

Mercy CLASS NOTES

1960s

Adrienne (Rinaldi) Marra '68 is a retired elementary school teacher



who previously served as a legislative aide to Virginia Senator William Mims. She and her husband, Albert were married in Mercy's Rotunda and celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer.

Joan Wolf '65 is looking forward to the publication of a new novel



"The Portrait," her 53rd to be due out in October. She lives in Connecticut with her husband and her terrier, and her two grown children live nearby. You can find more at www.joanwolf.com.

1970s

Curtis Archer '79 serves as President of the Harlem Community



Development Corporation, a role he has held for nearly 14 years.

Katherine Felton '73 recently co-produced and served as chief videographer for the film "Claudette Colvin Day at St. Helena's." The film, highlighting the civil rights leader, was broadcast during BronxNet TV's Black History Month programming block.

1980s

Patricia Babbage '82 of Newtown, CT was recently named director



of the Hilltop Senior Center in Bridgewater. Previously she was the assistant director of the Oxford Senior Center in Oxford.

Alison Christmas '88 recently started a new position at Mercy



College as Clinical Administrative Assistant in the Physician Assistant Program. She also serves as a member of the Mercy College Alumni Advisory Council.

Juan Nunez '86 was recently installed as Diversity Officer at



Westfield State University in Westfield Massachusetts. He brings to this role more than 20 years of experience in both public and private sectors as a diversity practitioner.

1990s

Angel Lopez '91 recently retired as a marriage official from the City



of New York. He and his wife, **Doris Munoz-Lopez '95, M.S.'08**, a New York City public school teacher with P.S. 66 in the Bronx, have two children; a 16-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son.

Dr. T. Anthony Spearman '95 is the president of the North Carolina



NAACP. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, North Carolina and a Doctor of Ministry from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

Peter Volkmann, M.S. '90 was recently appointed as Police



Commissioner of Hudson, NY. He brings to this role more than three decades of service to the public, beginning his career as a patrol officer for the Ossining Police Department from which he retired in 2006.

2000s

Cheryl Brannan, M.S. '02 was recently inducted into the



Westchester Women's Hall of Fame at an event at the Woman's Club of White Plains. She is the founder of Sister to Sister International and the Yonkers chapter of the Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus.

Nakia James Jenkins, M.S. '01 is a partner of an executive search



and consulting firm, On-Ramps with an extensive background in the nonprofit sector. She recently became a member of the Mercy College Alumni Advisory Council.

Stephen Luciana, M.S. '07 was recently appointed the new



director of health, physical education and athletics for the Mahopac Central School District. He previously

served in a similar role as director of physical education for the Pelham Public School District.

Stephen Noonan, M.S. '03 was recently married to Mark Anthony Lowe at the Harvard Club in Manhattan. Stephen is the founding principal of the Maxine Green High School for Imaginative Inquiry in New York City.



Luke Sotherden, M.S. '05 was recently named the principal of Port Chester High School, having served previously as the school's assistant principal for nine years.



Yvette Vegerano, M.S. '02 has been a teacher in the New York City School District for 23 years. She received her certification to teach Common Branch, with an extension in Bilingual Education and Special Education.



2010s

Margaret D. Fountain Coleman, M.S. '11 was recently honored as 2019 Woman of the Year by the Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation in Yonkers. She is an associate minister at the Messiah Baptist Church and is a special education teacher with Yonkers Public Schools.



John Carroll, M.S. '18 was selected by Forbes as a Forbes Under 30 Scholar. He is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Manhattan.



Alisha Carter '17, a current master's degree student in school counseling, has been selected as a finalist for the Miss New York USA Pageant. She hopes to bring awareness to children's mental health issues through her competition platform.



Sahmahrah "Marah" Guillaume '15 recently wrote a book entitled "You Bring Me Joy," a collection of poems focused on self-love, healing, purpose and joy.



Matthew Mayer, M.S. '14 has been accepted into the SUNY Master Teacher Program, a program launched by Governor Andrew Cuomo. He currently teaches Forensic Science and Honors Biology at Newburgh Free Academy in Newburgh.



Sheri Murphy, M.A. '18 is a meditation instructor and Reiki master/teacher. She has traveled broadly, living in New Mexico, coastal Ireland, and Cape Breton Island and presently lives in northern Maine.



Lauren Singelakis, M.S. '18 started a new position as Senior Director, System Wide Laboratory Operations for Mount Sinai Health System.



In Memorium

Peter C. Allison '83

Ann Balascio '99

Carole A. Bergen, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Christopher Bilodeau '17

Katherine C. Bryant '77

Howard Canaan, Professor of English and Humanities

Jorge J. Ibanez Delgado '78

Kerri A. Kennedy Tompkins '93

Corrine Koslowski '17

Barbara Limberg '69

Joan McManus '82

Diana E. Neverson '06, Adjunct Professor in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Ruth Rivera '10, M.S.'14, Adjunct Professor in the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Frank V. Romano '00

Paula K. Shelley '66

Carol A. Sung '85

Dawn Thackeray '82

Michael T. Variano '01

Therese E. Vnuczenski '86

Lawrence Corbett Ward, Associate Professor of Business