

Empower Top 100 Future Leaders 2022 The Empower Role Model List

The Empower Role Model Lists supported by Yahoo Finance showcase leaders who are breaking down barriers at work and smashing the ceiling for people of color within global business.

These inspirational leaders are paving the way when it comes to increasing representation and driving inclusion for others within the workplace.

We are delighted to announce that from 2022, the Empower Role Model Lists are fully international and can accept nominations of business leaders working in any country.

SueSan Chen '14

Principal, Brand Environments

UNITED AIRLINES

In their time on the aircraft product team at United Airlines, SueSan saw an opportunity to remove bias from seat design practices and improve ergonomics and launched a cushion redesign program to improve comfort for a broader range of body types. Since recently becoming Manager overseeing brand environments, they also have been instrumental in redefining the company's brand environment standards to prioritize accessibility, inclusivity and sustainability, and have led the effort to feature work from local, artists from underrepresented groups. SueSan is currently working on redesigning the airport environmental communications strategy to be more inclusive of passengers with diverse abilities, languages, nationalities, and travel experiences. Furthermore, they initiated a policy change to make menstrual product dispensers more widely available, including men's restrooms in new facilities. Passionate about creating space, opportunities, and awareness for people of color and other minorities, SueSan embodies all the characteristics of an inspiring role model.

<https://empower.involverolemodels.org/poll/2022-top-100-future-leaders/>

How Dr. **Jane Sando '98** Went from Investment Banking to Becoming a Pediatrician

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by Danielle Caci

Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebrates the achievements and remembers the challenges of Asian and Pacific Islanders living in America. The Asian and Pacific Islander (API) community is comprised of 50 different ethnic groups with over 300 dialects and languages spoken throughout the country. In May, the nation reflects on the contributions this diverse population has made, including those right here at Johns Hopkins All Children's. Jane Sando, M.D., a pediatrician at our Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine Clinic, and a Korean-American, shares more about her life in and outside of the hospital and what led her to medicine.

Tell us about your job/what's a typical day like?

I work in the general pediatrics outpatient clinic where the majority of my time is spent working with our pediatric residents training for their medical careers. A typical day for me includes overseeing residents while they see patients, as well as taking care of patient care duties (messaging families, following up on results and coordinating care). I teach the residents informally while hearing about their patients, at the bedside and by giving lectures. I'm also the Community Health rotation director (which includes a rotation in urgent care), so I orient residents and do extra urgent care teaching as a part of this rotation.

What is your favorite thing about working at the hospital?

My colleagues, including the residents whom I have the pleasure of working with. I'm continually learning from my colleagues and am inspired to be as good of a teacher or clinician as they are.

What's something most people might not know about you?

Sports were a big part of my life. I played field hockey at Harvard and had the honor of serving as captain my senior year. Injuries throughout my athletic career led me to an interest in sports medicine and I almost did a fellowship in primary care sports medicine but ultimately family obligations steered me down a different path.

I speak conversational Korean and am always excited to take care of patients with Korean heritage.

Why did you choose a career in medicine?

In my fourth-grade autobiography, I stated I wanted to become a physician, inspired by my father who was an anesthesiologist. My athletic injuries and affinity for math and science further fueled my interest in medicine. After college though, I decided to try a different career and worked in investment banking. This experience solidified my desire to work in a field where you're helping and connecting with people.

Who is an Asian American and Pacific Islander you admire or people should learn more about?
Dr. Margaret Chung, the first known Chinese-American female physician in the United States.

<https://www.hopkinsallchildrens.org/ACH-News/General-News/How-Dr-Jane-Sando-Went-from-Investment-Banking-to>

Kevin Boyce '17 Selected for the Master's Award for Engaged Citizenship
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Service to the community, the nation and the world is embedded in the fabric of Brown University. That's why each year, the institution honors a master's student with the Master's Award for Engaged Citizenship and Community Service. The 2022 awardee is Kevin Boyce '22 MPA, a service minded, unapologetic justice oriented, and thoughtful student leader. He is

being honored for his incredible commitment and dedication to creating a more inclusive community at Brown University, particularly for students of color.

After earning his bachelor's degree in business, entrepreneurship, and organizational studies at Brown, Boyce chose his alma mater to pursue his master of public affairs (MPA). During the program, he served as the Graduate Assistant for the Graduate Student of Color Initiative (GSOC), under Vincent Harris, Associate Dean and Director, Brown Center for Students of Color (BCSC).

As the graduate assistant for GSOC, Boyce epitomized the mission of initiative and helped build a sense of belonging through the creation of more inclusive space for graduate students of color. He served as a member of the BCSC Student Advisory Board and undertook initiatives that increased student of color attendance at various events. Students noted that these events helped foster a sense of community and a majority of them realized the BCSC is a place they could retreat to for support, resources and a much-needed sense of shared culture

"Everything he does is with care, compassion, thoughtfulness and love. He follows through and is inclusive. He is the truest example of a servant leader," notes one of Boyce's team members at BSCS.

Boyce also served on the Task Force on Anti-Black Racism, playing a critical role in providing a student voice for the University's initiative on inclusiveness. He currently mentors senior leaders at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs on issues impacting all MPA students with a focus on creating a more inclusive and equitable Watson campus culture.

Of particular significance was Boyce's participation as a featured student speaker at the unveiling of the second edition Slavery and Justice Report in November of 2021. In front of an audience of hundreds, Boyce shared his student reflection in relation to this published report. His reflection and comments captured not only the impact Brown has on his lived experiences as a Black man, but also shed light on how far Brown has come as compared to its peer institutions.

"During this event, Kevin really rose to the occasion, answering the call on behalf of all Brown University students, both graduate and undergraduate. His ability to put his own needs aside to address the needs of this occasion clearly demonstrates not only his commitment to serving his community, but also captures his outstanding engaged citizenship," notes Harris.

https://www.brown.edu/academics/gradschool/news/2022-05/kevin-boyce-selected-master%E2%80%99s-award-engaged-citizenship?fbclid=IwAR3CVOBqtGjC0OWBjNFLk7uk1maFZ1J_AVD5blGAgLY1s4k9U3DHSbL9kLE

Grammel, Pasch, and Stoffregen all Finish Top Five at the Carius/Gregory Invitational
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Naperville, Ill- Three DePauw University women's outdoor track and field members finished in the top five while competing at the Carius/Gregory Invitational.

In the 400-meter hurdles, Seelye Stoffregen ran a personal best of 1:04.48 for fourth. **Annalise Grammel '20** also ran a personal best in the 800-meter run, shaving four seconds off her NCAC time and finishing in fifth with a time of 2:17.20.

Competing in three events, Erin Pasch recorded personal bests in the high and long jump. Pasch took third in the high jump with a height of 1.64 m (5'4.5"), finished third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.86, and jumped 5.47-meters to take eighth in long jump, improving her distance by .02 since the NCAC Championships.

DePauw travels back to Illinois to compete in the Augustana (Ill.) Midwest Twilight on Thursday, May 19, starting at 1 p.m.

<https://www.depauwtigers.com/sports/wtrack/2021-22/releases/20220513xrla6y>

Tigers Finish Third at the NCAC Outdoor Championships
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Oberlin, Ohio- The DePauw women's outdoor track and field team finished third with 121.50 points at the North Coast Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Oberlin topped the field with 187 points, followed by Ohio Wesleyan, who finished second with 127 points.

Recording five individual All-NCAC performances and leading DePauw in points was senior Erin Pasch, earning her Field Athlete of the Year. Pasch finished first in javelin (115'07.") and the heptathlon with 5,041 points. She finished second in long jump (17'10.75) and in the 100-meter hurdles (14.81) and rounded out her accolades with a third-place finish in the 200-meter dash (25.65).

Pasch ran anchor on the first-place 4x400 meter relay with Charlotte Borland, **Annalise Grammel '20**, and Seelye Stoffregen, who ran it in 4:04.18, six seconds faster than the second-place team.

Stoffregen earned the Tigers' final first-place finish after running the 400-meter hurdles in 1:05.72. Joining Stoffregen as an All-NCAC performer was Grammel, who finished third in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:21.98, and Emma Stemen, who vaulted a 10'11.75" for third in pole vault.

DePauw completed the NCAC Championships with nine All-NCAC performances and will be competing in the Carius/Gregory Invitational next Thursday, May 12, in Naperville, Ill.

Seven Land All-OAC Honors in Baseball

Baseball

Written by Adam Prescott

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WESTERVILLE, Ohio – A total of seven Otterbein players represented their club on the All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Team for the 2022 season Thursday morning, unveiled by the league office after multiple rounds of voting from the coaches.

Headlining the Cardinals was senior third baseman Brayden Carter, landing a heralded first-team spot after hitting .401 this spring.

Graduate student Luke Barber (first base), shortstop Brayden Quincel (shortstop) and senior Ryan Mitchell (center field) all garnered spots on the second team.

A trio of seniors in Travis Burson (relief pitcher), Sam Edgell (right field) and Noah Sprowls (second base) all landed with honorable mention status.

Carter (Worthington/Kilbourne) was among the league leaders in batting average and ranked third in total hits (69), falling just two shy of matching the Otterbein single-season record. The leadoff man started all 42 games at the hot corner, ultimately leading the team with 49 runs, 16 doubles, 96 total bases, 24 walks and a .495 on-base percentage.

Barber (Gahanna/St. Francis DeSales) is now a 4x All-OAC selection, who ranked top five among OAC players with 49 RBI over his 41 starts at the opposite corner. The veteran slugger hit .370 from start to finish, scoring 48 runs to go along with 23 walks and 11 doubles. He departs as the program's all-time leader in hits (246) and ranks near the top in most offensive categories.

Quincel (Grove City/Grove City) flew onto the scene, becoming the team's starting shortstop near the end of spring break and eventually playing in 35 games. He hit .361 as a whole at the dish, ripping 11 doubles and driving home another 32 runs. His .571 slugging percentage led the squad.

Ryan Mitchell '18 (New Albany/Columbus Academy) started every game in the outfield and posted a .369 batting average offensively. The well-rounded performer ranked third on the team at 55 hits, stole 11 of 12 bases and was hit by a pitch 22 times. The rangy defensive standout also compiled a .972 fielding percentage with multiple highlight-reel catches.

Burson (Grove City/Grove City) remained Otterbein's stopper out of the bullpen, making a team-high 16 appearances en route to five saves and other notable moments. The dynamic left-

hander held a 3.75 E.R.A. over 48 innings, taking a 2-0 record and striking out 40 batters in the process. Opponents hit .269 against him.

Edgell (Zionsville, Ind./Community) delivered a true bounce-back campaign after missing his entire junior year with an injury. The left-handed bat hit at a .320 clip and had a trio of 21's in walks, extra-base hits (team-high) and hitting streak to begin the season. In the process... he notched 41 RBI, team-leading eight home runs, 93 total bases and a strong .550 slugging percentage.

Sprowls (Sunbury/Big Walnut) won the starting job at second base and proceeded full throttle, hitting .356 at the plate and fielding at a .977 on the right side. Hitting from the middle of the lineup, he rocketed 52 hits and 11 doubles, drove in 31 runs and pieced together a .439 on-base percentage.

Otterbein went 27-15 overall this season, finding a groove down the stretch to settle 14-4 within the OAC and finish runner-up in the regular-season standings. The Cards made the OAC Tournament for the fifth time in six opportunities.

Head Coach George Powell, who missed extended time in April due to an injury, and his assistants were voted OAC Coach(es) of the Year for their admirable efforts.

Marietta's Damian Yenzi and Turner Hill shared OAC Player of the Year honors, while teammate Sam Mathews was voted Pitcher of the Year.

<https://otterbeincardinals.com/news/2022/5/19/seven-land-all-oac-honors-in-baseball.aspx>

The 2022 Power 100: Here are Columbus' most influential leaders

By Doug Buchanan – Editor in chief, Columbus Business First

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Columbus Business First once again is identifying the 100 people making the most impact on Central Ohio. This year, we're focusing on a handful of key issues as the region prepares for the arrival of Intel Corp.

At the top of that list: workforce.

How will Central Ohio meet the demand for workers both at the semiconductor fabrication campus itself and at the ancillary businesses connected to it? Companies today are already struggling to hire amid the Great Resignation. Who are the people helping restock our talent pipeline?

You'll find them on our Power 100.

Then there's development – commercial and residential. Those sectors are always key to our coverage here, and the builders, developers and investors who house Central Ohioans and build offices for them to work in wield huge power to reshape the area.

What you'll find less of on this year's list: government officials. Of course Gov. Mike DeWine is powerful – just look back to the shutdowns of two years ago for proof. But with this year's list we're putting much of our emphasis on the biggest movers and shakers in the private sector.

This is the fourth edition of our Power 100. We'll roll it out in five groups over the next couple of days, with the full collection appearing in print in early July.

Meet the members of the 2022 Power 100.

Don Casto '62's eponymous firm is moving forward on a potentially transformative project: the redevelopment of the former Kroger Bakery site on Cleveland Avenue, a joint venture with other Columbus power players. The \$100 million-plus development will convert two historic buildings and build three new ones to bring 364 apartments, 49,000 square feet of office space and 8,850 square feet of restaurant space. That's just one of the big-ticket items on Casto's docket. The firm also is leading the charge on a second phase of River and Rich in Franklinton. This development would follow a roughly \$40 million first phase that now stands where Riverside-Bradley public housing complex once was and includes 230 one-and two-bedroom apartments, 25,000 square feet of retail space, a 292-space parking garage and a handful of notable commercial tenants.

Pizzuti Cos. is building apartments downtown. It's got big plans in Dublin, and there are industrial projects to its name throughout the region. Among its most notable current efforts: the firm is the developer for Astor Park, the mixed-use project set to rise around the new home of the Columbus Crew. And that's just a sampling of how the company, led by CEO **Joel Pizzuti '90**, continues to reshape Central Ohio. Pizzuti oversees all of this activity and his efforts have expanded the developer nationwide to cities such as Nashville, Orlando and Phoenix.

Things are rocking and rolling for Rockbridge CEO **Jim Merkel '92**. The firm is about a year away from opening its Junto Hotel as part of the Columbus Downtown Development Corp.'s sprawling multi-phase \$500 million Peninsula project. Rockbridge also has taken the lead on the new North Market tower, now dubbed the Merchant Building, which will include 11,000 square feet of new merchant, event and outdoor space and more than 700,000 square feet of mixed-use space, including a 212-room boutique hotel, more than 170 residential units and a 350-space parking garage.

https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2022/06/02/power-100-columbus-2022-part-3.html?utm_source=st&utm_medium=en&utm_campaign=EX&utm_content=co&ana=e_co_EX&j=27922009&senddate=2022-06-02

THE TURTLE AND THE DREAMBOAT

The Cold War Flights That Forever Changed the Course of Global Aviation

JIM LEEKE '68

“Never again will I take a transatlantic flight without thinking of the pioneering missions of the Turtle and the Dreamboat—sleek, superbly engineered aircraft piloted by war heroes who shattered the barriers of global travel.”—Anne R. Keene, author of *The Cloudbuster Nine: The Untold Story of Ted Williams and the Baseball Team That Helped Win World War II*

“A very readable and effective narrative of postwar flights that were largely forgotten by historians. The ‘Turtle’ and the ‘Dreamboat’ should find an eager audience among aviation, military aviation, and Cold War history enthusiasts and scholars. Strongly recommended.”
—Ron Kaplan, executive director of the Ohio Air & Space Hall of Fame and Learning Center

The ‘Turtle’ and the ‘Dreamboat’ is the first detailed account of the race for long-distance flight records between the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy less than fourteen months after World War II. The flights were risky and unprecedented. Each service intended to demonstrate its offensive capabilities during the dawning nuclear age, a time when America was realigning its military structure and preparing to create a new armed service—the United States Air Force.

The first week of October 1946 saw the conclusion of both record-breaking, nonstop flights by the military fliers. The first aircraft, a two-engine U.S. Navy P2V Neptune patrol plane nicknamed the Truculent Turtle, flew more than eleven thousand miles from Perth, Western Australia, to Columbus, Ohio. The Turtle carried four war-honed pilots and a young kangaroo as a passenger. The second plane, a four-engine U.S. Army B-29 Superfortress bomber dubbed the Pacusan Dreamboat, flew nearly ten thousand miles from Honolulu to Cairo via the Arctic. Although presented as a friendly rivalry, the two flights were anything but collegial. These military missions were meant to capture public opinion and establish aviation leadership within the coming Department of Defense.

Both audacious flights above oceans, deserts, mountains, and icecaps helped to shape the future of worldwide commercial aviation, greatly reducing the length and costs of international routes. Jim Leeke provides an account of the remarkable and record-breaking flights that forever changed aviation.

Jim Leeke is a former news journalist, a retired copywriter and creative director, and a U.S. Navy veteran. He is the author of several books, including *The Best Team Over There: The Untold Story of Grover Cleveland Alexander and the Great War* (Nebraska, 2021) and *From the Dugouts to the Trenches: Baseball during the Great War* (Nebraska, 2017).

<https://www.amazon.com/Turtle-Dreamboat-Flights-Forever-Aviation/dp/1640124136>

Sophie Spolter '22 was featured in the June 2, 2022 edition of Columbus Jewish News. In the article *Top scorer Spolter values teammates, teamwork*, Sophie was recognized as one of the winners of the 2022 Don Erkis and Lou Berliner High School Jewish Scholar/Athlete Award.

JCC 2022 TEEN AWARDS

Don Erkis & Lou Berliner award winners

Dedication to hard work pays off for Bexley's Meyer

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Robby Meyer, the winner of the 2022 Don Erkis & Lou Berliner High School Jewish Scholar/Athlete Award, competed on the Bexley High School boys' golf and tennis teams. During his senior year as co-captain of the golf team, he was voted most valuable player of the season and was placed on the Mid-State League all league team. Meyer moved on to the golf postseason as he traveled individually to Division 1 District. He was also a graphic designer for Bexley's student newspaper, *The Torch*, and participated in school clubs.

Meyer told the Columbus Jewish News that his siblings influenced his decision to get involved in sports as he "wanted to follow in their footsteps." And once he was involved, he really enjoyed and was motivated by the positive results from his hard work.

Such a dedication to hard work paid off in golf with his favorite sports memory, which he said was "finally scoring low and breaking par in golf after hours and hours a day during the summer of hard work."

This dedication to hard work and constant improvement had positive effects on his schoolwork as he learned to "work harder and have self-discipline," Meyer said.

He said these lessons will also benefit him once he graduates as "dedicating summers and free time to my sports and practicing has taught me to work hard and dedicate myself to my future career."

Meyer said he will be attending Northeastern University in Boston to study business and computer science. His goal is to follow in his father's footsteps in his career path.

"I have always been interested in my dad's work in business and I have always loved computers and technology," he said.

One influence Meyer said has helped him throughout his life is his faith.

"How I treat others, how I carry myself and my work ethic all stem from the role Judaism plays in my life," he said.

His mother, Karen Meyer, agreed that Judaism sets an important example that has benefited her son.



▲ Robby Meyer tees off while competing for the Bexley High School boys' golf team. | Photo / The Meyer family

"By setting the example for Robby with our involvement in the Jewish Community, we have shown him that putting a lot of time and hard work in to something that ends in positive results," she said.

Karen Meyer is the president of the Jewish Community Center of Columbus' board of trustees.

Meyer said that she and her husband, Jon, are proud of their son and what he has accomplished in high school. Academically, she said they were most proud "that his grades increased throughout his time in high school, as did his course difficulty. With his athletics, it has to be how he entered the summer before his senior year, the diligent and focused work he engaged and the resulting low scores."

She said she also believed this honor serves as an example of what her son can achieve if he continues to believe in himself, be dedicated and work hard.

"Hopefully (this honor) shows that he is capable of setting his mind to self improvement and achieving at high levels, hopefully honoring Mr. Erkis and Mr. Berliner's examples," Meyer said. "Hopefully, he is entering college with a greater sense of self confidence that he can set a goal and achieve at a high level."

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Top scorer Spolter values teammates, teamwork

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Sophie Spolter, the winner of the 2022 Don Erkis & Lou Berliner High School Jewish Scholar/Athlete Award, is the second girl in Columbus Academy history to score 1,000 points throughout her varsity basketball career. She was a part of two state tournament runs with the varsity soccer team and was voted the team's defensive MVP her junior year. Spolter was also voted her varsity basketball team's offensive most valuable player after her sophomore and junior seasons and the MVP her freshman and senior years.

Spolter, who was named her school's female athlete of the year, told the Columbus Jewish News her love of sports started when she was just a few years old.

"When I was little, my dad would play outside with me and throw a ball," she said.

Spolter said this early experience led her to start playing basketball in third grade and soccer soon after.

"I've always loved sports since I was young,"

Her father Lorn Spolter told the CJN his daughter has had great success on the field and in class, noting that she is second in school history in scoring for girls basketball, earned second team all-state in soccer and was a starter for the lacrosse team. She also carried a 4.2 GPA with numerous Advanced Placement courses.

Sophie Spolter is also fluent in Chinese, he said, was part of the National Chinese Honors Society her junior and senior years and won the National Chinese Essay Contest gold award her junior year.

"I'm so proud of her," her father said. "She's such a hard worker."

Sophie Spolter said that one of the things she's always loved about sports are the people she's gotten to know because of it.

"I've met so many people I might not have been friends with through sports," she said.

Beyond friendships, she said she has also learned a lot from athletics, lessons that she said serve her well now and will help her in the future. These lessons include taking responsibility and holding yourself accountable.

In sports you have "people counting on you" and you need to do your part and "pull your weight," she said.

The same is true in school where "your teachers are counting on you to do your



▲ Sophie Spolter, Columbus Academy female athlete of the year, on the court | Photo / The Spolter family

work" as are your classmates. This is especially true in group projects which, like sports, require a team effort, she said. Spolter said she has also built up self-confidence through sports.

Looking back, Spolter said one of her greatest sports memories was being a part of the girls' soccer team that made it to the state final four two years in a row.

"It was really special, because ... sophomore year, our team got really close," to getting to the final four before accomplishing that in her junior and senior years, she said. "Our coaches and everything, it was like a family. I was getting to hang out with my sisters and also make school history. So it was just awesome."

As for winning the Erkis Berliner award, "It felt really special," Spolter said. "It feels great to be recognized, especially in the Jewish community."

"Everyone's super supportive," she said, adding she saw people at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus during the award ceremony for the first time in years and immediately reconnected.

"I saw people from my Hebrew school that I haven't seen in years," said Spolter, who belongs to Temple Beth Shalom in New Albany. "And it was just like we saw each other yesterday, we just started talking ... And like, I feel like I'm always gonna have that connection with them just because we're Jewish. And it also makes me feel kind of special."

Spolter will be attending Bates College in Lewiston, Maine and playing basketball for the division III school. She added that she's interested in studying math and science in college.

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John Wuorinen '80 was featured in the June 2, 2022 edition of Columbus Jewish News. In the article *Parents have many factors to consider when choosing a school*, John discusses “right fit,” examining the school’s mission statement and more.



Parents have many factors to consider when choosing a school

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Parents may be hanging backpacks up and cleaning out lunch boxes but in the back of their minds they may already be thinking of the start of the next school year. While some students will be making a return engagement at their current school, others will be moving on or up. But

how can a parent or their child know which school will be right?

Some parents will be looking at private schools for the coming year. John Wuorinen, director of admissions and tuition assistance, at Columbus Academy in Gahanna said, “Families really need to take a look at a school’s mission statement to see what the school’s ultimate educational goals



Glick



Wuorinen

School offers learning from kindergarten through fifth grade while a student can be at Columbus Academy for 15 years from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Glick said CJDS offers the additional benefit of “an opportunity to connect deeper into Jewish culture and values” through education.

Some students though, particularly potential transfer students, can have concerns about learning in that space, especially if they are not as well versed in religion as their classmates, she said. Glick explained that people come from a spectrum of Jewish life and there are various opportunities for students to learn with goals built around each child.

Wuorinen said that if there is an option to tour a school, parents should do so. Not only does it help to bring the school to life but being on campus is a great way to alleviate any concerns there might be based on “myths or misconceptions” about what a private school is like today, he said.

Glick said, “We’re test-drive consumers. Parents should get out and test-drive your students’ educational options. It’s important to push yourselves to explore. Just because you heard a school has a good science program and your student wants to excel in science, it’s important not to make a decision until you are sure that the school meets your needs for each of the educational pillars.”

Wherever a student goes, Glick said, she hopes that they are “encouraged to love learning.”

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are. This is important because you want to make sure that a school is the ‘right fit.’

“Columbus is lucky to have the wealth of private schools that they do,” he said. “While every school wants the same thing, happy, well-adjusted students, families need to recognize that each school works to achieve that under slightly different missions with different strengths and focuses.”

Jenny Glick, director of institutional advancement at the Columbus Jewish Day School in New Albany, said as parents look deeper at the opportunities available to them, they should break the options down into three different educational pillars. These areas of focus are curriculum goals, social goals and physical goals.

She said when it comes to achieving those educational goals, one benefit that a private school can offer is a low student to teacher ratio. A low ratio not only helps in the classroom, it also enables parents to become more active supporters in their child’s education with streamlined access into the classroom, Glick said.

Wuorinen added the makeup of those classrooms can vary significantly in private schools. While public schools may offer education in broader groupings, private schools can be slightly more specialized, he said. For example, Columbus Jewish Day

In Memory

Alisha Marie Zekrioui '11, 28, of Syracuse, Utah, passed away on May 11, 2022 due to complications from a chronic illness. Born in Columbus, Ohio on August 1, 1993, Alisha graduated from Columbus Academy in 2011 and attended Susquehanna University. After launching her career as a content creator in 2017, she gained a devoted following on Twitch as WeDontWhisper, raising tens of thousands of dollars to support numerous charitable causes and touching countless people across the world with her unwavering kindness, compassion, humor, and hope—even while bravely battling her own health struggles. A vegetarian since childhood, she cared deeply for animals, none more so than her Alaskan Malamute, Rose, and loved producing copyright-free music for all to enjoy on iTunes, Spotify, and Bandcamp. She was known for uplifting everyone she met, and offered unconditional support to her fellow content creators and a helping hand to anyone and everyone in need. Beloved daughter to Debbie and Abdul, partner to Christopher, granddaughter to Betty and Carl (deceased), niece to Sandy (Don), cousin to Angela (Jimmy), and a cherished friend to many, she leaves behind a legacy of generosity and empathy that will forever elevate and inspire those who knew her. Alisha, and her beautiful heart, will never be forgotten. Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life from 11:00am–1:00pm on Tuesday, May 24th, 2022 at the SCHOEDINGER NORTHEAST CHAPEL, 1051 E. Johnstown Road, Gahanna. A funeral service will be held directly afterward at 1:00pm with burial to follow at Mifflin Township Cemetery. Donations in Alisha's memory may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [donate.tiltify.com/@wedontwhisper/memorial](https://www.tiltify.com/@wedontwhisper/memorial) and flowers may be sent to Schoedinger Northeast Chapel. To share memories of Alisha or condolences with the family, please visit www.schoedinger.com or www.kudoboard.com/boards/kyE5Jfj5.

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Wilson “Roly” Nolen '44 – professor, executive and philanthropist – died at his home in Manhattan. He was 95 years old. Raised in Columbus, Ohio, he graduated from Columbus Academy in 1944 and Yale University in 1948 with a degree in Philosophy and membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1951 and completed his Doctorate in 1956. A brilliant student, he then joined the faculty of the Business School teaching and researching Marketing. Roly loved his time as a young professor in Cambridge. He soon met his future bride Eliot, who was working as a data analyst in the Harvard political science department. They wed in 1957 and had three children, Christian, Malcolm and Eliot, in quick succession. In 1963, Roly moved his family to New York City where he lived ever since. A renaissance man, Roly pursued his many interests with great enthusiasm and led a life full of accomplishment. Professionally, he had a long, successful career as a corporate executive, first with pharmaceutical distributor McKesson Robbins and then with medical device manufacturer Becton Dickinson, where he worked until his retirement in 1989. Roly served as a Director on the Boards of the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad, Chattem Inc., and several mutual funds for Scudder, Stevens, & Clark. Roly was a talented chef and cooked frequently for his family and friends. A tasty meal at his table was always accompanied by copious amounts of good wine.

For nearly 50 years at his home on Cape Cod, he hosted a Labor Day weekend Frutti di Mare, feeding upwards of 75 people with his cauldrons of red and white fish soup. He loved to travel and saw much of the world in his 95 years. He was a life-long fan of the Yale Bulldogs football team. A long-suffering fan of the New York Jets, he made good use of his Sunday afternoons by hooking magnificent rugs while he watched football. Roly collected art and was particularly moved by painter Richard Bosman and sculptor Tom Otterness. He was a voracious reader of non-fiction, especially military history. Roly's philanthropic activities began in college. He started Yale's Quarter Century Fund to inspire future alumni to commit regular gifts to their alma mater before they had even graduated. Roly was President of the Yale Alumni Fund from 1978 to 1980. In 1983, Yale awarded him the Yale Medal for his outstanding service to the university. Roly was also a dedicated Harvard Business School alumnus and was the Class of 1951 Secretary for over 50 years. At their 40th reunion, his classmates established a fund in his honor to support fellowship and mentoring programs for international students attending the Business School. For 28 years, Roly served as a Trustee for the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture. In 1991, Roly joined the Board of the New York Botanical Garden and served as Chair from 2000 to 2009. His philanthropy touched every corner of NYBG, from the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections, a place dedicated to studying and sustaining plant life, to the Garden's equipment shed. Roly gave generously and inspired others to do the same. Roly is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eliot C. Nolen; three children, Christian Nolen (Susan Denny) of Cambridge, MA, Malcolm Nolen (Jennifer Nolen) of Brooklyn and Eliot Nolen (Timothy Bradley) of Brooklyn; eight grandchildren, Chace, Graham, Oliver, Henry, Louis, Theodore, Graydon and Chapin; and a brother, Chapin of Santa Barbara, CA. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Published by *New York Times* on June 12, 2022.

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