



Arts

Ashley Chan '04

Fine Jewelry Sales Specialist and Designer

Marshall Pierce & Company and Lee Lei Jewels

Bachelor of Art History, University of Notre Dame

Ashley is a Gemological Institute of America (GIA) diamonds graduate who has worked with some of the world's most recognizable fine jewelry dealers, including Harry Winston, Leslie Hindman Auctioneers and Marshall Pierce & Company, where Ashley's own jewelry line, Lei Lee Jewels, is featured. The inspiration for Lee Lei Jewels came from Ashley's spirituality, travels and love for art history. "Lee Lei" is Ashley's Chinese name, which translates to "lotus flower." Her pieces are all crafted in the United States and each has a story to tell. Ashley gained her first exposure to the jewelry industry as she helped her grandmother, Sue Chan, a goldsmith and jewelry designer, in her store located in Chicago's Chinatown neighborhood.

Jean Lachat '85

Owner, Photographer

Jean Lachat Photography

Master of Journalism, Roosevelt University

Jean's career spanned 25 years in newspapers as a photojournalist at the Daily Southtown and Chicago Sun-Times. In 2008 she launched her own portrait and event photography business, which grew to full time upon leaving the Sun-Times in 2011. Jean continues to enjoy success as a portrait, event, editorial and corporate photographer through her Mokena studio. She also teaches digital photography at the Illinois Institute of Art in Tinley Park, where she has been for four years.

Laurie Schuetter Boddy '04

Owner, Photographer

Elle Rose Photo

Master of Library and Information Science, Dominican University

Laurie Schuetter Boddy is the owner and head photographer of Elle Rose Photo, a Chicago-based wedding and family photography company. Laurie has photographed more than 85 weddings in the past five years, many of them for her fellow Mighty Mac brides and bridesmaids. She has traveled for destination weddings in the Caribbean, Mexico and across the United States. Laurie is proud of her McAuley experience, and credits it for her company's growing success. You can view Laurie's work at www.ellerosephoto.com.

Anna VanDeKerchove '09**Classical Singer****Chicago Symphony Orchestra****Master of Music in Vocal Performance, North Park University**

Anna VanDeKerchove is an associate member of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and a member of the Wicker Park Choral Singers. She has performed with Music of the Baroque and at the Chicago Bach Week Festival under the direction of Richard Webster. In her solo career, Anna has performed in "Orvieto Musica: Art of Song" in Orvieto, Italy. Other roles have included Rosine ("Signor Deluso"), The Witch ("Hansel and Gretel"), Assunta ("The Saint of Bleeker Street"), Carmen ("Carmen"), Dame Quickly ("Falstaff"), Gertrude ("Hamlet"), Sister Helen Prejean ("Dead Man Walking"), Sesto ("La Clemenza di Tito") and Third Lady ("Die Zauberflöte"). Anna was also a featured soloist at the North Park University Oratorio Concert and as a soloist and choral member in the world premiere of Jeff Enns' "Gloria." A Mezzo Soprano, Anna studies under the tutelage of Jo Rodenburg and holds a master of music in Vocal Performance and bachelor's with a French minor. She is the current section leader and soloist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmette, IL, and teaches private voice lessons.

Business Administration

Bridget Boyce Schreiber '02**Manager****Accenture****Bachelor of Business Administration, Finance and Marketing, Saint Mary's College**

Bridget started with Accenture, a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company, in 2006 and spent four years serving external clients. She is now a manager in the information technology organization for the Management Consulting talent segment. Her career has been focused on change management (corporate communications, training, adoption, deployment) for large-scale, technical implementations that have impacted over 300,000 employees at Accenture.

Jeanne Krueger '77**Director of Supply Chain****Tootsie Roll Industries****Bachelor of Business in Finance, Western Illinois University**

Jeanne received her bachelor of business degree in finance at Western Illinois University. Her first job out of college was with an adhesive manufacturer where she held several positions in accounting and ultimately transitioned to the role of customer service manager. She has since moved on to the confections industry where she started as the customer service manager and currently assumes the role as director of supply chain with Tootsie Roll Industries.

Theresa Lavelle '06**Audit Manager****Deloitte & Touche, LLP****Master of Accounting, University of Illinois**

Theresa is responsible for overseeing and completing the functions required for audits of both public and privately held companies in the consumer and industrial products. In 2014, Theresa completed a four-month work rotation in Melbourne, Australia and is a member of the Mother McAuley Audit Committee.

Kathleen Tervin '89

Controller

Zaner Group, L.L.C.

Bachelor of Accounting, Saint Xavier University

Kathleen is a results-oriented leader with a 20-plus year career in the areas of cost accounting, budgeting, compliance and financial management. She assesses business structures and implements practical approaches to drive business strategy. Kathleen navigates rapid changes in requirements and encourages collaboration across business units. Kathleen is a skilled communicator, with a talent for explaining complex information to multi-level audiences, launching numerous initiatives to automate operations and improve efficiency.

Education

Mary Lu Andrasco Wasniewski '78

Assistant Director of Career Services

Saint Xavier University

Master of Counseling, Saint Xavier University

After working for 20 years in the Career Services Office at the University of Illinois at Chicago, 17 of which was spent as the recruitment coordinator and managing the on-campus interview program, Mary Lu, a licensed professional counselor, returned to school and earned her associate, bachelor and master degrees. In her current position at Saint Xavier University, she works primarily with undergraduate students on major selection, internship opportunities and job searches. Mary Lu also creates and implements programs and resources such as a career exploration workshop and resource guides for biology, chemistry and nonprofits, among others. Her favorite part of her job is reviewing student and alumni resumes.

Bernadette Barry Cuffone '68

Retired Principal

Archdiocese of Chicago

Master of Education Leadership Administration, Governors State University

Bernadette, a Blue Ribbon Award-winning educator, is the former Principal of St. Michael Catholic School in Orland Park and St. Christina Catholic Elementary School in Chicago, and began her teaching career at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Elementary School in 1972.

Eileen Jones '95

Media Specialist / Librarian

Oak Lawn Community High School

Master of Library and Information Science, Dominican University

Being a librarian / media specialist is a cutting-edge technology career. In addition to promoting a culture of readers, technology is one of the most important parts of Eileen's job. As each student in the school now has an iPad®, it has drastically changed the field and the possibilities. Eileen was on the committee that implemented the iPad® program and has presented in and out of state at conferences concerning current trends in libraries.

Angela LaBarbera Mehalek '82

Director of Corporate Relations

Governors State University

Bachelor of Communications, Saint Mary's College

Angela works in the office of institutional advancement for Governors State University (GSU). As the corporate relations officer, her focus is to engage businesses and corporations with the university and create areas of sustained strategic partnership. Angela's department raises money for student scholarships, college programs and initiatives, endowments and campaigns, just to name a few. She seeks individuals and alumni with expertise in various professions to sit on GSU's College Advisory Boards, Executive Advisory Council and the GSU Foundation Board. Angela identifies, cultivates, solicits and stewards individual and corporate donors, while engaging alumni with the university.

Nicole Losurdo Upton '97

Director of Partnerships and Professional Learning

Ingenuity

Master of Educational Theatre, New York University

Nicole joined Ingenuity from the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) Department of Arts Education. She develops strategies to strengthen student learning in and through the arts. Nicole works with both CPS and Chicago's arts and cultural community to bolster existing arts programs and reduce "arts deserts" across CPS. She focuses on professional development for arts and cultural organizations through Ingenuity's Institute, with programs supported by Ingenuity's 20-member Strategic Advisory Panel. Prior to working at CPS, Nicole was senior director of education at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University and directed an arts-based summer camp for children who have experienced the death of a parent. Nicole also taught in the McAuley Theatre Department from 2002 to 2004.

Engineering

Patti Collins Morgan '82

Instructor and Coordinator

Purdue Polytechnic Institute School of Construction Management Technology

Bachelor of Construction Management, Purdue University

As coordinator for the School of Construction Management Technology, Patti focuses on student recruitment and fostering relationships with construction industries. She has more than 30 years of construction experience including her most recent tenure as partner and former CEO of Morgan Constructors in Atlanta, GA, where she also led the company's Female Business Enterprise. A 1986 graduate of Purdue's building construction management program, she has extensive experience in general contracting and construction project management and has served as a senior vice president at Jones Lang LaSalle.

Charlotte Frei, Ph.D.

Transportation Planner

Wight & Company

Doctorate in Transportation Systems, Northwestern University

Charlotte is a civil engineer at Wight & Company, an architecture, engineering and construction firm in Darien. As a transportation planner, Charlotte assesses common transportation problems, such as highway congestion and transit reliability, and develops strategic plans for improving operations. She has worked on projects such as reducing bus crowding on the CTA by allocating bus frequency according to route demand, and has designed services that operate like a hybrid taxi-bus service. She earned a Ph.D. in Transportation Systems from Northwestern University and a bachelor of civil engineering from The University of Texas at Austin.

Carol Martinelli Bartucci '81
Vice President of Information Technology
ComEd

Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology

Carol has been with ComEd for 30 years and has held a variety of positions in the IT area, including Director of Smart Grid Initiatives. Her department was responsible for delivering projects that support the smart grid, the Intelligent Substation, which improves visibility to substation data, and analog circuit replacement. She began her career in the Nuclear Process Computer area where she supported and built a variety of real-time data acquisition systems at Exelon's Chicago-area nuclear stations. After leaving the nuclear group, she moved to the Customer Meter to Market department where she was responsible for the finance and compliance teams and for IT customer operations. She also held other positions in the architecture and desk-side support areas. Carol left IT for a short time after her promotion to Key Manager in the supply department, where she took on support for sourcing corporate services and materials.

Mary Plockelman Young '86

Director

Civiltech Engineering, Inc.

Bachelor of Civil Engineering, University of Illinois

Mary has been employed in transportation consulting engineering since 1991 and serves as the Director of Civiltech Engineering's Traffic, Environmental and Design Studies Department. Mary is an expert in comprehensive impact studies, traffic engineering and environmental / location-design studies for projects ranging from intersection improvements to major roadway corridor projects. She has extensive training in the National Environmental Policy Act procedures and also creates stakeholder involvement programs as part of the context sensitive design process. Mary is a registered Professional Engineer in Illinois and a nationally certified Professional Traffic Operations Engineer.

Jessica Rubio '10

Field Engineer

Schlumberger

Bachelor of Nuclear Engineering, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Jessica has already secured a job in petroleum engineering upon her graduation in May 2016. She will move to Bakersfield, CA this summer to work for one of the world's largest oilfield companies. On campus, Jessica is involved scholarship programs including the Leaders in Engineering Excellence and Diversity Scholarship Program, as well as the National Society of Black Engineers, the Women in Nuclear network and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. Jessica has served as an engineering and physics research assistant and worked on projects related to fossil fuel consumption and the sustainability of materials such as steel, aluminum and wood when machining parts. Her goal is to earn her MBA and consult for Shell or BP, ultimately becoming a dean in a college of engineering and supporting programs for students of diverse backgrounds, and always giving back to the community.

Claudette Soto '97

Project Manager

d'Escoto, Inc.

Master of Structural Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology

Claudette is a project manager at d'Escoto, Inc., one of the largest Hispanic-owned

construction management firms in Chicago. She is head of the architectural division and oversees design staff, projects and business development. Claudette has completed the Metropolitan Leadership Institute, a program which supports the development of Hispanic leaders within metropolitan Chicago. She sits on the Board of Trustees and Educational Committee at McAuley, the selection committee for the Fernando Chapa Scholarship Fund at IIT, is an advisor to the Illinois Institute of Technology Arquitectos Chapter, Board Chair of the Rauner Family YMCA and is an Associate Member of the American Institute of Architects. In 2001, Claudette founded a local non-for-profit organization named VAMOS, which promotes the importance of higher education to middle school children in Gage Park through summer enrichment programs and mentoring. Claudette attributes her strong will for success to McAuley, where she received the confidence to pursue degrees not traditionally attained by women, and to know that her voice matters.

Finance and Investments

Mary Kate Boyce '07

Investor Relations Consultant

McDonald's Corporation

Bachelor of Finance and Marketing, Saint Mary's College

Mary Kate researches and analyzes key financial trends that ultimately drive the business decisions of McDonald's restaurants worldwide, and delivers this information directly to the company's top executives. She also conducts cross-functional meetings to coordinate financial goals and outcomes, and communicates this information to key investor stakeholders. Mary Kate also develops information that is presented to analysts, shareholders and employees during quarterly earning periods, annual meetings and conferences. She has worked at McDonald's since 2013 and was recently promoted to her current position. Before joining McDonald's, Mary Kate worked at Accenture as an Alliance Analyst, managing vendor relationships and sales processes. Prior to Accenture, she was a Financial Analyst at Lakeshore Food Advisors, LLC, an investment banking firm.

LaShundra Harmon '89

Financial Representative

The Heartland Group

LaShundra is an entrepreneur whose journey has taken her from salon ownership to financial services. She has owned many finance and investment companies and is now a Financial Representative with Penn Mutual, one of the oldest insurance and investment companies in North America. LaShundra enjoys helping families plan their financial futures while protecting their legacies. She is also the founder of The Association of Financial Mommies, a non-profit organization that teaches financial literacy to school-aged children and their families.

Ann Marie Murphy '98

Venture Capitalist and Talk Show Host

Vue Ventures and "Turning Point"

Ann Marie has been recognized by Forbes as a female leader in technology, having managed, invested in and advised more than 40 companies since 2012. Currently, she is the general partner and co-founder of a leading early stage investment firm, Vue Ventures. Considered a thought leader among Chicago's fast-growing tech startup community, Ann Marie is also the co-host of the "Turning Point" podcast / talk show on WGN-AM, which launched in January. Ann Marie's mission is to foster a healthy ecosystem within Chicago's startup, and is involved with

Chicago's military veteran entrepreneurship efforts. She believes strongly in compassion and respect and attributes much of her success to helping others as a Usui Reiki Master Teacher and Spiritual Counselor.

Laura Shallow, Ph.D. '75

**Group Vice President, Government and Institutional Banking
Standard Bank**

Doctorate of Business Administration, Argosy University

Laura has held senior-level positions in government and institutional banking, sales management, business development, retail banking and investments, and marketing and public relations. She is also an adjunct professor at Saint Xavier University, teaching undergraduate and graduate marketing, sales and management courses. Laura is a current board member of Brother Rice High School, current president of the Saint Xavier University Graham School of Management Alumni Advisory Board, past board chairman of Mother McAuley and past president of the Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn Chambers of Commerce. She also serves on many other boards and civic organizations. Laura is the recipient of the Mother McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award and the Saint Xavier University distinguished academic, Beta Gamma Sigma, alumni service and distinguished faculty awards.

Health - Dental

Susan McNicholas Rowan, D.D.D. '76

Dentist and Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs

University of Illinois - Chicago

Doctorate, University of Illinois - Chicago

McAuley Alumnae Commencement Speaker, 2015

Dr. Susan Rowan is the associate dean for clinical affairs and a clinical associate professor in the Restorative Department at UIC and has 32 years' experience as a clinical educator at the UIC College of Dentistry, serving as a pre-patient care clinical instructor, and as a course director. Since 2006, she has been managing partner and clinic coordinator for the Monet Group Practice Clinic in the pre-doctoral student adult comprehensive care program, and in 2013 was appointed to the role of clinical dean. Dr. Rowan has been a fellow in the Scholars for Teaching Excellence Program in the Department of Medical Education and has served as president of both the College Alumni Association and the Sigma Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society. Dr. Rowan also is coordinating a \$20 million infrastructure renovation project at the UIC College of Dentistry. She has been accepted as a 2016-2017 Fellow in the American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute as associate dean for clinical affairs. She previously practiced general dentistry for 28 years in Oak Lawn, and has been the recipient of prestigious leadership and teaching awards and has served on numerous committees.

Patricia Stiffer, D.D.S. '75

Dentist and Health Sciences Instructor

Patricia Stiffer D.D.S. and DePaul University

Doctor of Dentistry, University of Chicago

Patricia has practiced general dentistry for almost 32 years, 30 as a small business owner. Has taught health science classes for non-health science majors at DePaul University in the School for New Learning for 30 years.

Health - Nursing and Medical

Kathleen Boyce, Ph.D. '03

Doctor of Audiology

HearUSA

Doctorate of Audiology, University of Illinois

Kathleen has worked in the hearing healthcare industry for nine years, and holds a Bachelor Communications Disorders from Butler University (2007) and a Doctorate in Audiology from the University of Illinois (2012). She has worked in private practice, retail, hospital and medical practice settings, and with patients of all ages, from pediatrics to geriatrics. Her primary role at HearUSA includes identifying and managing hearing loss, tinnitus and balance disorders. She has also completed local research on the effects of noise-induced hearing loss in the Highland bagpiper.

Beth Crowley Carter '84

Registered Nurse in Pediatric ICU

Hope Children's Hospital

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Illinois - Chicago

Beth has spent nearly 20 years caring exclusively for pediatric intensive care patients, and has been at Hope Children's Hospital since 2000. She was brought to nursing after her brother, an on-duty Chicago Police officer, was involved in a serious accident caused by a drunk driver. Beth was inspired by the stellar care her brother received, and knew she had found her calling in life. She also credits McAuley for constantly reminding her that she could do and be anything in life. Before joining Hope Children's Hospital, Beth cared for PICU patients at Children's Memorial Hospital. She also holds a degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology and worked for a major law firm for six years before entering nursing.

Lauren DeLaTorre '04

Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (ICU) RN

Advocate Christ Medical Center

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Lewis University

After receiving a BSN in nursing from Lewis University, Lauren started her nursing career on a telemetry unit at Advocate Christ Medical Center. Two years later she joined the Adult Surgical Heart Unit/ Illinois Heart and Vascular Institute working with heart transplant, open heart surgery and VAD (ventricular assist device) patients. There, Lauren receives patients from the operating room and manages their care until they are stable enough to leave the ICU. She is also the communication "bridge" between patients, their families and their health care team. Lauren's job involves constant knowledge of evidence-based practices, communication skills, empathy and the ability to anticipate and adapt to change.

Lauren Fitzgibbon Gute '98

Physician Assistant

Pronger Smith Medical Care

Master of Medical Science, Midwestern University

After earning a bachelor of biology from the University of Illinois, Lauren worked on diagnostic kits for antibiotics, anticonvulsants, fetal lung maturity and abused drugs in Abbott Laboratories' diagnostic lab before returning for her master's degree. She chose to become a physician assistant and obtained a Master of Medical Science from Midwestern University. As a physician assistant, Lauren is a state-licensed medical professional who practices medicine alongside physicians and other health teams. Lauren has worked in general surgery, urgent care, family medicine and currently work in hematology/oncology.

Bernadette Gniadecki, D.O. '77

Osteopathic Doctor

Hines V.A. Medical Center

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine

Bernadette is an osteopathic doctor who recently joined the emergency room team at Hines V.A. Medical Center, caring for the men and women who have served our country. Osteopathic doctors are fully licensed physicians who practice in all areas of medicine and emphasize a whole-person approach to treatment and care. From 1992 to 2015, Bernadette worked in the emergency room at La Grange Memorial Hospital, a Level 2 community hospital, and also taught first and second year medical students at Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine from 2005 to 2011. Bernadette began her emergency care career at Olympia Fields Hospital, a Level 1 trauma center, upon completing her Emergency Medicine residency and Board Certification. She graduated from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1985.

Annie Grochocinski '06

Liver Transplant Dietitian

University of Chicago Medicine

Bachelor of Dietetics and Nutrition, University of Dayton

Annie has been a registered dietitian for nearly five years, currently working as the Liver Transplant Dietitian at University of Chicago Medicine. Every day, she meets with surgical and medical teams to discuss their patients. Annie must evaluate each liver transplant candidate to determine if they are a suitable candidate for surgery from a nutrition standpoint. As many of her patients are malnourished, Annie educates them on proper diets and if necessary, manages their feedings via a feeding tube. Annie is also a consultant for Roche Dietitians, where she works with mentally disabled clients, and is also a health coach on the mobile app, Rise. Annie loves her job and has experience in many different fields of dietetics and would love to help anyone that is interested in a career involving nutrition.

Carolyn Kelly, Ph.D. '03

Podiatric Surgeon

Elgin Foot and Ankle

Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine, Rosalind Franklin University

Carolyn has been in private practice for the past year and a half. She currently sees patients in a group practice in Elgin, and performs surgery at hospitals throughout Chicagoland. Her interest in podiatric medicine stemmed from a desire to help in all walks of life - whether that be taking care of a diabetic patient or correcting a foot deformity in surgery. When her grandmother was diagnosed with diabetes, she saw how important this field was in terms of prevention and care of the feet to avoid development of foot wounds. That led to her specific desire to go into wound care. Carolyn is on staff at the St. Joseph Hospital Hyperbarics and Wound Care Center in Elgin and is working towards a wound care specialist certification. Carolyn graduated from

podiatric medical school at Rosalind Franklin University in 2011 and completed her residency at Stroger Hospital and Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in 2014.

Jennifer Lim, M.D. '80

Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of Retina Service

University of Illinois - Eye and Ear Infirmary in Chicago

Doctor of Medicine with Distinction, Northwestern University

Dr. Jennifer "Jenny" Lim is an ophthalmologist and professor of ophthalmology at the University of Illinois – Chicago (UIC) and has investigated more than 35 clinical trials on eye-related conditions. She is currently the principal investigator of eight clinical trials at UIC, some of which involve vision impairments unique to diabetic and sickle cell patients. Dr. Lim has been interviewed on radio shows nationwide as an expert on ocular diseases and currently serves on eight national committees.

Kathy McNicholas Daniels '80

Registered Nurse at Saint Francis Hospital, Metro South Medical Center, Mercy Hospital and Little Company of Mary Hospital

CNA Clinical Nurse Educator at Moraine Valley Community College

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Saint Xavier University

Kathy has worked in many different capacities as a nurse in both inpatient and outpatient settings, including medical, surgical, labor and delivery, newborn nursery, pain management, pre-admission testing and one day surgery. She has acted as a clinical nurse educator in the CNA program offered through the community college. She brings compassion and a desire to help others, and loves her career. Outside of work, Kathy enjoys bike riding, tennis and time with her family and friends.

Mary Therese McNicholas Galka '72

Nursing Faculty

Moraine Valley Community College

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Saint Xavier University

Mary has been a nurse for nearly 40 years and has as much passion for the profession now as she did the day she graduated from Saint Xavier University. Her experience includes 24 years working bedside at Mercy Hospital, caring for every type of patient imaginable. She currently teaches in the nursing program at Moraine Valley Community College, sharing her knowledge, experience and skills with future nurses.

Maura Murphy '04

Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit (ICU) RN

Advocate Christ Medical Center

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Illinois

Maura received her BSN from the University of Illinois in 2009 and started her nursing career on a gastrointestinal unit at Advocate Lutheran Medical Center. She now works in the Adult Surgical Heart Unit/ Illinois Heart and Vascular Institute at Christ Medical Center.

Christine Ramirez '96

Acupuncturist

Holistic Hands & Healing

Master Degree, Midwest College of Oriental Medicine

As owner of Holistic Hands & Healing, Christine is able to help and heal others on their schedules, not in accordance with a corporate timeline. Her patients are allowed to learn and grow through the journey of healing with traditional Chinese medicine. Holistic Hands & Healing offers a variety of services including acupuncture, nutrition, massage, cupping, moxibustion, gua sha, Tuina and Yoga.

Health - Therapy

Diane Blouin Fidler '87

Physical Therapist and Owner

Core Fitness and Physical Therapy

Master of Physical Therapy, Mount St. Mary's College (Los Angeles, CA)

Diane has a Master's degree in physical therapy from Mt. St. Mary's College in Los Angeles and a bachelor of exercise physiology from Purdue University. She has been treating patients with orthopedic conditions, pre/post-natal and chronic pain since 1993, and teaching group fitness classes since 1986. She is a Pilates Method Alliance Certified Teacher and has certifications in mat and reformer Pilates, which she uses extensively for patient rehabilitation and personal training. Diane teaches continuing education seminars and lectures nationally to other therapists on the principles of Pilates and its effectiveness in rehabilitation. As a marathon runner, triathlete and mother of five, she is able to offer an integrated approach to rehabilitation, performance enhancement and wellness. Diane is also trained in Level I and II Be Activated techniques.

Patricia Byrne '76

Level III Pediatric Physical Therapist and Faculty for Pediatric Residency

University of Chicago Medicine

Bachelor of Science, Northwestern University and Northern Illinois University

Pat is a pediatric clinical specialist (PCS) with a subspecialty in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at the University of Chicago Medicine. She is also a faculty member in the Pediatric Residency Program, one of the first credentialed programs in the country which provides advanced training in specialty areas of physical therapy. Pat completed the physical therapy program at Northwestern University after earning a bachelor of science in communication disorders from Northern Illinois University. Pat says she knew she wanted to become a physical therapist when she entered Mother McAuley, and that physical therapy is a wonderful career for women, with many subspecialties that address the entire lifespan.

Miriam Carroll-Alfano '89

Speech Language Pathologist and Assistant Lecturer

Saint Xavier University

Master of Speech Pathology, Saint Xavier University

Miriam is a speech-language pathologist who specializes in neurological disorders, including stroke and traumatic brain injury. She spent 14 years working for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago at Alexian Brothers' Medical Center, and the last nine years working for Saint Xavier University as a clinical faculty member. She is currently working on her Doctorate in Interdisciplinary Health Science at Western Michigan University. Miriam's areas of research include concussion education and assessment and treatment of concussions.

Colleen McGreenera '05

Speech Therapist

Legacy Rehabilitation

Master of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Saint Xavier University

Colleen currently works in a subacute rehabilitation center as the clinical coordinator and head speech therapist. She screens patients for speech therapy services, such as speech, language, cognitive and swallowing evaluations, and provides individual and group therapy treatments. Colleen works closely with other therapists and the patient's family to develop specific care plans, and develops therapy programs to assess and best treat her patients. She also is a mentor to fellow department members and teaches graduate student clinicians for their clinical practicums.

Megan Murphy Miller '03**Speech-Language Pathologist****Sovereign Pediatric Therapy****Master of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Saint Xavier University**

Megan is a pediatric speech-language pathologist with over seven years of experience. She has worked in a variety of settings, including a special education cooperative for children with severe to profound speech-language deficits, a program for children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing, clients' home settings and currently, a private practice clinic in Lincoln Park. Megan has served as the lead pediatric therapist at Sovereign Pediatric Therapy for the last four years, and has helped lead and grow a team of speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists.

Aileen Rowan Lysaught '04**Assistant Clinic Director- Speech-Language Pathologist****The Pediatric Place****Master of Speech-Language Pathology, Rockhurst University**

Aileen is a practicing speech-language pathologist who treats children from birth through age 21 with various diagnoses including Autism, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, apraxia of speech, stuttering, language and articulation disorders, and other genetic conditions. Aileen loves working with children and their families and helping them to gain or improve speech and language skills. She also manages her clinical staff as the assistant director, and promotes The Pediatric Place's speech, occupational and physical therapy programs. Aileen enjoys collaborating with other therapists and continuing to learn more about the field of speech pathology.

Alicia Toussaint, Ph.D. '08**Physical Therapist****Milwaukee Public Schools****Doctor of Physical Therapy, Marquette University**

Alicia graduated from Marquette University in May 2014 with a doctorate in physical therapy, previously earning a bachelor's in athletic training. She is employed full-time as a physical therapist in the Milwaukee Public Schools Department of Special Education and works part-time as an athletic trainer covering sport events in the evenings. Alicia says McAuley helped in her being directly admitted to physical therapy and athletic training programs as a high school senior.

Jane Wojtulewicz-Vana '07**Department of Family & Support Services Program Clinical Supervisor****Beacon Therapeutic****Master of Social Work, Loyola University**

Jane is a licensed clinical social worker currently supervising a team of mental health professionals who provide outreach services to homeless individuals and families in Chicago. She has experience in child welfare, parenting education, therapy (including play, family, individual and group) as well as homelessness, crisis, case management and community support.

Health - Pharmacy

Meggan Curta Sullivan '99

**Director of Process Operations, Specialty Pharmaceutical Development
Walgreen Co.**

Bachelor of Marketing, DePaul University

As a leader in specialty pharmaceutical development for Walgreen's, Meggan coordinates the acquisition and distribution of limited-access, critical medications for patients with rare and orphan diseases across the country. In her 12 years with Walgreen's she has worked as a financial reporting analyst (eventually becoming group manager of Walgreen's Health Services), contract manager and data analyst for Walgreen's Specialty Pharmacy. Her current position is unique to the company and utilizes her contracting, negotiation and data analysis skills. Meggan says she works with a great team and loves being part of a company that truly cares about its patients.

Renee Nash Bizzieri, Pharm.D. '97

Pharmacist

Jewel-Osco

Doctor of Pharmacy, University of Illinois - Chicago College of Pharmacy

Renee started as a pharmacy technician in 2001 and became a Doctor of Pharmacy in 2006 at the University of Illinois - Chicago. Since then, she has worked for Osco in various pharmacies, taking on roles in day-to-day functions, clinical services administration, managing finances, and community health awareness. Renee is eager to share her experiences, the love she has for her job and the joy of knowing she makes a difference in someone's life every time she goes to work.

Vanessa Prorwicz-Lehnhardt, Pharm.D. '98

Oncology Pharmacist

Advocate Christ Medical Center

Doctor of Pharmacy, Midwestern University

Vanessa has been an oncology pharmacist for over 10 years. She began her pharmacy career at the Cardinal Bernadine Cancer Center at Loyola University Medical Center. Vanessa spent two years with Loyola before starting at Advocate Christ Medical Center as the clinical coordinator in oncology, where she oversees the medical management of adult oncology patients, both in the inpatient and outpatient settings. She also precepts pharmacy students from Midwestern University and the University of Illinois - Chicago. Vanessa became a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist in November 2010 through the Board of Pharmacy Specialties and is a member of the Hematology / Oncology Pharmacy Association.

Law and Government

Honorable Gloria Grace Coco '68

Retired Judge

Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois

Juris Doctorate, Northern Illinois University

Gloria Coco is the retired Supervising Judge of the Domestic Violence Section of the First Municipal District of the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, Illinois. She was appointed Supervising Judge in 1997 and had served in the Domestic Violence Division since 1994. As Supervising Judge, Judge Coco oversaw five courtrooms handling approximately 53,000 domestic violence cases per year from the City of Chicago. She was active in domestic abuse prevention and also spearheaded the "Outreach to Education" initiative, in which judges and court professional visit Chicago Public Schools to discuss violence prevention and problem solving skills with elementary school children.

Kathleen Farrell Duhig '01**Assistant Attorney General****Illinois Attorney General's Office****Juris Doctorate, John Marshall Law School**

Kathleen earned her bachelor of science from the University of Illinois and her juris doctorate from John Marshall Law School. She is an assistant attorney general in the Public Integrity Bureau. From the start of her career with the Office of the Attorney General, she has been assigned dozens of matters in varying levels of criminality and culpability. Her work has been both challenging and rewarding. Kathleen prosecutes white collar criminal cases across the state, and has had the opportunity to conduct trials in certain cases. Her experience has given her the chance to be a voice for victims.

Lauren Gonzalez '09**Judicial Law Clerk****U.S. Department of Justice****Bachelor of Political Science, University of Illinois**

Lauren graduated from the University of Illinois in 2012 with a bachelor's in political science. In June 2013, she began at Chicago-Kent College of Law and will receive her Juris Doctorate this spring. Lauren was recently accepted into the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney's Honors Program and will work as law clerk for a federal immigration judge for two years following graduation. During law school, she has worked for both the federal and state government. Currently, she works as a law clerk for Anderson & Associates, P.C., which is a private family law firm with offices located in both the city and the suburbs.

Kimberly Kashirsky Castro '88**Special Agent****Federal Bureau of Investigation****Master's, Illinois State University**

Kim began her career in law enforcement as a police officer with the Cook County Sheriff's Department. During her tenure as an FBI Agent, she has worked various federal violations including international terrorism, national security matters and crimes against children. Kim also spent several years as a supervisor at the FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. In addition, she is also a member of the Crisis Negotiations Team in the Chicago Division.

Kathryn Kelly '86**Assistant United States Attorney****United States Attorney's Office, Northern Illinois District****Juris Doctorate, DePaul University College of Law**

Kate is an assistant U.S. states attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. She graduated from DePaul University College of Law in 1993, where she served as symposium editor of the DePaul

Law Review and was a member of the National Trial Team. Kate has published two law review articles focusing on the First Amendment. Following a clerkship at the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Kate joined the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's office and practiced the defense of Title VII and tort actions, and affirmative civil fraud litigation and has tried many both jury and bench trials. She has performed in the Chicago Bar Association's production, "Bar Show," for 23 years. Kate has taught Law and Public Policy at DePaul University's School of Public Service for 16 years.

Kerry Lynn Mulheran Hannigan '87
Special Agent and Criminal Investigator
Internal Revenue Service

Bachelor of Criminal Justice, Saint Xavier University

Kelly is a law enforcement agent for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and investigates tax law violations and other financial crimes by following money trails and searching for evidence of criminal conduct. She works closely with many federal agencies including the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Marshals Service, and has been with the IRS for 24 years.

Brigett Pawlak Bevan '95
Freedom of Information Officer
Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)
Juris Doctorate, Loyola University

As the Freedom of Information Officer, Brigett is responsible for the CTA's compliance with Illinois' Freedom of Information Act, and manages responses to the agency's thousands of public records requests each year. She began working for the CTA as an associate attorney, representing the CTA in various legal matters, primarily labor and employment disputes. In 2005, she was promoted to a senior attorney position, and was promoted to her current position in 2010. Brigett graduated cum laude from Loyola University with a bachelor's in political science in 1999, and earned her J.D. from Loyola University Chicago's School of Law in 2002. She also passed the Illinois Bar exam in 2002 and is a member of the Bar for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Kimberly Price-Butler '83
Director of Policy & Systems
United States Federal Government
Bachelor's in Political Science, University of Illinois

Kimberly is the director of policy and systems for the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, a position to which she was appointed last summer. Kimberly oversees a federal benefit program that pays \$11 billion in benefits annually, and is responsible for developing every computer system and application necessary for these payments. She manages a staff of 60 analysts and is the board's third director of policy and systems and first woman and African American to serve in this position. Kimberly previously served as a division chief and as a supervisory policy and systems analyst. She serves as a member of the RRB's Information Technology Steering Committee, has helped develop the agency's managerial succession plans and is an officer in the local chapter of the Federal Managers Association.

Mariyana T. Spyropoulos '82
President
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Juris Doctorate, John Marshall Law School

Mariyana is president of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), a vital agency that protects and improves the quality of Chicagoland's main water supply, Lake Michigan. She brings a unique legal and business perspective to the District, along with her passion for environmental activism, and has spoken to community groups on environmental and water issues. Mariyana also practices law within her private firm, the Law Offices of Mariyana Spyropoulos & Associates. Prior to opening her own law office, Mariyana worked as an assistant Cook County state's attorney, then as a hearing officer for the State of Illinois. Before law school, Mariyana lived in London and worked at Nomura Research Institute, where she focused on privatization efforts in Eastern European countries.

Marketing and Communications

Mary Brennan '03

Field Marketing Manager

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide

Bachelor's in History, University of Illinois

Mary Brennan is a field marketing manager for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, overseeing digital marketing and strategy for a portfolio of large hotels across the United States. She works with each property's management teams to develop strategic campaigns at regional, national and property-specific levels. Mary has been a part of the Starwood field marketing team since December 2015, and her current portfolio includes the Sheraton Grand Chicago, Westin New York at Times Square, the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort and the Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel.

Johanna Cieczak '04

Solutions Consultant and former U.S. Marine

Oracle

Master of Criminal Justice, American Military University

Johanna is solutions consultant for Oracle's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Financial cloud products and was hired through a veteran initiative in August 2015. She works with the sales team and presents Oracle ERP financials Cloud solutions to clients and ensure that products meet their needs. Prior to joining Oracle, Johanna served seven years active duty as a Marine Corps Military Police Officer, achieving the rank of Captain and had the honor of serving all over the world. Some of her missions included pre-deployment site surveys and coordinating the combat readiness of over 200 Marine Corps Military Police Officers in four separate geographical locations. Johanna also briefed U.S. Ambassadors and General Officers on threats and operations in support of training exercises and real world operations in the Middle East.

Colin Evans '09

News Producer

ABC 7 Chicago

Bachelor of Journalism, University of Missouri

Colin is a news producer for ABC 7, Chicago's top-rated television news station, according to Nielsen. As a producer, Colin gathers information on each day's changing news stories, and helps determine each story's priority. Her job requires the utmost attention to accuracy and detail, and the ability to work under very tight deadlines. Colin also researches and writes news copy, which is read on-air by the news anchors. In college, Colin was an Emma Bowen Scholar, which led to a paid internship at CBS-2 in Chicago. She worked hands-on with producers and other media professionals to ensure she was ready for the competitive field of journalism. As a

senior, she produced for KOMU in Columbia, MO and accepted a job as a news producer at WMUR in Manchester, NH after graduation. After two years in the Northeast, Colin is very happy to be back home in Chicago, which is the nation's third-largest media market.

Rachel Franker-Groth '00

Talent Manager

McGarrybowen

Bachelor of Theatre Design, Illinois State University

Rachel currently manages the broadcast talent department for Chicago-based advertising agency McGarrybowen, where she and her team are responsible for actor contracts. Rachel personally handles all celebrity negotiations, including recent commercial shoots for Marriott and Lunchables, which feature actors Mr. T and Malcolm McDowell, respectively. Prior to McGarrybowen, Rachel worked with Lily's Talent, where she booked actors for various productions, including "The Breakup," starring Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn, "Prison Break" on FOX and "A Christmas Carol" at the Goodman Theatre. Her first job out of college was with PR Casting, where she worked on feature films "Stranger Than Fiction" and "You're Going to Prison." Rachel enjoys providing leadership opportunities to women, and is a Midwest Committee member for the American Association of Advertising Agencies - Broadcast Business Affairs.

Carolanne Hornung '10

Social Media Manager

Shiftgig

Bachelor of Entrepreneurial Studies, University of Illinois

Carolanne manages all social media and social advertising for Shiftgig, one of the fastest growing startups in Chicago. Think of Shiftgig as the Uber of the service industry. Through its mobile application, Shiftgig lets workers pick up shifts on their phones, allowing them to work when they want, where they want, and for who they want. Carolanne manages an audience of over one-million people across several social channels and has created advertising content for large brands like MillerCoors, and recently completed a series of marketing campaigns with one coworker that generated nearly \$300,000 in revenue. Carolanne is eager to share the growing impact that social media positions have in today's corporate environment.

Meghan Leonard '06

Director of Life Enrichment

Smith Village

Bachelor of Family and Consumer Sciences, Eastern Illinois University

Meghan has been at Smith Village for four years, working her way up to the director of life enrichment position. She currently manages a team of 12 and oversees the creation and implementation of monthly event calendars for each area of her building, including skilled care, assisted living, independent living and memory support. She and her team bring a sense of "home" to Smith Village's residents, allowing them to participate in important and exciting events. Their goal is to replicate as much of their residents' home lives as possible by focusing on each person's individual needs. Meghan has attended the Gerontology program at Moraine Valley Community College and completed the Activity Directory/Dementia Unit Coordinator Certificate program.

Jean McNicholas Spiegelhalter '75

Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing

Howe Corporation**Master of Business Administration in Marketing and Human Resources, Northwestern University**

Jean has led sales and marketing organizations at three Fortune 100 companies and developed expertise in both CPG and retail environments. She has won numerous internal and external achievement awards over the course of career. At Howe Corporation, she provides strategic leadership of company sales and marketing efforts to achieve aggressive growth objectives. She is proud to be a part of this woman-owned small business, which is a leading manufacturer of refrigeration equipment worldwide.

Catherine Palumbo '80**Communications Senior Staff Representative****United Airlines****Bachelor of Communications, Loyola University**

Cathie has been with United Airlines for 30 years and currently manages communications for more than 5,000 employees in 20 call-centers around the world. She also maintains 14 websites, creates leadership communications and supports marketing and promotional campaigns for United Airlines' MileagePlus loyalty program, including partner communications and the Premier (elite) membership program. Cathie has also written curriculum for various corporate classes within United Airlines, which range from four hours to seven weeks and facilitated training for up to 500 participants.

Anna Statham Shrader '04**Wedding and Event Coordinator****Elle Rose Events****Bachelor's in Psychology, University of Illinois**

Anna Statham Shrader is a part-time wedding and event coordinator for Elle Rose Events, owned by fellow McAuley alumna Laurie Schuetter Boddy '04. Anna plans and executes the operational and design logistics for weddings of all sizes, from intimate gatherings to lavish affairs. Outside of wedding planning, Anna is a full-time policy analyst for the City of Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications. She holds a bachelor of science in psychology from the University of Illinois.

Lauren Traut '01**Editor****Patch.com****Master's in Journalism, University of Illinois**

Lauren received both her Bachelor's degree and her Master's degree in news-editorial journalism at the University of Illinois. After graduation, she served as editor of a weekly newspaper in Frankfort, Illinois for three years before joining Patch.com in 2010, where she launched Oak Forest Patch, an online news source and community for Oak Forest-area residents. In 2012 she was promoted to associate regional editor, in which she managed a team of editors. She now runs 11 Patch sites, including the communities of Lemont, Palos, Homer Glen-Lockport, Orland Park, Tinley Park, Oak Forest, Frankfort, Mokena, New Lenox, Homewood-Flossmoor and Chicago Heights. When she is not working, Lauren enjoys reading or spending time with her horse and two dogs.

Nonprofit

Terri Connor Brankin '77
Director of Development
Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund
Bachelor Degree, Saint Mary's College

Terri is a development and advancement professional with over 12 years' experience in all aspects of fundraising and staff management. Terri solicits major gifts, creates and manages fundraising events, staff and volunteers, writes and supervises the grant proposal and research processes, manages donor relationships using her interpersonal skills and the best practices moves management and data base tools available that all result in the very best of outcomes for the non-profit organizations for which she works.

Lorri Johnson Nagle '81
Chief Development Officer
Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities
Master of Social Work, University of Illinois - Chicago

Lorri Nagle has been a development director for over 25 years, having worked almost exclusively with nonprofit organizations, including 16 years with Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Joliet. She has managed fundraising, marketing and communications and specializes in the advancement of donor relationships, major gifts and strategic planning. Lorri was one of the founding Board members of the Southwest Suburban Philanthropic Network and Development and Communications Section for Catholic Charities USA. She has served as a consultant and volunteer for the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation and is the current president of the Alumnae Association for Mother McAuley High School. Today, Lorri is the chief development officer at Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities, a \$23-million organization based in Lisle.

Kellie O'Connell Miller '94
Executive Director
Lakeview Pantry
Master of Sociology, Loyola University

As executive director of Lakeview Pantry, one of Chicago's largest food pantries, Kellie addresses complex social issues and is a strategic decision maker. She is currently overseeing Lakeview Pantry's transition to its new facility, ensuring that practices, policies and operational activities continue without interruption. Kellie came to Lakeview Pantry with more than 18 years of nonprofit experience at Northwestern Settlement House, the Chicago Housing Authority and as a consultant for various nonprofits and government agencies. Kellie also spearheaded a multi-agency collaborative project for Illinois Action for Children and has held positions with After School Matters, ServiceMaster, CEB Valtera and the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. Kellie volunteers with the Frances Xavier Warde School, Chicago Lights at Fourth Presbyterian Church and Extensions Dance Company.

Sr. Campion Maguire
Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan
Sr. Mary Sheehan
Sr. Nancy Swanson
Vocation Ministers
Sisters of Mercy

As Sisters of Mercy we sponsor ministries to respond to particular needs and to witness to Christ's mission. Within these ministries we, together with our co-workers and those we serve, endeavor to model mercy and justice and to promote systemic change according to these ideals. Inspired

by our founder Catherine McAuley, we Sisters of Mercy respond to a call to serve people in need and commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ. We profess lifelong religious vows of chastity, poverty and obedience and service to people who are poor, sick and uneducated. To this end, we serve God's people through education, healthcare, social services, and ministries that further social, political, economic and spiritual well-being. We pray for the needs of our world and the Church.

Technology

Michelle Ayala Ruhnke '00
Information Security Risk Analyst
University of Chicago Medicine

Master of Information Systems Security and Compliance, DePaul University

The Information Security field is one of the fastest growing career fields, with virtually zero percent unemployment. Unfortunately, the industry only has about 12 percent females. Michelle, an information security risk analyst for the University of Chicago Medicine, and the only female in her department, composes IT security policies, ensuring compliance with industry standards. She also presents on information security topics, develops employee training, performs risk assessments and provides security consultations on new and existing IT systems, develops remediation plans for vulnerabilities in IT infrastructure. Michelle began her career in 2014 as an IT intern at the Chicago Public Schools Central Office. From there, she became CPS' first IT governance, risk and compliance analyst before being promoted to department manager. She was also the only female in this department.

Laurel Azzarello McGrath '72
Retired Information Technology (IT) Specialist
Master Degree, DePaul University

Laurel's career began in the healthcare profession as a diagnostic virology technician, then to a bank IT training program which resulted in responsibilities as an International banking analyst, IT customer reporting team manager, IT and business architecture, and strategic planning. At GE Rail Services, she was responsible for IT architecture & strategy. She moved to Standard Parking as their chief information officer and then to American Express managing IT for the Real Estate division. Laurel then joined Celtic International as the general manager with responsibility for IT, business process improvement, facility build-out and maintenance, and onsite human resource responsibilities. She is now an active volunteer, a Mercy Associate, a member of the DePaul CDM Leadership Council and her parish's Peace and Justice Ministry.

Jennifer Morales Keller '92
Director of User Experience Research
AnswerLab

Master of Business Administration, Loyola University

Jennifer Morales Keller brings her fascination with human behavior to the forefront of research technology, developing innovative approaches and going beyond target generalizations to find true insights. She is an expert in identifying, planning and executing research strategies in order to grow market position, launch new products, uncover market opportunities and maximize marketplace impact. At AnswerLab, Jennifer leads the quantitative research function

across the New York and San Francisco offices. Before AnswerLab, Jennifer established herself as an industry leader in shopper marketing and retail activation, utilizing advanced techniques in neuro-metrics, such as brain wave technology, eye tracking, and facial coding. She has researched categories including retail, travel, insurance, petroleum, CPG, publishing, and financial services. Jennifer earned her undergraduate degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago and her MBA degree from the Loyola University.

Science and Research

Mary Hennen '83

Ornithologist

The Field Museum

Master of Environmental Biology, Governors State University

Mary is the Assistant Collections Manager in the Bird Division at the Field Museum. The ornithological collection is one of the largest and most comprehensive scientific collections of birds in the world, numbering more than 500,000 specimens (skin, anatomical, egg, and nests). Mary is also the Director of the Chicago Peregrine Program. For the past 30 years Mary has been involved with Peregrine Falcon recovery in Illinois, banding young falcons, retrieving injured birds and monitoring wild breeding pairs. In 2015, the program achieved its goal of having the Peregrine Falcon removed from the Illinois Endangered and Threatened Species List. Mary earned a bachelor of science from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.

Sandra Kendrick Lee '66

Pharmaceutical Medical Writer

Baxter Healthcare and Aspira

Doctorate of Biochemistry, Northwestern University

Dr. Lee is a career-long researcher who has worked as a scientist, university instructor and administrator, and medical writer. She has been a pharmaceutical medical writer for the past six years for two major drug companies, and spent a combined 13 years as an administrator at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Lee has also taught chemistry and biochemistry courses at several Chicago-area medical schools and a researcher and grant writer at Harvard University and the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Kenya Vera-Sample '88

Urban Community Agriculturalist

Soilutions

Bachelor Degree, Southern University (Baton Rouge, LA)

Soilutions is an urban community agriculture and sustainability program that develops local community resources into sustainable assets that thrive in a global environment. Soilutions' focus is on education, economic / enterprise and environment. Soilutions has created a five point learning area curriculum and is currently involved in the city of Chicago's planning for the agricultural corridor for the Urban Pathways Project in Englewood.