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Marlene Anielski, BA '83, completed her term-limited position as a State Representative and accepted her current position as Executive Director of the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN). OBN actively safeguards the public through equitable regulation of nursing and other health care professions.



Lakshmi M. Eleswarpu, BSE '87, Senior Vice President and Global Chief Information Officer of Sanofi, was elected to the Women Business Collaborative (WBC) Board of Directors. WBC is an unprecedented alliance of more than 80 women's business organizations and hundreds of business leaders building a movement to achieve equal position, pay and power for all women in business. Eleswarpu joins the board with exceptional experience in leading digital and business strategy on a global scale.



Jeanene M. Kress, BAE '89, has been named one of "Eight over 80" for 2023 by Crain's Cleveland Business. The eight Northeast Ohioans, all 80 or older, have been recognized this year as they embody ikigai, which translates to "purpose in life", as they continue to live meaningfully to the benefit of our community. Kress has a slew of sage advice, something that has come not only from her 82 years – including the years raising five children and her most recent job as a trustee – but from a varied and constantly evolving career. Kress started out as a schoolteacher, then went on to run a small business with her husband for more than 30 years while also serving on the school board and working in the community as a "self-proclaimed activist." Kress found her way back to finishing her college degree in her 50s before running for public office. Kress has become a trusted adviser working with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). And as an Olmsted Township trustee, she is



currently spearheading a nature trail and a park in the southwest part of the township that will include a 1-mile walking track and a 3-acre dog park.

Keith B. Lay, BM '84, MM '88, has been deemed by *New York Times*' head critic as "a composer to watch for," and *Gramophone* magazine has described his music as "unapologetically emotional." By age 18, Lay had completed works for wind ensemble, big band, choir, piano, and various small ensembles. While developing a career in commercial music, Lay eventually became a full-time producer using the Synclavier digital music system: the most advanced music technology of that era. Keith is currently working on what he calls "Distance Music:" an outdoor concert form of location-based minimalism exploiting the natural time delays between radiocontrolled train horns and musician groups — each geometrically located over tens of acres. His movement, *Children on the Playground*, was composed in 2000 for his friend, Alex Dean, who premiered it with the United States Air Force String Orchestra on August 28, 2002. That year, it won the Riverside International Composition Contest for reading in New York City. A few years later, it was chosen from a select pool of 20 winning entries from a field of 500 submissions over 11 years to win the Riverside Grand Prize.



James G. "Jim" Maser, BS '83, MS '85, Senior Vice President of Aerojet Rocketdyne's Space Business Unit, was selected as a 2023 Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and elected as a member of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE). An AIAA Honorary Fellow is the top honor bestowed by AIAA that recognizes recipients for their eminence in aeronautics or astronautics and is only given to less than 1% of its membership. Being elected as a member of NAE is also one of the highest professional honors accorded in the engineering profession. NAE members have distinguished themselves in business and academic management, in technical positions, as university faculty, and as leaders in government and private engineering organizations. Maser has enjoyed a distinguished aerospace career,



spanning entrepreneurial space launch, human spaceflight, as well as commercial and military jet engines. In his current position, he is responsible for critical propulsion programs supporting the nation's defense and exploration endeavors, including the 53 elements on NASA's Space Launch System and Orion spacecraft that were built by Aerojet Rocketdyne, and performed spectacularly during the Artemis I mission.

Donald B. "Mickey" McMillan, BSA '83, has been appointed Vice President, Corporate Controller at Oatey Co., a leading manufacturer in the plumbing industry since 1916. McMillan has extensive experience in executive-level financial management and is a seasoned operational and strategic leader across all financial disciplines.



Duane J. Taylor, BS '83, has been named one of the 2023 inductees to the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Foundation (AAO-HNS/F) Hall of Distinction. Taylor is a collaborative trailblazer dedicating a career toward creating a culture of opportunity for diverse inclusion and representation in medicine and otolaryngology. Dr. Taylor serves the Bethesda, Maryland community as the medical director at Le Visage ENT & Facial Plastic Surgery LLC.



Timothy B. Berkey, M.S.E. '83, Ed.D '94, has published a historical novel covering the Great Depression and WWII. It is written in the first person with each character telling their experiences in love and war. Much of the storyline is based in Ohio's Wayne and Summit Counties with notable landmarks and local events. *South on Summit* launched Oct.15 on Amazon.



William G. Chris, B.A. '82, managing partner at Roderick Linton Belfance, LLP, will assume the position of Ohio State Bar Association president in July 2025. He has more than 39 years of experience in litigation and business and has tried many

cases to verdict before judges, juries and arbitrators. Chris has also successfully defended and prosecuted bad faith actions, as well as a \$27 million securities fraud case and an action initiated by the US Department of Labor. Chris has been recognized as Super Lawyer every year from 2012 to 2017, and again from 2020 to 2023.

Michael Giambra, B.S. '82, retired after serving 37 years as a vice president at CIGNA/ACE Group/CHUBB leading the property underwriting of infrastructures: bridges, tunnels, ports, city transit systems, pipelines and other civil works. Giambra also underwrote Builders' Risk coverage for some of the country's largest infrastructure projects over the last 35



years, including the BIG DIG in Boston, New Oakland Bay Bridge, Carquinez Bridge, Benicia-Martinez Bridge and the Charleston's Arthur Ravenel Jr. Bridge.

Allen T. Grimes, B.A. '89, a retired special agent with the FBI and former Akron police officer, has written a horror novel titled, *When the Lantern Swings*. Grimes brings over 26 years of law enforcement expertise to his gripping narratives. Grimes has published works of science fiction and horror in magazines



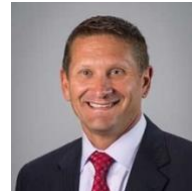
like *Nightmares*, *Potpourri* and *Lords of the Eternal Darkness*. Crafting compelling tales featuring law enforcement protagonists thrust into extraordinary circumstances, Grimes blends his real-world experience with imaginative flair.

Patricia A. McAllise Sjoberg, B.F.A. '80, after working as a graphic designer for 25 years, earned a Master of Arts in Expressive Arts Therapy in 2006 and has worked as an expressive arts therapist for over 20 years. McAllise Sjoberg recently launched her new book, *Artist is a Verb – A Daily Reader to Support You in Building a Creative Practice and Inspired Life*, through her own Art Helps Art Heals Press. The book is a call to everyone to have a creative practice for a daily, balanced life.

Mark D. Mroczynski, B.S.M.E. '88, has been named president of transmission at FirstEnergy. Mroczynski leads the strategic direction and efficient operation of FirstEnergy Transmission, LLC (FET) assets – American Transmission Systems,

Incorporated (ATSI), Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission (MAIT), and Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company (TrAILCo.) – as well as assets owned by Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company (KATCo). He will be responsible for profit and loss of the transmission business, directing transmission’s regulatory and policy strategy and building consensus and collaboration with transmission business investors.

Anthony “Tony” W. Robinson, B.S. ’85, has been named the new chief executive officer at Framatome Inc. Robinson will lead North America’s operations supporting the nuclear energy industry in delivering safe, reliable and clean energy solutions.



Lori M. Wemhoff, B.A. ’88, M.A. ’95, was recently named chief marketing officer for the American Health Information Management Association, the leading voice and authority in health information.

Richard I. Cohen, J.D. ’80, has joined the executive team as managing director of member experience and chief legal officer at R360, the premier global community for ultra-high-net-worth individuals. Cohen’s proven ability to drive growth, transform business and lead with vision has delivered extraordinary results across industries.

Annalisa S. Williams, M.A. ’80, J.D. ’84, Akron municipal court judge, partnered with the Hower House Museum in Akron to host weddings on Dec. 4, 2024.