

2018



Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame

A Celebration of Parkway School District's Most Distinguished Graduates

Sponsored by the Parkway Alumni Association

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018

4:30-5:00 p.m.

VIP Reception

St. Moritz Room



5:00-5:30 p.m.

Reception

Versailles Ballroom Foyer



5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Dinner

Versailles Ballroom



6:30-10:00 p.m.

Awards

Versailles Ballroom



Parkway Superintendent Keith Marty, PAA Executive Director Amy Buehler and PAA President Nico Toro

Our Congratulations

Greetings!

On behalf of the Parkway Board of Education and all educators and staff of the Parkway School District, congratulations to the 2018 Class of Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame inductees. It is worthy for a large organization, like Parkway, to pause and honor those who took their Parkway experiences as a student and achieved new heights of success that impacted communities and others beyond Parkway's border and influence.

In our hallways and classrooms today, we have students who will take the examples and standards set by these and past hall of fame members and achieve success that will one day bring them to this honor. Parkway's 60 years of producing graduates who are capable, curious, caring and confident will not cease with the 2018 honorees. Rather, the 2018 honorees will be an inspiration and light for the next generation of outstanding Parkway graduates and alumni.

I am always proud to be Parkway's superintendent, but on this evening the pride grows even more as we honor such an outstanding group.

Enjoy the evening!

Keith A. Marty, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Emcees

Sylvester Chisom and **Arthur Shivers III** [both North '99, HOF '16] have been business partners since their student days at North High. The two started their auto detailing business, Showroom Shine Auto Detailing, as teens and grew it into a successful enterprise that serves the St. Louis metropolitan area. The dynamic business duo has won Steve Harvey's Neighborhood Award four times for Best Detail Shop in the Nation. They also co-authored a book, *The Young Entrepreneur's Guide to Success*, which has been used in high-school business classes across the country.

Chisom is a business consultant, author, education consultant, mentor to students and motivational speaker. His book, *The \$50 Startup Program*, helps young entrepreneurs launch their business dreams. He is one of the founders of the Education Entrepreneur incubator at the University of Missouri in St. Louis, where he, in partnership with MasterCard, advises education tech companies. He earned his undergraduate degree in biology at The Ohio State University and an MBA at Webster University in St. Louis.

Shivers is a fitness trainer, an entrepreneur, a motivational speaker and a mentor to students. He owns and operates Generation III, a company dedicated to helping people develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle, located in Hazelwood, Missouri. His book, *A Healthier You*, helps his clients achieve their fitness goals. He played football and earned his undergraduate degree at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and received his training certification from the National Association of Sports Medicine.



Sylvester Chisom



Arthur Shivers III

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*PAA President Nico Toro and
PAA Executive Director Amy
Buehler*

Welcome

Good evening and welcome to the 2018 celebration of the Parkway Alumni Association's Hall of Fame!

We are delighted you are here with us to share this wonderful occasion. Twenty-one of Parkway's most outstanding alumni will be honored tonight for their amazing accomplishments since graduating from one of our distinguished high schools.

Among them are men and women from all walks of life, who have brought honor and pride to the district through their career achievements and their outstanding service to the communities in which they live and work. You will hear their stories tonight and will no doubt be charmed, inspired and humbled by our extraordinary alumni.

The Parkway Alumni Association is honored to host this wonderful celebration. Since 2004, 194 alumni have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. This event is an important extension of our mission to provide innovative programs, grants for students and recognition initiatives for outstanding teachers, staff and alumni who make a difference in the lives of all Parkway students. Your presence here this evening carries that mission forward and we are very grateful.

Please join us in congratulating each of our 2018 Hall of Fame inductees!

Very sincerely,
Nico Toro, West '06
PAA President

Amy Cole Buehler, West '84
PAA Executive Director

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Our Programs

Granting Dreams for K-12 Students

The Parkway Alumni Association sponsors the Granting Dreams Program, which administers three types of grants to Parkway K-12 students for their educational endeavors.



•**Dream Grants** are for Parkway K-12 students eager to explore new learning opportunities. Students can be awarded up to \$250 to finance their dream, or they may be awarded non-monetary resources provided by people in the Parkway community.

Students are encouraged to submit proposals that demonstrate a commitment to developing a skill, acquiring knowledge or experience, or participating in activities related to school or the community. Past grants proposals have included attending Space Camp at the St. Louis Science Center, starting a business, purchasing a bass violin and taking coding classes.



•**Thomas Phelps Entrepreneurial Scholarships** are designed for high-school students interested in launching a business. The award provides up to \$1,000 per application. Some of these students are enrolled in Parkway's

Spark! immersion learning program for entrepreneurship studies.

•**The John L. Baker Music Scholars Award** is for high-school band students in grades 10-11 who want to expand their music studies and strengthen their band through leadership. This grant provides up to \$250 per student.

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Parkway Staff Awards



- Named for former Dr. Albert Burr (principal at Central, West), the **Albert Awards** are given to three promising teachers who are in the first five years of their career. Each of these teachers receives a \$1,000 stipend.

- Each year, Parkway selects three **Teachers of the Year** from the elementary, middle and high-school levels. One teacher is selected to represent Parkway in the state competition and receives a \$1K stipend, while the other two each receive a \$500 stipend.

- Established in 2016 with a \$10K donation by a Parkway bus driver, the **Light of Parkway Awards** recognize five Parkway operations staff members who have created an upbeat, caring environment for students, staff and community members. Each winner receives \$500 from the Parkway Alumni Association.

Parkway Alumni Hall of Fame

The Parkway Alumni Association inducted the charter HOF class in November 2004 as a way to commemorate the district's 50th anniversary. Today, the program continues to recognize Parkway graduates who have distinguished themselves through career achievements and outstanding community service.

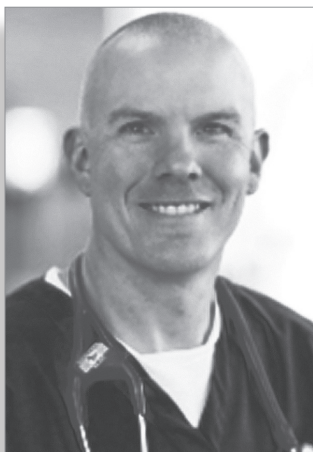
Communications



Parkway Alumni Association strives to keep Parkway graduates connected in many ways. We help reunion planners contact classmates using our database of nearly 80,000 graduates. We also publish Parkway Alumni News (biannual newsletter) and frequently post on

social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn).

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Christopher John Bosche, MD Central '91

With both medical and humanitarian expertise, Dr. Christopher Bosche was instrumental in mitigating the suffering of those involved in some of this century's most severe catastrophes.

Bosche was an emergency room physician at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis and served as the medical director for the Mehlville Fire Protection District. He also was a proud member of Missouri Task Force 1, Ohio 1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team and the Boone County Fire Protection District.

In September 2001, Bosche and the Ohio 1 DMAT provided medical support at Ground Zero in New York. Although he and other first responders undoubtedly saved the lives and alleviated the suffering of many who were harmed at the World Trade Center scene, the exposure to materials he encountered there ultimately caused the cancer that took his life on Sept. 12, 2017.

After completing his work in New York, Bosche continued to pursue his medical and humanitarian calling to areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005; the tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri, in 2011; and Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

Bosche was highly regarded for his intelligence, compassion, wit and the sacrifices he made to serve people in desperate need. His participation and leadership made it possible for countless others to be rescued from tragic circumstances and recover their lives.

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Lt. Col. Adam Chitwood

South '99

Lt. Col. Adam Chitwood is the Chief of USINDOPACOM's Policy and Posture Branch in the J5. In this capacity, he writes the command's Theater Posture Plan, advocates for over \$1.4B in military construction each year, and oversees major posture efforts in Guam, the Commonwealth of the North Mariana Islands and the Philippines. He also coordinates command and control agreements and global force management assignments with the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and other combatant commands.

Chitwood earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 2003. He later earned an MBA and saved the USAF millions of dollars a year in fuel costs by developing hot pit refueling procedures for the B-1, revolutionizing the way B-1 training sorties are generated.

As a weapons officer, he led the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron in dropping more than 5,000 Joint Direct Attack Munitions in support of Operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel.

As the wing weapons officer, he prepared the 28th Bomb Wing for its first continuous bomber presence deployments in the Pacific theater in a decade. He then served as military advisor in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs at the State Department and worked in the American Embassy in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Among his many commendations from the USAF are the Meritorious Service Medal and the General Curtis E. Lemay Award for The Most Outstanding Bomber Aircrew in the Air Force.



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Jeanne Hlavacek Cleveland, MD South '89

Dr. Jeanne H. Cleveland is the division chief and medical director of cardiothoracic surgery at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

She also is the Mercy Hospital Director of Women's Heart and Vascular Health, and a cardiothoracic surgeon. One of her passions is educating people on the prevention and treatment of heart disease, with a focus on making women more aware of its development and symptoms.

Cleveland is a graduate of Northwestern University Medical School. In 2003, she was selected for the Outstanding Surgery Chief Resident Teaching Award as a resident at the University of Utah Health Science Center. The institution also awarded her its Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship in 2003-05.

In addition to her professional achievements, Cleveland has been a volunteer for the Habitat for Humanity chapters of Salt Lake City and Chicago. Her interest in surgery was sparked during her service as a medical student volunteer in the Dominican Republic in the 1990s.

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Dana Gundaker Devers

Central '79

Dana Gundaker Devers is known throughout the St. Louis area for her successful real estate career. She is vice president and branch manager of Coldwell Banker Gundaker in Town and Country, Missouri, the company's top office in production since she began managing it in 2009. More than 160 agents have carved successful careers in the industry under her direction.

But she's also known as someone who has given much of her time spearheading her office's substantial philanthropic endeavors. Through fundraisers and company donations, Devers has helped raise more than \$1 million to date for charities that include the Arthritis Foundation, Ronald McDonald House and the Susan B. Koman Foundation.

For more than 25 years, Devers has spearheaded the St. Louis County Division of Family Services' Holiday Gifts for Children Campaign. Her office alone supports 10 to 15 children every year, while the corporation supports over 250 children annually. Devers also leads her office's efforts in CBG's Community Services Days. Each year, her office donates a full day of service to a local community organization.

Additionally, Devers sponsors free family events for the community throughout the year.



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Jason File, Esq. South '94

Jason File has had a distinguished career in both international law and visual art.

File is a prosecuting attorney who helped convict Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague (2012-17). Both men were convicted for their roles in the ethnic cleansing of Bosnian Muslims, the attacks on civilians during the siege of Sarajevo, and the Srebrenica massacres of July 1995.

He also has worked for the global law firm WilmerHale, and was a law clerk for Hon. Denise Cote, a federal judge in the Southern District of New York in Manhattan.

In parallel with this intensive work, File has exhibited his multimedia artwork and given presentations in Europe and North America, including the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, the International Print Biennale, Copperfield London, the Ryder Projects, the London Art Fair, Art Rotterdam and the Grand Rapids Art Museum. He teaches on the fine art faculty at the Royal Academy of Art in the Netherlands.

File holds degrees from Yale University (B.A., Humanities and Ethics, Politics & Economics); the University of Oxford (M.Phil., International Relations); Yale Law School (J. D.); University of the Arts London-Chelsea College of Art & Design (B.A., Fine Art); and the Royal Academy of Art (KABK), The Netherlands (B.A., Fine Art).

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Bert Moll Forde

North '74

Bert Moll Forde, president of Midwest Pool Management in St. Louis, has shepherded thousands of high-school and college students through the rigors of lifeguard training, teaching them to handle pool emergencies as well as how to be responsible citizens.

She began working for MPM as a life guard in 1971 and was hired for managerial roles after graduating from the University of Missouri with a degree in business administration. She became the company's president in 2001. Under Forde's leadership, Midwest Pool Management grew from a firm annually employing just under 380 employees in the 1980s to a staff of over 1,600. The company now manages over 70 swimming facilities in the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan areas.

Forde and her staff have logged more than 1,000 hours as volunteers for communities and charities. In 2011, they made three trips to Joplin to help recovery efforts after the tornado. They also have helped clean up several parks and donated time and resources to charities such as the Ronald McDonald House.

Forde has served on the Starfish Aquatic Institute Executive Advisory Board, the St. Louis County Aquatics Advisory Committee and the Enterprise Bank and Trust advisory board (Sunset Hills). She has been a mentor for young professionals in the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association and a speaker at national and regional conferences for recreation professionals. In 2008, she was recognized with the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association Aquatic Section Distinguished Service Award.



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Lt. Terri Fussner, USN South '92

After graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1996 and earning her pilot's wings in 1998, Lt. Terri Fussner dreamed of inspiring other women to pursue flying for the United States armed forces.

She was known among her high school, college and military comrades as a role model and a trailblazer. When Fussner began training in the SH-60B Seahawk in 1998, few women in the military were trained as helicopter pilots at that time, and even fewer women were certified in combat flying.

Fussner eventually joined Detachment Seven on deployment in the Mediterranean onboard USS Normandy (CG60) as part of the George Washington Battlegroup and served as the Operations officer in October 2000. While in HSL-46, Fussner served as the squadron's Educational Service's Officer. She became a Coordinator and Assistant Weapons/Tactics Instructor in 2001.

Tragically, the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter piloted by Fussner went down over the Mediterranean Sea on March 12, 2002, on a test flight. She had been preparing to start her next assignment in Mayport, Florida, as a Naval helicopter pilot trainer.

The Navy recognized Fussner posthumously for a mission she had successfully completed, when she'd volunteered to fly a fellow officer to a base in Greece in spite of dangerous weather conditions to help him get the emergency medical treatment that saved his life.

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Jonathan Scott Hirshberg

Central '90

Jonathan Hirshberg is a successful global entrepreneur who is committed to philanthropy and giving back to others.

He is CEO and president of license firm ENI-JR286, his primary business, which specializes in sporting goods accessories. Founded in 1998, ENI has worked with many top brands such as Fila, Speedo, Under Armour, Croes, K-Swiss, Red Bull and other action sports companies. A global firm with corporate offices in the United States, Asia and Europe, ENI currently holds the license for Nike. ENI employs over 300 people with over \$500 million in retail business annually.

Hirshberg is involved with many charities around the world. The Ronald S. Hirshberg Pancreatic Center at UCLA remains closest to his heart after he lost his father, Ron, in 1997 to pancreatic cancer. To date, the Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer, a charity Jon cofounded, has raised more than \$100 million for pancreatic cancer research. In 1997, he started an annual 5k and 10k walk/run that averages more than 6,000 runners and has raised more than \$10 million. Additionally, he cofounded the Tour de Pier five years ago to benefit cancer research, raising more than \$4 million.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, Hirshberg is the recipient of the USC Alumni Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2017). He also was selected as the Southern California regional winner of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2015). He is an alumni of the executive program at Harvard Business School.



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Cathy Jolly, Esq. West '91

Cathy Jolly has devoted her entire career to public service in local and state government in Missouri, as well as the national community of women affected by breast cancer.

After graduating with distinction from the University of Missouri Law School—Kansas City, Jolly served as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Jackson County. She coordinated the Drug Abatement Response Team and worked with police to shut down drug houses and combat drug-related crime.

In 2000, she was elected as state representative by Kansas City's District 45. At age 27, she was one of the youngest members ever elected. She championed legislation that helped public schools and mandated tougher penalties for violent crimes.

Jolly's later public service includes serving as a city-wide city council member for Kansas City and member of her local school board. She also has run numerous political campaigns, including serving as the state's deputy campaign director for a presidential candidate. She has served on numerous boards, including her service as co-chair of the Kansas City Health Commission.

Committed to funding breast cancer research, Jolly created and spearheads the annual benefit for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, sponsored by the City Council of Kansas City. To date, this event has raised more than \$700,000 for research.

Jolly has been recognized by the Missouri's Chief of Police Association, Fraternal Order of the Police, American Cancer Society, teachers' associations and The Kansas City Bar Association.

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Jerry Kokesh Central '68

Jerry Kokesh has had a long and noteworthy career in running and biathlon as an athlete, coach and executive-level administrator.

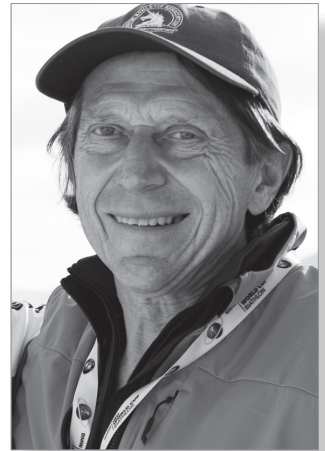
In 1976, he began a long tenure with the Road Runners Club of America, serving as its president and on its executive board for more than 20 years. During that time, he managed the largest running series in the USA.

Kokesh later helped develop and manage the United States Biathlon Association's summer biathlon program of more than 100 nationwide competitions. He also coached and served as team leader for both the United States Biathlon National Team and Summer Teams in many international competitions (1994-2008).

After serving as US Biathlon Association Marketing and Media director, he moved to the International Biathlon Union in Salzburg, Austria, as editor/writer for Biathlonworld Magazine and Biathlonworld.com. He covers World Cup and Olympic Biathlon competitions and produces feature videos. In 2010, he was recognized by his industry as the top biathlon journalist in the world.

Kokesh earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at San Jose State University (1972). He was a member of the school's NCAA Championship Track and Field Team (1969).

He has competed in numerous top-ranked events, including the Boston Marathon, USATF National Cross-Country Championships, and summer biathlon events. He has been inducted into the Road Runners Club of America and Steamboat Classic Hall of Fame for his contributions to the national running community.



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Amy Siegel Kweskin Central '81

Amy Siegel Kweskin is the vice chancellor for finance and chief financial officer at Washington University in St. Louis.

Kweskin is responsible for the financial operation and management of the university's \$3 billion budget. As the university's former treasurer, she developed WashU's debt-financing strategy and led university bond financings of over \$1.5 billion to support the university's mission. She was selected to represent the senior administration on the search committee for the university's next chancellor, a role she describes as the most important work she's ever done for the university.

Additionally, she serves as an advisor for the Treasury Institute for Higher Education and a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers research council. She has provided financial guidance to the Cortex Innovation Community in St. Louis and participates on the finance committee. She also is a board member and finance chair for Hillel St. Louis and is on the budget, finance, and administration committee for the Jewish Federation of St. Louis.

Earlier in her career, Kweskin was named to the St. Louis Business Journal's *40 Under 40* list for being one of the youngest treasurers in WashU's history. This year, Kweskin was named to the newspaper's *Most Influential Business Women* list.

Kweskin graduated summa cum laude from the University of Missouri—St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in finance and marketing. She also holds an MBA from St. Louis University.

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Jeremy Lasky Central '93

Jeremy Lasky has spent his entire 20-year career as a cinematographer for Pixar Animation Studios in the San Francisco Bay area.

After graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design, he launched his career in animated films at the legendary entertainment company, where he served as director of photography on *Finding Nemo*, *Finding Dory*, *WALL-E*, the *Cars* series (1-3) and *Toy Story 3*.

He also worked on *A Bug's Life*, *Toy Story 2* and *Monsters, Inc.*, and directed three short films in the *Cars* world.

Lasky was selected for the 2008 Charles Guggenheim Cinema St. Louis Award from the St. Louis International Film Festival. He also was nominated for Outstanding Virtual Cinematography in an Animated Feature Motion Picture in 2012 by the Visual Effects Society for his work on *Cars 2*.

Toy Story 3 became the second Pixar film and third animated film overall to receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture.



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Nancy Lay-McCormick

North '80

Nancy Lay-McCormick blazed a trail for women in the world of collegiate and professional soccer, both as a player and a referee.

As a scholarship player at the University of Central Florida, Lay-McCormick and her team were finalists in the National AIWA and first-ever NCAA Finals, and she was recognized as an NSCAA All-American. After college, she coached at Villa Duchesne and Pacific High School while playing for the J.B. Marine and Busch club teams, winning state and regional championships.

In Virginia, she coached Olympic Development Programs— her team won two National Championships. She later moved to Ft. Lauderdale, where she taught middle school and coached soccer and track, and was honored as a Coach of the Year.

In 1985, Lay-McCormick started a career in refereeing. Starting with youth and high-school games, she quickly moved on to collegiate, national and professional games. In 1998, she was the first woman to referee a men's match in Major League Soccer. She then earned the Fédération Internationale de Football Association badge and officiated international matches. She also officiated in the Women's United Soccer Association.

Lay-McCormick went on to develop the Florida State Referee Academy and the Women's Referee Academy for US Soccer. In 2016, she was voted into the St. Louis Soccer Hall of Fame, an honor that has been given to only six women.

Lay-McCormick is a National Board Certified Teacher. She teaches elementary physical education in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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Alan Merschen

North '74

Alan Merschen has parlayed the success of his travel marketing company into scholarships for students seeking a career in the business and an endowment for a university.

When Merschen started his own company, he began a curious career in representing international government tourist offices in the United States. He then began to revolutionize the industry with marketing innovations and today Myriad International Marketing works with over 20 global governments on five continents. Although he sold Myriad in 2017, Merschen remains a partner in the company and continues to be a speaker, writer and consultant in the industry.

The success of his company has helped Merschen fund an internship program for more than 25 students from the Australian Outback and townships in South Africa. These students came to Los Angeles and New York to learn the travel marketing business. One student, Tshifhiwa Tshivhengwa, later became the CEO of South Africa's National Hotel Association.

In Spring 2018, Merschen was honored as an outstanding alumnus of Webster University and gave the commencement speech for the College of Arts and Sciences, where he also serves as a member of the board. Additionally, he has established an endowment and scholarship for Webster's international campuses. He is also a trustee of the Pacific Asia Travel Association Foundation.

Before he began his career in the travel industry, Merschen worked at Fontbonne University in St. Louis.



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Brig. Gen. Paul Owen

South '86

Brig. Gen. Paul Owen is the commander and division engineer of the Southwestern Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers, headquartered in Dallas. Owen oversees hundreds of water resources development and military design and construction projects that bring value to our communities, our nation and our warfighters.

Owen has over 28 years of service since being commissioned from the United States Military Academy in the Corps of Engineers. He has deployed twice to Afghanistan and once to Iraq. He has also led response and recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, Superstorm Sandy in New York City and Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

Owen was commissioned as an Engineer Officer from the U.S. Military Academy in 1990, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management from Missouri University of Science and Technology, and a Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Owen's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and Combat Action Badge. He is also a recipient of the Army Engineer Association Silver de Fleury Medal.

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Minta Phillips, MD

West '71

As a physician with artistic instincts that stretch back to her childhood, Dr. Minta Phillips has carved a unique path for herself.

After graduating from Yale with a fine arts degree, Dr. Phillips changed course and decided to pursue a medical degree at Harvard Medical School. During her medical studies, the “silvery images of radiology glowed, if not beckoned to me,” she says. After completing her residency (as chief resident her final year) and a fellowship in Philadelphia, she began her long and successful career as a radiologist in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Although she loved her medical practice, she did not give up artistic pursuits in fine art or otherwise. In 2006, she became a volunteer disc jockey at WQFS 90.9FM, a radio station at Guilford College, where she hosted *Carpe Diem*, an original program featuring Jungian philosophy with infusions of music, poetry and comedy to include local talent. Widely respected, the station was ranked number 11 in the Princeton Review’s Best College Radio Stations in 2016. Phillips earned *Best Innovative Show* and *Best Alternative Format* for her program in 2009 through the New York Festivals Radio Programming & Promotion competition.

In 2012, she left her medical practice in 2012 due to ocular conditions and enjoys volunteering as an art educator in the Guilford County elementary schools. She remains active in the arts community and is entering her fourth year as a beekeeper.



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Michelle Riebeling

South '94

Michelle Riebeling has worked as a foreign service officer for the U.S. Department of State for more than 14 years. She is currently serving at the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia.

She also has represented the United States at its diplomatic missions in Uruguay, Poland and Costa Rica, and has served in Washington, D.C., which included serving as an instructor at the Foreign Service Institute.

Riebeling is a three-time recipient of the State Department's Superior Honor Award in recognition of her sustained extraordinary performance.

In Bogota, she enjoys volunteering as an English teacher for a group of disadvantaged children. She also speaks Spanish, Polish and Czech.

Riebeling earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Spanish at Miami university. She also has a master's degree in European and Eurasian studies from George Washington University.

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Brad Schiff

West '88

Brad Schiff has had the privilege of overseeing a world-class team of animators who consistently push the art of stop-motion animation beyond its perceived limits at Laika in Portland, Oregon.

Schiff was animation supervisor at Laika on the Academy Award® nominated *Kubo and the Two Strings*, *The Boxtrolls* and *ParaNorman*. He was nominated as part of the team that received an Oscar nomination in the VFX (Best Visual Effects) category. He won a Visual Effects Society award for *Kubo and the Two Strings*.

After cutting his teeth on a number of popular American television series— including MTV's *Celebrity Deathmatch*, *The PJs* and *Gary & Mike*— he provided animation for a series of Academy Award® nominated features that includes Tim Burton's *The Corpse Bride*, *Coraline*, *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *ParaNorman*, *The Boxtrolls* and *Kubo and the Two Strings*.

While working on *Gary & Mike* in 2001, Schiff earned a Primetime Emmy® Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement in Animation.



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Mina Sedrak, MD

North '02

Dr. Mina Sedrak is an assistant professor in the department of medical oncology and therapeutics research at City of Hope, a comprehensive cancer center in Los Angeles.

As a medical oncologist, he specializes in the care of older adults with breast cancer, having identified older adults as one of the most disproportionately vulnerable and least studied cancer patients. His research focuses on examining the barriers to clinical trial participation among older adults with cancer; one of his interests is studying opportunities and challenges related to social media use for clinical trial accrual.

Sedrak earned his undergraduate degree in biological sciences from the University of Chicago, then went on to receive his medical doctorate from Rush Medical College, also in Chicago, where he was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society. He completed a Master of Science degree in Health Policy Research from Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed his postgraduate residency in internal medicine and fellowship in hematology/oncology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

He is the recipient of the NIH/NCI K12 Paul Calabresi Career Development Award for Clinical Oncology, SWOG Coltman Fellowship Award, NIA Butler Williams Scholar, Waisman Innovation Award and the Women's Cancer Clinical Scholar.

In the fifth grade, he was enrolled in Parkway's English as a Second Language program after his family immigrated from Egypt.

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Sharon Dunski Vermont, MD

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Dr. Sharon Dunski Vermont is a pediatrician at Mercy Clinic in Hazelwood, Missouri, and a physician provider at Washington University Transgender Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Vermont decided to dedicate herself to helping the greater transgender community when her oldest child came out as a transgender boy in 2015. She serves as the volunteer medical advisor for Transparent, a support group for parents with transgender kids. She also meets with school districts and elected officials to provide information and lobby for the needs and rights of the transgender community.

A recipient of the St. Louis Jewish Light Unsung Hero Award in 2017, Vermont started a food pantry for food insecure families in her Mercy Clinic office when it became apparent that some of her patients were without adequate money and resources. Approximately 50 percent of her patients in her general pediatric practice are on Medicaid. The food bank is open to anyone and is supported purely by donations from the Mercy employees.

Vermont is a board member/medical advisor of Transparent USA. She also has been a volunteer at Wildhorse Elementary School, Parkway Alumni Association (board), and the National Council of Jewish Women (board/volunteer).

Vermont earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from the University of Missouri–Kansas City. She received her medical degree from University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Medicine and completed her residency at Indiana University Medical Center.



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Tommie L. Wehrle

North '74

Tommie L. Wehrle has forged a successful career as a real estate broker/agent over the past 25 years, but her legacy certainly will include the many leadership roles she has taken for the benefit of humanitarian causes and community development.

Wehrle was the first female co-chair and served two terms on the board of governors for the Human Rights Campaign, an organization dedicated to protecting the basic human freedoms of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Americans. She was instrumental in bringing the organization to St. Louis. She successfully negotiated with Connecticut's family court system for extended parental rights for same-sex couples and step-parents in the state. She also lobbied Congress several times for equal rights in LGBT community.

She has supported the communities in St. Louis and West Haven, Connecticut, in many other ways. In 2012, she was co-chair of an auction that raised \$50,000 to help cover the funeral expenses of the children slain at Sandy Hook Elementary. She is a former board member of Connecticut Family Services in New Haven, and now volunteers for the Maren Sanchez Foundation Event. In St. Louis, she was active in the VP Fair, Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure and Discovering Options.

For over 25 years, Wehrle has volunteered to lead Landmark Education's Self Expression and Leadership Program in both St. Louis as well as in various locations on the east coast. With her guidance, participants have launched thousands of projects that benefit people in their communities.

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