Leadership Team

Michael Garanzini, SJ

Michael J. Garanzini, S.J., 23rd president of Loyola University Chicago, served fourteen years in that leadership role and assumed the role of chancellor on July 1, 2015. A seasoned university administrator, tenured professor, author, and scholar, Father Garanzini has spent most of his career working in higher education.

In June 2011, Father Garanzini was appointed by Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., the superior general of the Society of Jesus, to serve as the secretary for higher education for the Society of Jesus. In this role, which officially began on September 1, 2011, Father Garanzini assists the Father General on a part-time basis, coordinating and championing Jesuit higher-education issues around the world. He divides his time between Rome and New York.

Father Garanzini’s solid academic credentials combine with a rare blend of experience in teaching, research, service, and administrative leadership at some of the nation’s leading Jesuit institutions of higher learning, including Georgetown, Fordham, Saint Louis, and Rockhurst universities, as well as Gregorian University in Rome.
Prior to leading Loyola, Father Garanzini was a full professor of psychology at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he had been special assistant to the president for two years. Before joining Georgetown, Father Garanzini was a visiting professor at Fordham University in New York.

Much of Father Garanzini's academic and administrative experience comes from his years at Saint Louis University, where he held several academic and administrative posts. A St. Louis native, Father Garanzini received his BA in psychology from Saint Louis University in 1971, the same year he entered the Society of Jesus. From 1984 to 1988, he divided his academic responsibilities between the University of San Francisco and Gregorian University in Rome. He received a doctorate in psychology and religion from the Graduate Theological Union/University of California, Berkeley, in 1986. In 1988, he returned to Saint Louis University as an associate professor of counseling and family therapy. He then served as assistant academic vice president from 1992 to 1994. He was appointed academic vice president in 1994, a post he held until 1998. In 2008, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service from Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin.
John Fontana

John is the Co-Director of the Ignatian Legacy Fellows Program at Loyola University Chicago. He is Director of the Ignatian Business Chapters across the United States. He teaches in the Executive “Masters in Leadership” Program at Georgetown University. John is past Executive Director of the Crossroads Center for Faith and Work at Old St. Patrick’s Church in downtown Chicago. Since establishing the Center in 1987, it has become a significant resource in the Chicago business community to encourage ethical and value reflection in the workplace. John has taught management courses at the Institute of Human Resources and Industrial Relations at Loyola University of Chicago, Elmhurst College, Loyola University of New Orleans, and the University of Notre Dame. He frequently speaks at corporate and national conferences. John was the former Director of Sales and Marketing for Kamco Plastics, Inc. in Schaumburg, Illinois.

John is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. He holds a master's degree from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, a master's degree in religious education from Loyola University of Chicago, and worked toward his doctor of ministry degree at St. Mary of the Lake University. He is married to Mary Pat Fontana, and they have two children and six grandchildren. They live in Chicago in the suburb of Hoffman Estates.
Mariann Salisbury

Mariann McCorkle Salisbury is Co-Director of the Ignatian Legacy Fellows Program. She has twenty-five years’ experience in major gifts fundraising, higher education, and strategic development. She has worked for institutions of higher learning, including the Folger Shakespeare Library, Georgetown University, and University of Maryland. She spent her twenties and thirties researching theology and literature while serving as Director of Development at Woodstock Theological Center from 2009-2013. Her motto is “We dwell in possibility” (Emily Dickinson). Mariann has graduate degrees in English Literature and has taught undergraduates and high school students.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the youngest of five children, Mariann grew up in Tennessee and carries that southern grace with her in all her business and professional relationships. She is writing a book on the history of marriage and planting a perennial garden while working with donors and nonprofits to make a difference in the world. She is married to Steve Salisbury, and they have a newly blended family of seven adult children. They live in University Park, Maryland.
Bob Bies

Robert J. Bies (Ph.D., Stanford University) is Professor of Management and Founder of the Executive Master’s in Leadership Program at the McDonough School of Business at Georgetown University. In addition, Dr. Bies is a co-author of the book, Getting Even: The Truth About Workplace Revenge—And How to Stop It, which was published by Jossey-Bass (www.friendsofgettingeven.com). Professor Bies’s current research focuses on leadership, the delivery of bad news, organizational justice, and revenge and forgiveness in the workplace. He has published extensively on these topics and related issues in academic journals such as Academy of Management Journal, Academy of Management Review, Human Relations, Journal of Applied Psychology, Journal of Business Ethics, Journal of Management, Journal of Social Issues, Organization Science, and Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, as well as in the prestigious annual series of analytical essays, Research in Organizational Behavior. Professor Bies currently serves on the editorial boards of Journal of Applied Psychology, Journal of Organizational Behavior, Journal of Management, International Journal of Conflict Management, and Negotiation and Conflict Management Research. Professor Bies has received the Best Teacher award at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management. At Georgetown, he has twice received the Joseph Le Moyne Award for Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Excellence at the McDonough School of Business; he received the Outstanding Professor of the International Executive MBA Program (IEMBA-2) at the McDonough School of Business; and he received the Outstanding Professor of the Executive Master’s in Leadership Program (2008) at the McDonough School of Business
Jim Briggs

Jim Briggs is the West Coast Liaison for the Ignatian Legacy Fellows Program. Jim is the retired Executive Director of the School of Applied Theology and former Executive Assistant to the President and Vice President of Student Services at Santa Clara University. While at Santa Clara, Jim was co-founder of the Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality program, an innovative program for those semi-retired and retired, which integrates direct service to the poor with a program of prayer and contemplation based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

Prior to his five years at the School of Applied Theology and his 22 years at Santa Clara, Jim was Director of Career Planning and Placement at the University of California Berkeley and Georgetown University.

He attended Holy Cross College his freshman year and graduated from St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore with a BA in Philosophy. He has a Masters in Theology from the University of Louvain, Belgium and completed graduate course work in higher education administration at the University of Miami and the University of Southern California.

With Jim’s background in theology, career development, and higher education, he currently offers workshops, retreats, and one-on-one coaching on career//life transitions; psych-social and spiritual dimensions of retirement planning; and conscious aging. Jim is married and has four daughters and 12 grandchildren. He lives in Danville, CA.
Joseph DeFeo

Joseph (Joe) DeFeo is the Program Consultant to the Ignatian Legacy Fellows Program. Joe is the Executive Director of AJCU’s Ignatian Colleagues Program (ICP). In this role, starting in 2014, Joe is responsible for facilitating an eighteen month, in-depth program that engages senior-level administrators and faculty from across Jesuit Colleges and Universities in the United States in learning about the Jesuit and Catholic mission, charism, history, pedagogy, spirituality, and more of their institutions.

Prior to ICP, Joe had served Fairfield University for 12 years working in both the academic and student affairs divisions in the creation of sophomore residential colleges centered on the theological exploration of vocation, as well as other living and learning initiatives and mission-centered programming for staff, faculty, and students. Joe is a certified spiritual director and supervisor for spiritual directors with the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Fairfield University.

Joe received his Ph.D. from Fordham University where his dissertation research centered on the viability of Ignatian pedagogy in Jesuit higher education and points of commonality it shares with other higher education pedagogical strategies. As an adjunct faculty, he teaches a course on Ignatian Spirituality, and gives workshops and retreats in areas including Ignatian spirituality, Ignatian pedagogy, discernment, and Ignatian advising. He earned his undergraduate degree and master’s degree in Systematic Theology from Boston College.

A long-time companion to the Society of Jesus, Joe has also served in other Jesuit ministries including Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Northwest and teaching theology at Jesuit High School in Portland, Oregon. He is married with two children and lives in Bethel, Connecticut.
John Dewan

John Dewan left his career at AON Insurance in the 1980s to become a “Sports Actuary.” At his first company, STATS, Inc., John pioneered sports analytics with the most timely and comprehensive sports database. In 2000, STATS, Inc. was sold to Rupert Murdoch and Fox News. John then started another company, Sports Info Solutions, providing specialized analytic services to 25 of the 30 teams in Major League Baseball. John is a first-generation American having been born two weeks after his father and mother arrived by boat from England. He met his wife Sue in freshman math class at the Lake Shore campus of Loyola. They married two years after they graduated.

After college and before starting his first full time job John spent three months volunteering in Central America at Mission Honduras. A few years later, John and Sue began to host the priest from Mission Honduras annually during his fund-raising trip to the US. In the early 2000s John became the president of the fund-raising arm of Mission Honduras and part of the board. Sadly, this was the organization that split up when the Honduran director in Liberia sexually abused a child. However, this organization inspired John and Sue and when they sold their first sports information company, STATS Inc, they used funds to set up the Dewan Foundation.
Thalia Denault Doherty

Thalia managed and led television and digital advertising sales team for Turner Broadcasting’s Cartoon Network, [adult swim], truTV and Boomerang networks and websites from 1995-2014. She also worked for IBM in Sales prior to Turner Broadcasting. She attended Santa Clara University, earning a Bachelor Degree in Economics and Combined Sciences and an MBA in Marketing and Finance. She serves on the Board of Regents at Santa Clara University. For this Ignatian Legacy Fellows journey, she hopes to experience the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises; to expand her volunteer network, experiences, and exposure; and to meet new and interesting people with similar social justice objectives.

Thalia is enjoying life with Kelly, her college sweetheart, and her wonderful, adventurous, caring, funny and incredible team partner of 35 years. They have four amazing children, Kendall (32), Morgan (29), Cailin (27) & Conor (25). The girls are proud graduates of Santa Clara University, and her son is a proud graduate of Regis University.

Thalia is on the Board of St Margaret’s Center in Lennox, CA/Catholic Charities Los Angeles, and she volunteers at St. Margaret’s Center - Food Pantry, providing groceries to those most in need; St. Joseph’s Center – Bread & Roses Café, feeding the homeless; and St. Joseph’s Center – Culinary Training Program for unemployed or underemployed people.

She and her husband, Kelly have built a school in Malawi, Africa in the Build On Program. She and her family have painted a school and built a cistern in Tecate, Mexico for a Baptist Church Bible School.
She enjoys volunteering in Venice, CA at St Joseph’s Center, Bread & Roses Cafe, cooking and serving the homeless community. As well as in their Culinary Training Program, training people who are unemployed or underemployed to become chefs. She also works at the St Margaret’s Center, Food Pantry in Lennox, CA. Thalia received a Chef Certificate in 2016 and worked for The Mar Vista restaurant for the last two years.
Kelly Doherty has a B.S. degree in Business from Santa Clara University. He is the youngest of nine children growing up in Portland, Oregon and attended Jesuit High School. He met his wife Thalia in college and they reside in Playa del Rey, California where they raised their four children, Kendall, Morgan, Cailin and Conor.

Kelly’s family has always been a strong proponent of giving back through volunteering activities. Initially this involved numerous opportunities to feed the homeless, provide for families at Christmas time and support our kids grade school and high school programs. They have participated in a Bible School project of building a school in Mexico and we joined a Build On project for a school in Malawi, Africa. Their children attended Santa Clara and Regis Universities and participated in various Jesuit volunteer programs.

Professionally, Kelly’s greatest success has come in the last 18 years as President and CEO of Apperson, Inc. His team successfully transitioned the company from a traditional business forms manufacturer to a thriving data capture services business providing testing, assessment and survey solutions to Commercial and Education K-20 markets. In the last five years, Apperson undertook several major initiatives including managing the decline in one of their core businesses and simultaneously launching a new start up on-line digital SaaS (Software as a Service) subscription offering related to Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) testing and assessment. These opportunities involved the adaption of new
cloud technology in all aspects of the business and aggressively transforming the marketing and sales initiatives to new digital solutions.

Kelly is a strong proponent of the Jesuits as educators and very intrigued to be part of something that may help shape their success in the years to come.
As an attorney and Senior Human Capital Management Consultant, with over 30 years of diversified HR, benefit and compensation experience, John has focused a large part of his career working with senior HR executives to implement integrated talent management strategies aligned with business requirements. A former National Health & Welfare Sales leader for Towers Perrin, John shared responsibility for developing the firm’s intellectual capital and the institutional insights shared across our businesses. During the course of his career, he also had responsibility for managing the firm’s relationship with selected large clients in the mid-Atlantic and New York markets, including AARP, Aramark, Cigna, Duke University, Lincoln Financial, Merck Pharmaceuticals, Sunoco and American Airlines.

After retiring from Towers, John was offered a partnership position with Mercer, the global consulting division of Marsh McLennan. Assigned to the firm’s Growth division, John worked on a range of assignments to better define and articulate the firm’s value proposition. He also chairs the Development Committee of the Board for St. John’s Hospice, a shelter for homeless men in Philadelphia.

John has a B.A. from St Joseph’s University (SJU), a J.D. from Dickinson School of Law and a Masters Degree in Taxation (LL.M.) from Temple University Law School. He is a member of the St. Joseph’s University Haub School of Business Visitors Board as well as the Advisory Board to the SJU Arrupe Center for Business Ethics. John is also an Adjunct Professor at the University and teaches a class in Human Resources as part of the Executive MBA program. John is married to Marianne and they have 6 children and 6 grandchildren.
Bob Foley attended BC High and Holy Cross. At these Jesuit schools, he had mentors and teachers that introduced him to the Jesuit Way and established this foundation for life. He went on to earn a master’s degree in Mathematics at Iowa State University.

His business career has encompassed two major business segments – Information technology and healthcare. The first effort was twenty-five years in computers and data base systems within the marketing and research division of IBM. The second career was launched with a surgical robot from IBM research and then medical imaging. His current efforts combine these experiences applying Artificial Intelligence in breast imaging detecting breast cancer at an earlier stage.

Bob has been active in the local parish community. He is a member of the Thomas Merton Center in Palo Alto and, in the past, has been involved in outreach programs of hospital and jail ministry.

Bob and his wife, Judy, live in Palo Alto where they raised their two sons. They have three granddaughters.

He looks forward to being part of Jesuit Legacy Fellowship. He hopes to contribute where he can to a greater understanding of the global influence and impact of the Jesuit Mission and continue his spiritual growth along the way.
Fred Fosnacht

Fred’s business career culminated as a Senior Partner in the Communications and High-Tech Market Unit of Accenture, [the Global Management and Technology Consulting Company.] He was responsible for the firm’s leadership development program, global wireless data program, the North America Wireless Industry Group, and a managing partner of the Central Region Operating Group. Fred graduated from Loyola University with a degree in Theology. His advanced education includes graduate studies at Loyola University at the Institute of Pastoral Studies and the Catholic Theological Union. He is currently the founder and CEO of Catholic Content, LLC, found on the Internet as MyCatholicVoice.com. He has been married to Mary Kay Fosnacht for 40 years. Fred and Mary Kay have two children.
Bill Garrett is the founding President of Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School. Under his leadership the school has quickly become one of the most successful schools in the Cristo Rey Network. Cristo Rey Atlanta now has 535 students, 125 graduates, 137 corporate sponsors and owns a downtown school building debt-free. Prior to joining Cristo Rey Atlanta, Bill served as the President of the Saint Joseph’s Mercy Foundation, where he was responsible for all fundraising activities for Saint Joseph’s Hospital and Saint Joseph’s Mercy Care Services. He also served as the Chief Mission Officer for Saint Joseph’s Health System, where he was responsible for maintaining the Catholic identity of the hospital, including patient quality, pastoral care, ethics and volunteerism.

Bill was the National Director of United Way of America’s Success By Six program and was with the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, serving at various times as Vice President-Campaign, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President for Community Impact. Prior to that, he served as National Director of Development for UNICEF in the United States.

He holds a Master of Social Work and a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University, as well as a Master of Theological Studies from Spring Hill College. Bill is a member of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; the Midtown Alliance Board; Cristo Rey Tampa Board and is an ordained Deacon in the Catholic Church. He and his wife, Susan, have two adult children, Sean and Emily, and two grandchildren, Ryan and John.
Joe Guerra

Joe Guerra is a graduate of Bellarmine College Prep and has a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and Psychology from Santa Clara University. Joe holds a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University where he was an adjunct professor for several years, teaching Public Budgeting and evaluating Thesis submissions. Upon graduating from Santa Clara Joe kept himself busy. He joined his father’s real estate business, ran several political campaigns in San Jose, and started a community newspaper (The Willow Glen Resident) which is still being published today.

In 1993, Joe began a 14-year career with the City of San Jose with the last eight as Mayor Ron Gonzales’ Budget and Policy Director with 7,000 employees in the 10th largest city in America. Joe also oversaw the City’s Redevelopment Agency (the largest in California), led the Mayor’s efforts in Land Use and Economic Development, championed the effort to create 10,000 affordable homes in eight years, and created the Strong Neighborhood Initiative which redirected Redevelopment Agency funds to underrepresented neighborhoods and the successful relocation and construction of a new City Hall.

Joe left the Mayor’s office in 2007 and returned to the private sector, consulting for groups ranging from the San Jose Police Officers Association and numerous Charter Schools in addition to his primary occupation in real estate development at both SunCal and Brookfield. At SunCal he oversaw acquisitions and entitlements in the Bay Area for eight years and led the acquisition of the largest real property exchange in the history of the Department of Defense at Camp Parks in Dublin, CA. This initiative included six projects built for the US Army in exchange for excess land. He subsequently entitled a master planned community of 1,995 homes, a 31-acre park and a 12-acre school on the excess military land. Joe has been with Brookfield since early 2015 and is their Senior Director of Business Strategies for Northern California overseeing land acquisition, economic forecasting and business plan strategies.

Internationally, Joe was a summer intern in 1983 at Projects for People in Kingston, Jamaica working on economic development opportunities for small businesses. He also spent several weeks in 1994 in
Russia on behalf of the US Information Agency providing technical support and seminars on democratization, economic development and government regulation in Moscow, Saratov and Ekaterinburg.

In his spare time, Joe continues his decades-long passion for coaching basketball and this Fall he begins his 18th season as the assistant head coach for the Archbishop Mitty women’s varsity basketball team. He has been a part of a winning tradition that includes one National Championship and four California State Championships. Yet the stat he is proudest of is the 39 student athletes who have received scholarships to play at the college level. He once had the great fortune to meet and dine with his hero Coach John Wooden. This past year he was honored to coach the winning team in the McDonald’s All-American Game.

Joe recently remarried. His wife Rose is a French Teacher at Archbishop Mitty High School where she also coordinates the school’s Campus Ministry support group for students whose lives are impacted by cancer. His daughters also attended Jesuit schools (Gina Fordham ’14 and Ashley University of San Francisco ’10 and Graduate School at the University of San Francisco, IQS in Barcelona and Fu Jen in Taipei ’11).

Joe is past President of the Board of Regents at Archbishop Mitty High School and has served on the Boards of San Jose Stage Company, the California Association of REALTORS, the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County and the Diocese of San Jose’s Lay Pension Fund.
Kathleen Howlett

Since 2017, Kathleen has been partner and f-Founder of Howlett Mediation Services, LLC, a dispute resolution services company. In 2017, she also founded Rights and Regs, a nonprofit corporation providing a legal services directory for pro bono services and was a member of the Association of Attorney-Mediators, Illinois chapter.; Kathleen has been a practicing attorney since 1985; she retired from Taft Stettinius & Hollister in 2016.

Kathleen attended the University of Notre Dame Law School, 1980-82, and received her J.D. from Loyola University of Chicago Law School in 1985 and anLLM in Health Law from the Institute for Health Law, Loyola University of Chicago in 1994, From 1992-1993 she was a Fellow for the Institute for Health Law.

Kathleen’s experience also cludes serving as a Lecturer in Law, Loyola Law School, Appellate Advocacy; Associate General Counsel to the American Dental Association; and Assistant State’s Attorney serving under four different State’s Attorneys. She served in the , Cook County State’s Attorney’s Officeand as law clerk to the Honorable William J. Bauer, 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Kathleen is also a certified mediator in Cook County, Illinois, and is listed on the Cook County Chancery Court list of recommended mediators. Kathleen has written in the area of elder law, record retention, arbitration policy, and has advised on legislation for adoption reform. Kathleen has three attorney daughters and three grandchildren. She is the widow of the late Judge Michael J. Howlett, Jr.
Connie Kurowski

Connie Kurowski was born and raised by a single mother in the Black Hills of South Dakota until age 13. When her mother remarried at age 13, they moved to the Azores for 18 months for her new stepfather’s Air Force duty assignment.

Her stepfather’s last duty station was at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois where he retired and they settled. She finished high school there and attended what is now Southwestern Illinois College, a junior college and received an associate’s degree. She then obtained her undergraduate degree in Law Enforcement Administration at Western Illinois University.

After a short stint as a security guard she was offered a management position at JC Penney in St. Louis and worked as a Merchandise Manager from 1976-1983 when she had her first child.

In April of 1982 she married John Kurowski after a nine month courtship. She has three adult children, all successful and having obtained post graduate degrees. With her oldest daughter Angela she has two grandchildren to which she devotes considerable time today. Although her main occupation has been parent and homemaker, Connie has never sat still.

She was instrumental in assisting John in opening his law firm and has designed all of his law offices having just finished in 2016 the design of the firm’s 24,000 square foot space in O’Fallon, Illinois. The St. Louis Business Journal named the space, “the coolest law firm space” in the St. Louis area in 2017.

Most of Connie’s time outside the home has been spent in volunteer and philanthropy work. For many years she was a regular face at the childrens’ Catholic grade school volunteering for any and all as well as successfully raising thousands of dollars for the school.
When her daughter Lizzie was diagnosed with Type I diabetes in 2008 it was a call to action. Connie led the family and others in a quest for a cure through JDRF of St. Louis. She has chaired three galas each raising at or near $1 million. She has also organized an annual fundraiser for Illinois area residents of the Chapter. She is a constant presence at JDRF events in the St. Louis chapter and has been invited to attend the annual international summit for the past five years rubbing elbows with the leading researchers and philanthropists of the Type I world.

Connie also shares John’s passion for human rights and has organized several of his symposiums in Poland, identifying topics such as human trafficking and vetting speakers for it. With John they are members of the Society of Fellows of the Aspen Institute.
John Kurowski

John Kurowski is a partner in the law firm of Manning, Gross and Massenburg (MG+M). Born in East St. Louis, Illinois he has practiced law in St. Clair County, Illinois and the St. Louis area for over forty years. He founded his law firm as a solo practice in 1983 which grew to over 25 lawyers in Illinois and New York City by 2018. For over 30 years his practice and reputation has been national in scope in the areas of toxic tort cases and government affairs. He has handled a wide array of complex litigation matters, having tried over 75 cases in 20 states. He is also known for his litigation management, strategy development, expert witness development and coordination. He merged his firm, Kurowski Shultz, LLC, with MG+M at the beginning of 2019. MG+M is a national litigation firm of over 120 lawyers with 14 offices in the United States.

John received an Honors degree in History from Loyola, Chicago in 1975. He then returned “home” and was awarded a law degree from St. Louis University in 1978 after which he entered private practice in civil litigation. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois, Missouri and New York. John spent his junior year in college at Loyola’s John Felice Rome Center (JFRC), an experience he still regards as transformative and which he says, “…is always with me.”

In 1982 he married Connie Hastings and they have three adult children and two grandchildren. Two of their children attended the JFRC.

John’s experience in law and life are wide ranging. In 2006 he was invited to teach as a Visiting Professor of Law at the Nicolaus Copernicus University School of Law in Torun, Poland. From that experience he developed a now widely acclaimed international symposium, Human Rights and A Just Society, which he has led and sponsored every October since 2006 with Loyola and Copernicus. Over the years he has continued his close association with the JFRC by sponsoring the symposium and regularly speaking at the JFRC on human rights issues, leadership and Polish history. He also served as President of the JFRC Alumni Board and is currently a member of the Director’s Advisory Council, having
been a leader in its two fundraising campaigns this decade. In 2013 Loyola presented him with the John Felice Award in recognition of his contributions to the JFRC, his business and his community.

In 2008 his daughter, Lizzie, was diagnosed with Type I diabetes. It was a call to action for the entire Kurowski family. Led by Connie the family went in head first into the JDRF’s efforts to find a cure for Type 1, raising millions of dollars since 2008. Today, John is the Board President of the Greater St. Louis and Southern Illinois chapter of JDRF having served on its board since 2008. In 2017 he was named to the JDRF International Board Finance Committee in New York. He was gratified to see the FDA approval of an artificial pancreas in 2017, which Liz proudly wears, but will not rest until a cure is found for this disease.

John and Connie have been members of the Society of Fellows of the Aspen Institute since 2007 and regularly attend its annual Ideas Festival in Aspen and other programs. Apart from work and giving back, John and Connie are frequent travelers usually enjoying a week or more every year in Rome and much time at their home in the Black Hills of South Dakota, Connie’s birthplace.
Aida MacKay

Aida was born and raised in Mexico City. Upon completion of high school, she attended Chateau Beau-Cedre in Switzerland for one year. Afterwards, she attended University of San Diego and earned a degree in Business Administration and a minor in French. It was at USD where she met her future husband Rob. After graduation she returned to Mexico City where she worked in sales and marketing in the cosmetic industry for Kolmar Labs, a third party manufacturer of cosmetic brands. Upon the sale of the business, she formed a family business self-manufacturing cosmetics and opening retail outlets and creating distribution in Mexico for their products. During this time period she married Rob and had their first child. After eight years, she decided to leave the business, have her second child and eventually relocate to the United States to support Rob’s career moves from Mexico to Dallas and finally to Greenwich, Connecticut, where they have lived since 2004. Aida remained very active in her children’s school activities regularly volunteering.

Rob and Aida have two sons, ages 25 and 20 and split their time between Greenwich and Manhattan. Aida has been active for more than ten years supporting the Sisters of Life, a Catholic religious community of women consecrated for the protection of human life. In addition, Aida was the Co-Chair of Comite Mexico for University of San Diego, which successfully endowed a scholarship for Mexicans; she was also a member of the Emerging Leaders Council at University of San Diego.
Rob MacKay has 30 years of experience in corporate finance. Up to September 2018, he served as Senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer for S & P Global, located in New York City. In this role, Rob’s responsibilities also included managing the Global Tax Department, Financial Planning and Analysis, Global Real Estate, Procurement and Global Shared Services. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors of S&P Dow Jones Indices. From August 2016 through November 2016, he served as Interim Chief Financial Officer for S&P Global.

Prior to joining S&P Global, Rob spent 18 years at PepsiCo. Here he served as Senior Vice President & Controller for PepsiCo Americas Beverages from 2011-2015, Senior Vice President & Chief Audit Executive for PepsiCo from 2007-2011, and Vice President & Controller for PepsiCo International from 2003-2007 in New York.

Previously, Rob was located in Texas where he was Controller for Frito-Lay International’s (FLI) Latin America and Asia regions, a role he assumed in 2000. Prior to this assignment, he served in Mexico City as Controller for FLI’s Latin America Region. Rob joined PepsiCo in 1997 after working three years as Director of Finance for Mercedes-Benz Leasing in Mexico City and as a Senior Manager at KPMG in its Mexico City and San Diego offices.

Rob is fluent in English and Spanish. Rob holds a B.A. in Accounting from the University of San Diego (USD) and received his Certified Public Accounting Certificate in the State of California. While at USD he
was a member of the men’s tennis team serving as Captain in 1988. Rob is a member of the University of San Diego School of Business Board of Advisors. In 2010 the University of San Diego awarded Rob the “Author E. Hughes Achievement Award” for Professional Career Achievement. He also is a Director for Jesuit Refugee Services in Rome.
John McConnell

John Dowling McConnell, M.D. has been Chief Executive Emeritus of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (alternate Name Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, N.C) since May 1, 2017. He served as Executive Vice President of Health System Affairs at the University of Texas Southwestern - beginning in 2003. Dr. McConnell served as the Chief Executive Officer of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center from November 2008 to May 1, 2017. He served as Chair of the Department of Urology at UT Southwestern from 1993 to 2001 and is an internationally recognized authority in prostate disease. He completed his surgical internship and residency at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas and his urology residency at UT Southwestern's affiliated hospitals. Dr. McConnell earned his BS in 1975 from the University of Kansas and his Medical Degree in 1978 from Loyola-Stritch School of Medicine. John converted to Catholicism when he married his wife, and he is looking forward to deepening his faith as an Ignatian Legacy Fellow.
Jack O’Connell

Jack was born in New York in 1948. He attended the Cranwell School, in Lenox, MA, and enjoyed studying at the John Felice Rome Center ('68-69), John Carroll University ('70), University College, Dublin ('71), and Columbia University ('74). Jack taught English at The Browning School for Boys, NYC; Saint Bernard’s School, NYC; The Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich CT; and The Brunswick School, Greenwich, CT. He served many leading roles as teacher, dean, and mentor.

Jack just stepped away from the Advisory Council of the John Felice Rome Center where he spent a truly transforming junior year abroad.
Catherine Tatge

Catherine Tatge is a producer and director of film and television, and a partner with her husband, Dominique Lasseur, in Tatge/Lasseur Productions and the not-for-profit, Global Village Media. For over 40 years, her work has encompassed many genres, from public affairs, performance and dance, to biographies and the world of ideas. She has demonstrated her skill in storytelling through documentaries, historical drama, and feature films. Her work has been recognized for excellence in film and television through numerous awards, including several Emmys.

Catherine Tatge’s body of work and demonstrated skill in filmmaking has earned her recognition as an educator as well as an artist. Leveraging the power of film to connect and communicate in service of deeper cultural and civic understanding has been her passion. Currently, Tatge is developing several projects for PBS. In 2008, Tatge and her husband founded The Civic Life Project, a program designed to engage high school and college students in civic action through the use of documentary filmmaking. Currently, the project is being implemented in colleges, in public and private schools across the state of Connecticut and New York.

From 2011-2016 Tatge spearheaded the development of the new Film Studies program at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Working with University administrators and faculty, she designed the curriculum and developed plans and assisted in raising funds for new facilities. While teaching courses to build momentum for the new program, she collaborated with the architect on the design and construction of the $7 million new facility that opened in June 2013.

In 1988, she influenced American television as producer/director of Joseph Campbell and The Power of Myth with Bill Moyers, for which she received an Emmy Award. Ms. Tatge’s close working relationship
with Bill Moyers led to many projects: the ten-hour *Genesis: A Living Conversation*; the two-hour special *Fooling with Words* and the series *Sounds of Poetry*, both documenting the 1998 Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, the largest poetry event in the United States; the special *What Can We Do About Violence*; three programs on the nature of hate—*Beyond Hate, Facing Hate with Elie Wiesel*, and *Hate on Trial*; and numerous other Moyers programs: *A World of Ideas* featuring among others, Nadine Gordimer, Derek Walcott, and Louise Erdrich.