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LETTER FROM THE HARPER COLLEGE  
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD  
PRESIDENT  
BILL KESLER



As a board member for the Educational Foundation I have had numerous opportunities to meet our scholarship recipients.

I always leave these meetings with a sense of pride and amazement. Despite numerous challenges and life obstacles, these students are determined to achieve their educational goals. I hear their stories, know where they've come from and most importantly, the goals they've set for themselves. Many of our students are first-generation college attendees; many have families of their own and hold full-time jobs. All are here because they want a better life for themselves and their families.

The Harper College Educational Foundation exists to ensure that students at Harper College have every opportunity to thrive, succeed, and create positive change in our communities. The Foundation has never been in a stronger position to support this vital mission. Private gifts, prudent investment strategies, an outstanding Board, and a dedicated team of advancement professionals have helped the Foundation achieve unprecedented growth during the past decade. Because of you, the value of the Foundation's endowment investment pool has more than quadrupled, from \$5 million in 2009 to \$23 million in 2018.

The Harper College Educational Foundation has one simple yet very important mission. We raise funds to afford residents of the Harper College district the opportunity to complete a higher education degree or certificate. In the fiscal year just completed, funds generously provided by local donors allowed the Foundation to award over \$1,000,000 in student scholarships and support to College departments and programming.

Donor scholarships play a vital role in bridging the financial gap for hundreds of students. These scholarships support a student's dream of a better life through education. I am honored to be a small part of helping make those dreams become reality and applaud the hundreds of foundation donors who recognize the value of a scholarship and helping someone else achieve their dream.

Thank you.

Bill Kesler

**\$3,892:** Average annual tuition for a full-time student

**2,400+:** Number of students applying for Foundation scholarships

**514:** Number of students receiving a Foundation scholarship

**99%** of Foundation scholarships awarded

**73%** of Harper students work part or full time

**50%** of Harper students identify as a first-generation college student

**195:** Number of individual scholarship and programs funds awarded by the Foundation

**\$1,003,875:** Total awarded annually by the Foundation in scholarships, grants and awards

SCHOLARSHIPS  
by the **NUMBERS**

# ERNIE AND HAZEL RILKI LIFELONG LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SORIN ORASAN



The Ernie and Hazel Rilki Lifelong Learning Scholarship was initially created to honor the memory of Hazel's husband Ernst L. Rilki who taught computer information systems, computer science and mathematics at Harper College. When Ernie passed away in 2003, Hazel asked family and friends to contribute to the creation of the scholarship in lieu of flowers. Hazel decided to add her name to the scholarship, having worked at Harper in the Information Systems area for thirty years. The Ernie and Hazel Rilki Lifelong Learning Scholarship is for non-traditional age students (preferably older) with financial need. Hazel describes Ernie as, "a person who believed in the idea that no one is too old to go to school and learn. He believed in lifelong learning."

Sorin Orasan is an adult student who studied physical education in his native Romania. When he immigrated to the US, he attended Truman College, but stopped for financial reasons. Now he is married with a two-year-old daughter. He credits his daughter as giving new meaning to his life. "I need to make her proud and able to provide all she needs to become an educated, fulfilled, successful woman that will change this world for the better," writes Sorin.

Enrolled to study computer network administration at Harper College full-time, Sorin maintains a 4.0 GPA, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Harper Honors Program and works 30 hours a week. After earning his Associate in Applied Science, Sorin plans to enroll in Harper's University Center with DePaul University to obtain a BS in Information Technology.

Hazel retired from Harper in 2014, and continues to contribute to the fund. Through the College's employee campaign, some of Hazel's former colleagues support the scholarship through their payroll deduction donations. Hazel remains active at Harper College by volunteering on the Foundation's Annual Giving Committee, HOPE Giving Circle and is the membership chair for the Harper College Annuitants Association.

## THANK YOU FROM A 2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

My name is Tristan and I am studying Computer Information Systems at Harper College. My goal is to transfer into a bachelors program to get a degree in software engineering.

I initially went to school at a small liberal arts college on the east coast which was costing over \$50,000 per year. I was incredibly unhappy there and ended up leaving without graduating and coming home. After some time working in the construction industry, I decided it was time to return to college, but without spending as much money this time.

I came to visit Harper College and found that the campus and facilities were not only beautiful to begin with, but also being expanded. In my first semester, I found the instructors very engaging and much to my surprise, found myself more at home

in a college which cost me about one-tenth of the price of my previous college. Therefore, I decided to stay at Harper to attain an associates degree and move from there.

Receiving this scholarship means the opportunity to show my parents not only that I take my education seriously, but to give them some additional help in paying for my education. My family means the world to me—my parents have helped me pay for college since I was 18 years old. By receiving this scholarship, I have made them proud, and have shown them that I understand and respect the hard work they have put in to give me this opportunity. It also means re-establishing a belief in myself. Thank you so much for giving me this exciting opportunity.

Tristan, 2018-19 Recipient, Vistex Scholarship for Excellence



## LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. KEN ENDER

After ten wonderful and professionally satisfying years as President of Harper College, I will close this chapter of my life on June 30, 2019 and will embark on new endeavors with my family.

I believe that there are natural breaks in an organization's development, and Harper College is at one of those moments. We have set a new trajectory that maintains a commitment to future generations with the Promise Program; launched a student centered approach to advising that will keep students on track with meeting their educational goals and increase our graduation and completion rates; focused on economic growth of the area through curriculum for career preparation of our future workforce; and completed the campus master plan established 10 years ago.

The Board of Trustees is committed to staying on the course that we have set and expects to maintain the momentum of the work we have begun. This is a good time for a new President to take the helm and lead the College to its next stage of development.

During the last decade, Harper College has connected with more donors and volunteers who believe in the College's student-centered commitment. Gifts and new pledges to Harper's Promise Scholarship Program have surpassed \$12,000,000 over the past five years, and the Foundation's Endowment value increased 323% from \$5,449,749 to \$23,086,943 over the past ten years.

All of these achievements would not be possible without the many community leaders, volunteers and individuals sharing our commitment to affordable and quality education.

It has been a wonderful journey. I leave this position as President of Harper College with a profound sense of gratitude to the Board of Trustees, who have been intellectual partners, have challenged me and supported me, and made my job so rewarding. I have been fortunate to work with superb staff, committed to excellence in their work, and with a passion for the mission of the College. Finally, I leave inspired by the students I met during the many years, the many community leaders and organizations that made educating young people a priority, and the dedicated educators who are committed to their students' success.

Kenneth Ender

**MATCH**  
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Help your gift to the Harper College Promise Scholarship go twice as far. For every dollar donated, Harper College will match your gift up to \$1 million, until June 30, 2019.

It's never been easier to maximize your impact and double your gift. Your generous donation through Match My Gift will help raise an additional \$1 million for the Promise Scholarship and ensure Harper students are able to pursue and complete their educational goals. Thank You for Helping to Fulfill the Promise of a Brighter Future.

To learn more about the Harper College Promise Program, please visit [harpercollege.edu/promise](http://harpercollege.edu/promise)

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# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 HARPER COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Five accomplished alumni were honored on Tuesday, October 30 at the annual Distinguished Alumni Reception and Awards Ceremony. These stand-out alumni were recognized for their professional accomplishments, leadership and service to the community. The awards program was launched in 2008, as part of the College's 40th anniversary. To date, 63 individuals have received this prestigious award.

For more information about this year's recipients, visit [harpercollege.edu/alumni](http://harpercollege.edu/alumni)



**Victoria "Vicki" Atkinson**  
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# HOPE GIVING CIRCLE

Since The HOPE Giving Circle began in 2015, this tribe of women have gathered together to achieve the following:

- Six female students have received scholarships.
- \$60,000 has been awarded in scholarships.
- Three students have transferred on to four-year institutions.
- Over \$80,000 funds have been raised to date.
- The HOPE Giving Circle has grown from 17 members in 2015 to 26 members in 2018.

## MEET THE 2018-2019 HOPE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!



This fall **Sabrina Martinez** is entering her second year at Harper College. Her program area of study is Business Administration. Upon graduating in Spring of 2019 Sabrina's goal is to attend Loyola University to complete a bachelor's in business with a concentration in accounting. Sabrina's long term goal is to

obtain a law degree with a focus on immigration or family law.

Sabrina maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA, is a member of Speech and Debate Team, and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society. She juggles her college involvements while also working a part-time job and volunteering. Sabrina expresses her experiences, "My volunteering experiences and opportunities have been life changing. Volunteering does not feel like work to me because of how rewarding it is. I know that I have made an impact on my community through my service and will continue striving to do so as time goes on."



**Arianna Mormino** recently started her second year at Harper College and is fully integrated into the college community. Her Academic focus is on an Associates of Science degree and a determined career path on becoming a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. After shadowing a local veterinarian, Arianna stated, "I knew from

the first day of watching surgeries, going into appointments and experiences "vet life" first hand that being a veterinarian is exactly what I want to devote my life to." With an arduous academic plan

ahead of her, with several years of schooling, she is determined to achieve her dreams. As a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, Arianna makes the most of her college experiences. Through her Honors English 102 class she traveled to Nicaragua on a service learning project. Locally she also volunteers with several community organizations and at various animal shelters. After graduating from Harper College, Arianna will transfer to a four-year University for Vet School.



Focused on receiving her Associates Degree in Spring of 2019, **Emma Rutherford** has a plan on becoming an English Professor. Overcoming adversity early in life with a hearing problem, school was difficult and not always enjoyable. Through the incredible support of her family and hard work, Emma was able to surpass her difficulties and now maintains a GPA of 4.0.

Emma shares her treasures with other by volunteering with children with special needs. When Emma is not in school, she juggles two part-time jobs and her own dog sitting business. She is determined to forge her path and achieve her goals. One day she hopes to return to Harper College as a Professor of English in order to motivate and grow the passion of literature. "Aiding someone into having that feeling of excitement and joy someone feels when they understand something for the first time, when it finally clicks, is why I am going to school and getting my degree."

## HOPE GIVING CIRCLE MEMBERS

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### THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:



### JOIN THE HOPE GIVING CIRCLE

The HOPE Giving Circle currently has 26 members.

Membership in the HOPE Giving Circle is on an annual basis and begins with a minimum gift or pledge of \$1,000. 100 percent of your donation is tax deductible and will be directed to the HOPE Scholarship Fund.

To join or learn more, contact Shannon Hynes at **847.925.6701** or at **shynes@harpercollege.edu**

### Please Save the Date for the Next HOPE Giving Circle Event

#### Shop and Sip with Studio V

HOPE members only event  
Wednesday, November 28, 5:30 – 7 p.m.  
Studio V, Building J



The six HOPE Giving Circle recipients celebrated each other at this year's award reception. Michelle Feigler(left), Rachel Kereszturi and Kayla Karbowski (right) are Harper graduates who have transferred to four-year institutions.

# A CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY PARTNER

Weber-Stephen Products epitomizes the good neighbor philosophy. Just across Euclid Avenue from Harper College, more connects the two institutions than a crosswalk. Weber-Stephen Products, a global leader in grills and accessories, is also at the forefront of the Palatine workforce. With an eye toward promising talent that can add to the Weber-Stephen legacy, they promote education by giving back to the community.

As Tracey Roberts, Chief Human Resource Officer for Weber-Stephen, notes, “Weber stays engaged with Harper simply to give back to a college that gives so much to our community.” Their commitment can be seen in their generous sponsorship support of many initiatives supporting students and celebrating alumni such as the HOPE Giving Circle, the Distinguished Alumni and Stand Up and Be Counted programs, and the Golf Open.

In 2016, the Harper College Alumni Program celebrated Harper alumni employed by Weber-Stephen at a Stand Up and Be Counted event. More than 40 Weber-Stephen employees were honored. One Harper alumni working at Weber-Stephen is Grill Master, Kevin Kolman. This Harper College alumnus found his academic footing in a psychology class and credits Harper for preparing him for his current job. He says, “If it weren’t for Harper, Dr. Farmer, and some of the other great teachers here, I wouldn’t be doing what I’m doing now and it’s probably one of the most rewarding jobs I can find.” Kevin began working at Weber-Stephen assisting with inventory as a student while attending Harper. In the 19 years since he has

been recognized again and again for his hard work and dedication. Today, Kevin holds the prestigious title of Grill Master, and travels the world representing Weber-Stephen and educating others in the culinary arts.

*“Weber stays engaged with Harper simply to give back to a college that gives so much to our community.”*

— Tracey Roberts,  
Chief Human Resource Officer for Weber-Stephen

Today, countless Harper students will have a similar opportunity as Weber-Stephen opens its doors for internships, providing real-world applications of the knowledge gained in college classrooms. Just this past summer, Christian Hyde, a 2018 Harper College Engineering Pathways graduate secured a summer internship with Weber-Stephen. After an employee came to speak to one of his engineering classes, Christian followed up with the presenter and sent his resume. At Weber-Stephen, Hyde got hands-on experience with design, 3D modeling, prototyping, and typing. ‘I was on the research and development team for the charcoal line, so they actually designated a project for me to complete over the 10 to 12 week program. It was amazing.’

Do you have an interest in partnering with Harper? Sponsoring events or hosting a Stand Up and Be Counted program demonstrates your organization’s commitment to the community’s strength, and also provides opportunities to extend your marketing reach. Call the Foundation at **847.925.6490** or email **foundation@harpercollege.edu** to learn more.



# GOLF OPEN 2018

More than 130 golfers celebrated the 30th Annual Golf Open on Monday, September 17, 2018. Harper College thanks the many sponsors and supporters of the event who helped to raise over \$130,000 in support of student success, innovative programs and faculty development. At the evening reception, golfers and dinner guests heard from Harper College Educational Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Judy Blaylock who, at the age of 53 enrolled in Harper College's Continuing Education Six Sigma program to earn a certification she needed to re-enter the workforce. Below are her remarks (edited for length) to the golfers.



**Good Evening**—my name is Judy Blaylock and I am a Harper College Continuing Education scholarship recipient.

I want to thank you for your generous donations and believing in my dreams, which had a huge impact and gave me

a second chance in life. I was told by my Director that I was too old. My dream of wanting to return back to the world of product management was best left to the younger generation. Rather than respond to my Director, I decided to resign from my job, step out in faith and go after my dreams. Everyone thought I was insane. Fear was not an option and in taking that leap of faith I found that what employers were looking for was candidates that had updated skillsets.

I was not eligible for federal grant back to work programs and was excited when I received a flyer in the mail for a Harper College Six Sigma Continuing Education Open House. Excited because the Six

Sigma Green Belt track was an in-class taught curriculum and was exactly what I needed to learn. The Harper College staff was magnificent in partnering with me to obtain the Jim McGuire Memorial Scholarship as the Six Sigma Green Belt track started.

Obtaining this scholarship allowed me to pursue a certificate as a White, Yellow and Green Belt in Six Sigma by the middle of November, which led to a job offer by United Health Group, with a start date of January 2, 2018. I have been in this position for a little over nine months now, and feel this is the best job EVER!!!!

No, I am not your average, young matriculating scholarship recipient that you usually see before you. But I am the face of many who are out here looking for a second chance in life. Am I too old...no way!

You made this 54-year-old be able to stand proudly while reaffirming her faith that she can still dream wide. You made this possible, and I am forever grateful for your support.

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# CREATING A LEGACY



Tom and Carol Johnson

**Tom Johnson** began as a faculty member in the Finance program in 1976, and spent 10 years as a faculty member before serving as Dean of Business and Social Science for the next 20 years. According to Johnson, “It was the greatest job in the world, and I was proud to have been affiliated with Harper College for over 30 years.” When presented with the Pavers for Promise program, he gave a great deal of consideration to his inscription. Johnson wanted it to reflect his personal philosophies and relationships on campus. The idea for the perfect message to cast in stone for future generations of faculty and staff at Harper is a remembrance of a special moment shared with colleagues.

A unique inscription, and one that will elicit a laugh from many future passersby, the words on Johnson’s paver celebrate more than his sense of humor. His paver is a remembrance of a special moment shared with colleagues. On Boss’ Day, the Business and Social Science team gave Johnson a gift he still treasures. Now retired Professor of Management Barbara Radebaugh found the perfect gift at a garage sale: an Oscar. She promptly had it inscribed “BEST ACTOR IN THE ROLE OF A DEAN” and presented it to Tom Johnson. Though Johnson has since retired from Harper College, he continues to display the Oscar proudly in his home.

Tom Johnson’s predecessor, one of the founding faculty members at Harper and History Professor, Larry King, shared a mantra that guided much of Johnson’s professional and personal path: “Take what you do seriously, but don’t take yourself seriously.” Johnson was involved in hiring over 30 full-time faculty at Harper College, and is proud of the impact these hires continue to have on the campus and its students. He feels a powerful connection to Harper’s past as well as its future. Purchasing a paver was a way for Johnson to “cast a memory in stone” while supporting future generations of Harper College students. As Johnson notes, “When people who know me, all those faculty that I mentioned over in Business and Social Science, when they come across that paver, they’re going to look at it, laugh, and they’re going to say, ‘yep. That’s Tom.’”

Tom and his wife, Carol’s support of Harper College goes beyond the paver wall. The Johnsons have left a planned gift for Harper College in their trust which will be used to create two endowed scholarships. Carol —who attended Harper as a returning adult student in the healthcare field —will have a scholarship for students in the Rita and John Canning Women’s Program who are enrolled in healthcare courses. Tom’s scholarship will support students studying finance.

Johnson asks those deliberating to consider the impact that making a gift will have on deserving students: “Help the next generation—those students who want to achieve an educational or job-related goal in their lives—who may not have the financial resources to attend college.”



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# UPDATE FROM HARPER COLLEGE 2018 GRADUATE, RUTH MORALES



Georeanna Mehr, Ruth Morales, and Dr. Ken Ender

*“Thanks to Harper professor  
Dr. Karen Dailey,  
I feel very prepared for  
organic chemistry.”*

— Ruth Morales, Harper alumna

*Ruth Morales was an honors student, a member of PTK, the recipient of the Shirley L. and Howard A. Turpin Scholarship for Dreamers, and mother of a young son during her final year at Harper College. When she graduated from Harper College this past Spring, she became the first college graduate in her family. She is now enrolled at Benedictine to pursue her goal of becoming a neurologic physical therapist. We checked in on Ruth this fall to see how her first semester at Benedictine is going.*

“Currently I am taking biostatistics, organic chemistry, organic chemistry lab, genetics, a religion course, a transfer biology class, transfer biology lab. In some of my classes knowing how to take notes from listening is required to pass the class. Harper prepared me for learning to listen and take notes. Also thanks to Harper Professor Dr. Karen Dailey I feel very prepared for organic chemistry. I have classmates who took General Chemistry 2 here at Benedictine that don't understand things like ionization and I do because of Dr. Dailey's lectures.

So far I love it here. The school is extremely small so I have the same classmates in almost all my classes which is great for study groups and also to make friends. I miss everything about Harper! I miss the professors, my friends and especially all the designated areas to do homework and study—there isn't much room here. Also I miss the tutoring center—the tutoring center at Harper is what helped me pass my classes.”

## DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN CREATING A LEGACY AT HARPER COLLEGE?

Your gift can help future students by thoughtful planning through these donation opportunities:

- Gifts through your will, trust, life-insurance or by making the William Rainey Harper College Educational Foundation the beneficiary of your IRA. Donors who have included Harper College in their estate plan are members of the Harper Heritage Society.
- Campus recognition is available with gifts valued at \$25,000 or more. Classrooms, student gathering spaces and laboratories can all be named in honor, memory or recognition of donors.
- Endowed scholarship last in perpetuity and can be named by the donor. Criteria can be determined by the donor and donors are offered the opportunity to meet with their scholarship recipients.
- The Pavers for Promise Wall faces the pavilion used for graduation. By purchasing a paver, donors are participating in a meaning tribute and supporting students.

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# CAMPUS DEDICATIONS



## LIFELONG LEARNING CLASSROOM

The family of Patricia Bosslet celebrated her life and her love of lifelong learning with the dedication of the Patricia Bosslet Classroom on Wednesday, August 8. Patricia was a lifelong learner. An accountant by trade, Patricia took culinary arts classes at Harper to pursue her passion for cooking and baking. Patricia passed away in 2007 at the age of 47, and left behind many loved ones. Last year, Patricia's widower Don Bosslet and his fiancé, Barb Chamberlain, created the Patricia Bosslet Memorial Endowed Scholarship to help adult female students who are continuing their education and studying accounting or the culinary arts. In recognition of their gift, classroom D254 in the Duchossois Education Center (Building D) was named in Patricia's honor. Patricia's family—many of whom are Harper alumni—gathered to remember Patricia's love of education.

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## BEST LABS

On September 28, Harper College celebrated the grand opening and dedication of the BEST (Building Energy Systems Technology) Labs that will house Harper's new Building Automation Systems (BAS) Program. Building Automation Systems are designed to improve occupancy comfort, efficient operation of building systems, reduction of energy consumption and operating costs and improved life cycle of utilities. Students enrolled in the BAS program will receive training in this innovative program and be prepared to meet the needs of employers in the HVAC/R industry, including installation, maintenance and repair. The Lab was named in honor of Daikin, a leader in the HVAC industry, for their donation of equipment for the lab.



## FOGLIA FOUNDATION HEALTH AND RECREATION CENTER

The reimagined, state of the art Foglia Foundation Health and Recreation Center at Harper College opened its doors on Monday, September 10, 2018 after an extensive renovation, setting the new standard for organizations partnering to pool resources to better serve the community. Harper, Palatine Park District and Northwest Community Healthcare came together to reinvent the nearly 40 year old building as a one-of-a-kind center promoting holistic culture of wellness through a new model of academic, athletic and recreational opportunities and health services.

The building was dedicated the Foglia Foundation Health and Recreation Center in honor of the Foglia Family Foundation's more than \$1.5 million in cumulative support and investment in the Harper College community.



### SAVE THE DATE

**November 9** *Follies* "Friends of Harper"  
Theatre Reception

**December 11** Harper Professional Advisors Speaker  
Series: Cannon Estate Planning  
Teleconference, "Ensnared in an Ethics  
Trap: Navigating Conflicts of Interest"

**January 2019** HOPE Giving Circle Event

**February 28, 2019** Alumni Trivia Night

**March 5, 2019** Harper Professional Advisors  
Speaker Series – Economic Outlook  
with John Chapman

**April 6, 2019** Realizing Dreams Breakfast

**June 10, 2019** Golf Open 2019

Please visit [harpercollege.edu/foundation](http://harpercollege.edu/foundation) and click on events for more information.

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# THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Rich Hohol



Brenda Knox



Ella Liberman



Scot Pepper

**We are pleased to welcome three new and one returning member to the Harper College Educational Foundation Board. They bring a wealth of experience, talent and demonstrated commitment to Harper College.**

**Rich Hohol**, EA, CFP, has served in the financial services industry since 1976. He is enrolled to practice before the IRS and is a Certified Financial Planner professional. Richard has taught for the College for Financial Planning since 1994 and DePaul University since 2002. He is president of Chartered Consultants, Inc., and is an Investment Advisor Representative with Financial Network Investment Corporation, an ING company. He practices at his Bloomingdale, Illinois office. Richard holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

**Brenda Knox** is the Founder and President of Financial Elements, Inc. She is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional, having completed her course work through the College for Financial Planning. A graduate of Roosevelt University where she was a member of the Franklin Honor Society, Brenda holds a BS in business administration, with a major in accounting. Brenda lives in Rolling Meadows and has two sons, one in high school and one in college and serves as activity chair for the Boy Scouts and treasurer for the Cub Scouts. Brenda also has volunteered her time with Homes for Heroes/NAPFA National Consumer Education Foundation providing financial planning for veterans.

**Ella Liberman** is a first generation college graduate, receiving her bachelors from Loyola University and her JD from John Marshall Law School. Ella has a passion for education and affordable education. Ella is currently the AVP & Assistant General Counsel for Zurich American Insurance Company. Ella's nonprofit and civic affiliations include as a board member for Hands On Suburban Chicago (HOSC), and pro bono legal work for numerous organizations such as Center for Disability and & Elder Law, Equip for Equality, Shelter Inc., and Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault. Ella resides in Buffalo Grove with her husband, Val and two children, Joshua and Brielle.

**Scot Pepper** is the Executive Vice President of Operations for Pepper Construction Company. He oversees the operations of the company and maintains the company's tradition of developing strong, long-term relationships with owners, developers, architects and other related parties. In addition to operations, since he joined the company in 1989, Scot has served in a variety of roles including safety, marketing and Integrated Construction Services. Scot serves the community on the boards of the Associated Colleges of Illinois, the Chicago Architectural Foundation, the Chicago Children's Theatre, the Metropolitan Planning Council and Lake Forest Country Day School. He resides in Long Grove.

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## PROMISE UPDATE FALL 2018

### CLASS OF 2019

#### Freshman sign up

4,607 (65%) of total class\*1

#### Sophomore continuing

2,576 (36%) of total class continuing on\*2

#### Junior continuing

2,000 (28%) of total class continuing on\*2

#### Senior continuing

1,392 (20%) of total class continuing on\*2

### CLASS OF 2020

#### Freshman sign up

5,558 (83%) of total class\*1

#### Sophomore continuing

2,852 (43%) of total class continuing on\*2

#### Junior continuing

2,122 (32%) of total class continuing on\*2

### CLASS OF 2021

#### Freshman sign up

5,595 (86 %) of total class\*1

#### Sophomore continuing

2,861 (44%) of total class continuing on\*2

### CLASS OF 2022

#### Freshman sign up

Numbers will be reported in January 2019

\*1 enrolled/total class ; \*2 continuing/total class

Total Promise  
Enrollment

**6,375**