as associate dean of administration under Dean John Barr from 1965 to 1975. During this pivotal time in Kellogg history, the school changed its name to the Graduate School of Management and hired a number of senior faculty members who helped build the school's reputation. He is survived by his three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.