

# Archived Alumni Spotlights

## And the Winner is...?

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member



“And the Emmy goes to ... **Joe Vinci, Class of 1984**, St. Joseph High School!” This Charger keeps rolling up the credits, including three Emmy awards, as technical director on a variety of television programs. Ever since he left St. Joe’s, Joe has worked tirelessly to help produce numerous shows (see below) as he expands his expertise in an ever increasing technology-driven medium.

“I really became interested in television production when I gained experience recording St. Joe events, especially basketball games. I then went to **Columbia College downtown** where I gained excellent hands-on experience and I became a Television Department Assistant which was a major opportunity to be more than just a student. This advantage allowed me to showcase my work ethic with instructors who were working professionals in the broadcast market here in Chicago.” Joe formed his own company – **Vincivision** – where he freelances as a technical director specializing in sports remotes.

“ ‘Vincivision’ was a nickname affectionately bestowed upon me by my classmates at St. Joe’s,” Joe related. “Now I am flying across the country, broadcasting different events. I am always excited about the impact of technology, especially the Internet now, in the transmission of games, concerts and the like. It’s a very exhausting but highly rewarding profession. I believe that my passion, creativity and organizational abilities rub off on my crew and that’s very rewarding. It helps make for a perfectly clean and smooth production.”



When asked to share advice with students who may wish to follow a path similar to his, Joe suggests: “1. Once you get your foot in the door, show your boss you’re worth keeping. 2. Let your work and attitude shine bright. 3. This business dictates that you’re only as good as your last job so prove it!”

### A Selection of Joe Vinci’s Work as Technical Director

Chicago Blackhawks, White Sox & Cubs (WGN & Comcast)  
Live YouTube HD Webcasts (music festivals)  
All six Chicago Bulls championship seasons  
ESPN’s national coverage of the NHL  
E’s Talk Soup  
Farm Aid 2000  
Ellen DeGeneres Special from the Chicago Theatre  
1996 Democratic National Convention  
John Mellencamp at the Vic Theatre  
The Jerry Springer Show

### Joe Vinci’s Three Emmys

2008 Chicago Marathon (NBC)  
2006 Chicago Bulls (Comcast)  
2005 Chicago Auto Show (NBC)

***Congratulations and good luck, Joe!***

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## Why read a book?

### Graduate's experiences answer that question

Written by: Tony Quattrochi, Faculty Member



Bill is the man in the striped shirt in front of the bull.

After Bill Hillmann, Class of '99, graduated from St. Joe's he went to College of DuPage for one year. There he had a professor in literature who spoke admirably about Ernest Hemingway. The following year, immediately before he took his first class at Elmhurst College, Bill was intrigued by Hemingway and he read *The Sun Also Rises*, about a group of American and British free-spirits who travel from France to Spain to witness the running of the bulls at Pamplona. Where did this lead?

First, Bill began to reconsider his major in physics. Instead he chose English and set his sights on writing. To that end, Bill founded the Windy City Story Slam, a competition whereby five-to-seven writers share a personal story within a five-minute period with a winner selected by the audience. "The idea grew out of my experience with Poetry Slam, a great program founded by Marc Smith. It's held at Green Mill, an old Al Capone speakeasy where men and women share original poetry. The story slam has taken off tremendously to the point that there is city-to-city competition. Last year Chicago sent a group to London where it was victorious. "I am thrilled to say my wife, Enid, took a first place." Bill's efforts continued in promoting Story Slam by having Chicago sponsor the first National Story Slam in Printers' Row in 2011. "I had about \$200 to make this happen and through the Internet I was able to put up ten people from around the country in some pretty good hotels. It was awesome."

Second, the reading of *The Sun Also Rises* inspired Bill to try another venture, an adventure actually. "I've become obsessed with the running of the bulls. During the fiesta in Pamplona they run the bulls eight mornings in a row. Over six years I've run 43 times. I'll hit 50 this summer." Bill shared his interest in this extraordinary experience by publishing an article for *Outside Magazine Online*, focusing on the most dangerous moments in the past ten years at Pamplona. (<http://www.outsideonline.com/adventure-travel/europe/spain/The-Bloody-and-the-Brave.html>). [Bill is the young man in the black and blue shirt ahead of the bull].

Before Bill developed his passion for writing and running from the bulls, he enjoyed success as a boxer. "When I was playing football at St. Joe's, an alum, Dennis Hughes, talked me into trying boxing. I got hooked up with Brother Peter, who trained me in his hard-nosed old-school style and before long I competed. Later I got invited to represent Chicago on the International Boxing Traveling Team. I was selected three times. We went overseas twice. It was great. I competed in the Chicago Golden Gloves three times and won the Novice Division once." Bill's interest in boxing carried over into his writing as well (<http://www.fightnews.com/Boxing/joe-frazier-passes-101130>)

Chicago Tribune named Bill a Remarkable Person in its Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, issue for his numerous accomplishments, which includes the completion of his first novel, which is now on the desk of a

potential publisher. "Writing is such an exhilarating experience. I was lucky enough to meet and become good friends with Irvine Welsh (author of *Trainspotting*). He's helped me tremendously with my writing." Bill's novel is also serving as his thesis for the completion of his Master's Degree in Fiction Writing from Columbia College Chicago.

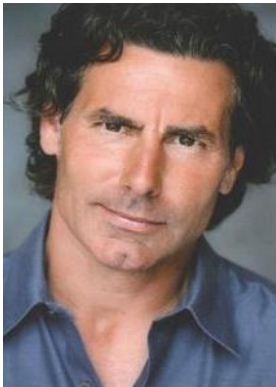
One book opened many doors for Bill, who continues to pursue free-lance writing for various newspapers and magazines and he has already begun brainstorming his second major opus, a reflection on his experiences in Spain – and that's no bull!

Congratulations and good luck, Bill!

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## STAGE, RIGHT!

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Pat Tanzillo, Class of 1981, has made the stage his home. Although he's been featured in both television and motion pictures (see below), nothing, according to Pat, beats the stage. "Every night is different. Every performance is different. You learn to listen as an actor because something could change in a second. Al Pacino calls doing a play 'Life on the Wire.'"

After spending two summers during high school studying acting at the Goodman Theatre downtown, Pat moved to Los Angeles to take his chances. "I really learned how show business works. You hear, 'You're too tall' or 'You're too short' and while you don't get the part more often than you do, I learned early on that studying your craft and being ready is the most important thing." After working in small parts on the stage, Pat started his own theatre production company, ROJO, named after his children Rosalie and Joey. "I would read plays all the time, find one I liked, hire a director and work with actors I knew from class or met somewhere. Los Angeles is now a theatre town and as an actor it's the best training you can ask for as far as working on your voice, emotions and communication with people."

Pat has had many successful reviews for numerous plays, most notably by the *L.A. Weekly*, for portraying an FBI agent in the play, "The Deal," for which he was nominated as Best Actor. Pat often refers to the words of Broadway director Arvin Brown in describing his love for the theatre: "I love the theatre because it's a contact sport: Actor to Actor, Actor to Audience, and best of all Audience to Actor. What other medium in our passive society asks you to reach out at least part-way for your entertainment? The Actor may not come to you unless he knows you want him; the relationship is short, intense, and if you're both lucky, might reveal just a corner of the human soul."

Pat learned early on that acting on the stage is a "very tough business with a lot of ups and downs" but that "the satisfaction you receive after a great show is a RUSH and that type of feeling doesn't come from any other medium, like movies or television. It's electric!"

Between stage gigs, however, Pat is not opposed to doing television or movies. The last we heard, Pat was called by a casting director for a new movie being directed by Clint Eastwood. Good luck, Pat!

#### **MOTION PICTURES**

Jagged Edge  
The Warriors  
Damien: Omen 2  
(others)

#### **TELEVISION**

All My Children (recurring)  
General Hospital (recurring)  
ER (co-star)  
Knots Landing (co-star)  
Alice (co-star)  
(others)

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### **Charger Serves Abroad in Teaching Role**



Dr. Singh (center) performs surgery on a young Marine who was the victim of a bomb blast.

*Dr. Tej Singh, Class of 1985*, has added another accomplishment to his already impressive resume. His medical degree from the University of Chicago, his positions as Clinical Director of Vascular Surgery at El Camino Hospital, Chief of Vascular Surgery at the Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group, and consulting physician for two US Olympic hockey teams might lay in the shadow of his most recent accomplishment. Tej was asked by the Society for Vascular Surgery to participate in a volunteer position on a vascular surgical rotation at the Landstuhl Regional Military Center (LRMC) in Germany. The purpose of the program was to provide education to the medical

staff at LRMC in order to better care for those men and women who were injured in combat in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya. A shortage of vascular surgeons has necessitated such a program. "This was a very special opportunity for me and came at the right time in my career," said Tej. "To go to LRMC and help our soldiers was so special. To see first-hand how our largest international military hospital functions and cares for our soldiers was so impressive. The dedication, gratitude and teamwork concept is second to none. I have never seen anything like that in my career in America... Our military care programs are so advanced and improving with the ongoing demands of conflict. Civilian medical staff participation in some clinical areas is so important to insure high quality and results." Tej is back in home (California) and will be visiting the Westchester area in November for his annual reunion with his classmates from St. Joe's.

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## John Strelecky, Class of '87: A Man with a Vision, a Pen and a Suitcase!

*John Strelecky has indeed had an education. He earned a B.S. from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. His latest success has been his RLE (Real Life Experiences) through his travels around the world. His reflections on his experiences resulted in several best-selling books. And his story is best told in his own words.*



“In 2002 my wife and I took a year-long sabbatical. We sold almost everything we owned, rented out our house, and backpacked around the world on \$40 per day. At that time I was closing in on becoming partner at the international business consulting firm where I worked. Everyone thought we were crazy. I can't tell you how many people said something along the lines of, “But you're doing so well with your career, how could you leave now?” But I had gotten to the point where the idea of working until you're 65 and *then* experiencing the freedom to live the life you want, just wasn't palatable anymore. Day after day I did “stuff”. I created financial

models. I flew around the country to meet clients. I helped people sell more, become more efficient, create new things to sell.... And every Friday when I took my cab ride home from the airport I thought, “Is this really all there is to life?”

So in 2002, we left it all behind and off we went. The trip changed my life. I saw the world, I met amazing people, I gained an entirely new sense of what I was capable of and my place in the world... In other words, it was worth it. When I came back, I was inspired to sit down at a computer and start typing. If you've ever seen that scene at the start of the movie Jerry Maguire, where he has this epiphany and can't stop typing, you'll have a sense of what happened to me. I think he typed for about five hours. I typed for twenty-one days. I'm a slower typer I guess.

It was a surreal experience in that I had no training as a writer, no plans to be an author, none of that. But something was telling me, “type.” During the whole time I never planned what I was going to write next, I never read what I had typed the previous day...none of that. I just sat down each day and typed. At the end of the twenty-one days, when I read what was on the pages, it felt like a book. It was a story about a man who finds himself confronted with three questions: Why are you here? Do you fear death? Are you fulfilled?

What happened after that was a bit of a whirlwind. I published the story myself, despite having no clue about anything associated with publishing. In the process, I successfully made every mistake that could be made. But it didn't seem to matter. There was something in the story that people related to. Within a year I had gotten orders from people in fourteen countries, just through word of mouth. How they were hearing about the book I had no idea.

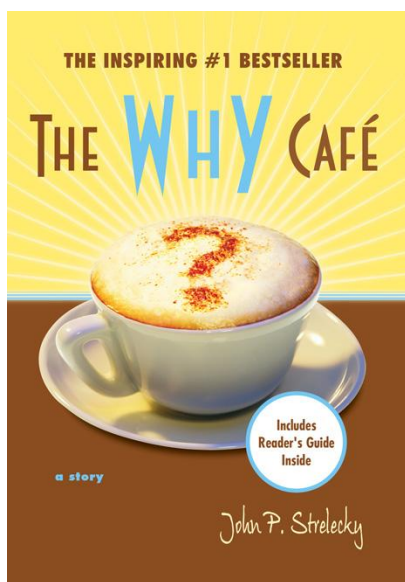
***“The purpose of life is not to be “OK”.”***

With each mistake I made, I got a little smarter. Eventually I got picked up by a literary agent out of New York. Now, that book, which is called *The Why Cafe*, is in twenty-one languages and has made it to best seller lists around the world, including hitting #1. Quite a ride for a guy who didn't know what he was doing or why he was doing it.

After the success of that book, I started to get asked to do a lot of speaking. People who had been inspired by the book wanted more. So there I was, a guy who hadn't even planned on being a writer, and now I was a speaker. This was mildly terrifying.

I proceeded to make lots of mistakes as a speaker too. There is an art to speaking that is different than writing. You don't have lots of time to think as a speaker, you're just on. Over time though, I got comfortable with that. I think part of it was at the start I had this confusing sense of, "Who am I to be up here? I'm just me." What I came to realize is that every person has something to say, value to add, something to contribute. The vehicle for their voice, or the focus of their content might be totally different than writing a book or giving a presentation, but everyone has something to share.

My speaking led to a big AHA moment. That moment has its origins in an experience I had in Africa during my trip around the world. The result was the creation of a concept called The Big Five for Life. In a nutshell, it's asking yourself what are the five things you most want to do, see, or experience in your life before you die? Then once you know them, it's re-structuring your life around those five things. In a second nutshell, it's cutting through all the b.s. and getting down to what really matters to you.



The Big Five for Life AHA proved to be a significant one. Like the story of *The Why Cafe*, there was something in it that people gravitated to. So I incorporated it into my next two books. The first is called *Life Safari*. It's a story about a young man who is struggling to find his place in the world. After saving for two years he heads to Africa and meets a very wise, very old African woman and together, they cross Africa on foot.

The second is called *The Big Five for Life*. It's a story about a man viewed by those around him as the greatest leader in the world. His people love him, his companies make fortunes, and his clients will wait weeks to do business with him. Then at just fifty-five years of age he finds out he's dying. The story is about the last two months of his life. Those books did really well too, making best-seller lists around the world.

*Life Safari* has been incorporated into many different school curriculum both in the U.S. and overseas. One of my most proud moments was having it selected as the required read for all incoming freshman for university students. So many kids go all the way through college and after spending all that time and all that money, they hate their jobs. That's a pity and I'm hopeful that we can change that, for at least a few of those kids.

The Big Five for Life has been used by leaders in companies across the globe. That's been gratifying too. Leaders impact lots of lives every day. When we influence the life of a leader, there is a significant ripple effect. For a guy who got started on this adventure by doing something people called crazy, and backing it up by making lots of mistakes, it's been a pretty amazing ride.

I still do a lot of speaking. When you love to travel, it's a pretty good gig when you get asked to speak in Europe and the Caribbean and Taiwan and lots of other places, and someone pays for the trip and pays you too. I realize this section is supposed to be an overview of my professional life, and not necessarily a vehicle for offering a life suggestion. Despite that, I'm going to give one anyway, because this might be the only time our paths cross and I want to do my best to make sure reading this was worth your while.

Here it is, short and sweet.

The purpose of life is not to be "OK".

When I was at St. Joe's, one of my favorite teachers was Mr. Q. And I'm not just saying that because he contacted me about this piece.

It wasn't that I liked math. It was tough for me. I had to work hard to get through it. What I did like was the fact that Q was funny, he cared whether or not we learned, he cared about us as humans, and he pushed us to go outside of the day to day to find what made us happy. (Remember the field trips, pizza downtown...)

Probably the biggest way he did that, was by doing something he liked. He had fun, he lived beyond "OK" and in doing so, he planted a seed that we could live beyond "OK" too.

Life is long. If things are just "OK", or if it's not even that good, find your center and start moving in a new direction. It's never too late to take a pretty spectacular dream and make it an even more spectacular reality.

And as I have proven, you don't have to know exactly what you're doing. You can make all kinds of mistakes along the way. And despite that, as long as you keep moving in the direction that's right for you, there's an excellent chance things will turn out really good.

It's funny, certain events really stick with you. I had a young woman who was seventeen years old write me a letter after she read *The Why Cafe*. She told me how she had been suffering from an eating disorder and had been in and out of hospitals for years. Her mom gave her the book as a gift, and the young woman said it changed her life. She said for the first time in a long time she wanted to live. That letter humbled me in ways I can't even begin to describe. It made me realize just how important our words of hope can be to someone who really needs to hear them.

I feel part of my purpose is to do my part to provide those words. To try and make a difference in the lives of others."

To learn more or reconnect with John P. Strelecky, please visit [www.whycafe.com](http://www.whycafe.com)

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## Congratulations to Ron Graziano '91!

By: Tony Quattrochi

Ron had his research published in the May 2011 issue of Harvard Business School Journal. This Charger, who Mr. Q remembers as one of his better pre-calc students, has a number of successful experiences to his credit - academically, professionally and personally.

In 2006 Ron graduated with distinction (3.9/4.0) with a MBA from DePaul University and before that Summa Cum Laude from Loyola University with a degree in accounting. He is currently Director, Global Accounting Strategist for Credit Suisse where he is responsible for identifying critical accounting issues, particularly as they relate to clients' investment decisions.

"I deal with a variety of areas every day," Ron remarked. "Stock options, pensions, off balance sheet debt are all on my plate. There are different challenges all the time, especially the way the economy has been. I do get to travel extensively," he added, "and I have spent a lot of time in Europe, particularly in London."

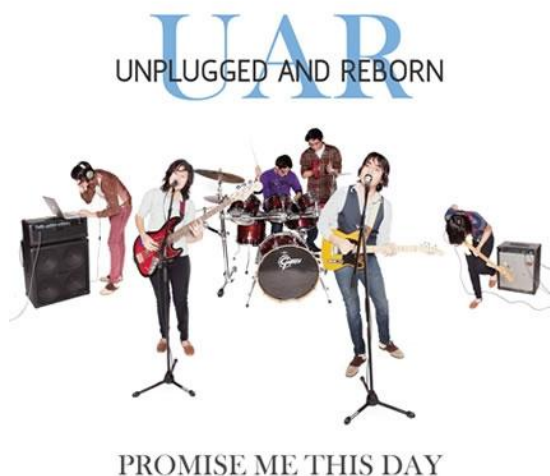
Ron continues to be Research Assistant to the MBA Program at DePaul. He also taught accounting, part-time, at Robert Morris College, for over ten years. Ron's recent research for the Harvard journal is being used as a required case study by one of the school's professors. Ron is married, with three children, and is a resident of Elmhurst.

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## Unplugged and Reborn

### Antonio Grigorio '09 and Andres Davila '09

It all began with a group of St. Joseph High School students who would get together to play music. They simply played for fun. Eventually St. Joseph graduates Antonio Grigorio '09 and Andres Davila '09 captured some serious momentum and created the band Unplugged and Reborn.



With Antonio on the drums, Andres on the electric guitar and keyboards and a friend, Christina Hernandez, on bass guitar, Unplugged and Reborn released its album, *Promise Me This Day*. Unplugged and Reborn's music includes a blend of electro-dance, pop synths and indie-rock driven melodies. The band calls their music "indietronic."

Unplugged and Reborn's recently released, full-length album, *Promise Me This Day*, was recorded at Engine Studios in Chicago with the help of local producer Brad

McGrath. It is at this recording studio that popular bands like Iron & Wine, Atreyu and Modest Mouse have recorded their music. *Promise Me This Day*, released July 10<sup>th</sup>, is already getting radio airplay on multiple stations in Chicago and has received praise on many online music sites, as well. Behind the scenes, the band members are self-promoting their album with interviews both on the radio and Internet.

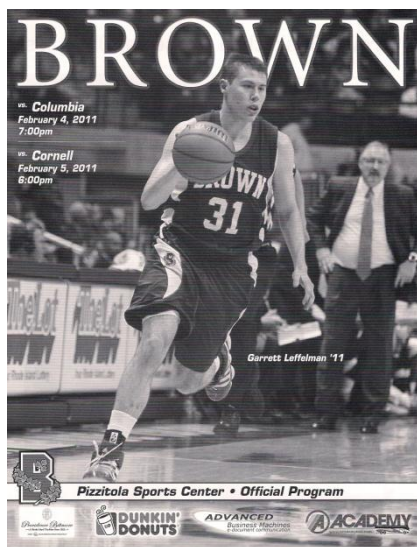
*"...recorded at Engine Studios in Chicago with the help of local producer Brad McGrath."*

Andres finds it hard to believe that they have accomplished so much and have met so many amazing people at such a young age. He said, "We've come a long way from the musicians we once were, but when you find yourself having a strong passion for something that you truly enjoy doing, in the end, you realize that all the hard work and sacrifice pays off ten-fold; and that the present will someday become those memories you will look back on, and hold close to your heart forever."

You can find the full-length album on iTunes, or you can go to the bands website, [www.unpluggedandreborn.com](http://www.unpluggedandreborn.com).

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## Congratulations, Garrett Leffelman '07!



By: Tony Quattrochi

No one completed his math homework more thoroughly than Garrett Leffelman. He was a master at detail and thoroughness. His academic success after St. Joes continued for the next four years as this past spring he was named to Capital One Academic All-America Men's Basketball Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Garrett was named to the Academic All-America second team.

Garrett graduated this past spring from Brown University with a 3.89 G.P.A. and a degree in Economics and Political Science. On the basketball team this season, Garrett started 22 of 23 games, scoring in double digits 12 times, including a career high 22 points against Providence College. He scored 11 points in an upset win over first place Princeton. Garrett pulled down a career high 7 rebounds in games against Fordham and Yale.

Garrett said of his recent honor: "Being named to the Academic All-American Men's Basketball Team is perhaps the achievement I am most proud of from my career. It represents the culmination of all of the time and effort I've put in on the basketball court and in the classroom which came from the work ethic I learned at St. Joseph. Coach Pingatore, all of my teachers, and the education I received at St. Joseph prepared me to succeed both in the Ivy League and at the national Division I level. I would like to thank the St. Joseph community for changing my life path and setting up a great future."



Garrett moved to New York City in June and now works for Morgan Stanley, where he completed an internship last summer. "Morgan Stanley is one of the leading investment banks which encompasses many financial services (investment banking, brokerage services, wealth management, advising, etc.) I'll be in the Investment Banking division working in the Financial

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Institutions Group. This means that I and my group will serve clients in the financial institutions sector (commercial banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, technology firms, and governments). It is actually my group that won the bid to help sell all of the federal government's stock in GM and AIG when the government had to take them over in the financial crisis."

Garrett's plans beyond his stay at Morgan Stanley may include a venture into the world of politics. Garrett hopes to return to St. Joe's in the near future to discuss his academic and athletic experiences on the university level.

***Good luck, Garrett!***

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## **Marty '64 and Teena '64 Napoli Receive The 2011 Lasallian Award**



On Sunday, April 17, 2011, The Christian Brothers of the Midwest Province bestow their Lasallian Award upon Martin J. Napoli, Jr. and Teena (Gribauskas) Napoli for distinguished service to the Brothers' Apostolate of Catholic Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Napoli, St. Joseph High School is honored to be able to call you family!

***Congratulations!***

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## **John Carpenter ('73) Former American Airlines Exec Named Chamber's Public Policy Senior VP**



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### **FORMER AMERICAN AIRLINES EXEC NAMED CHAMBER'S PUBLIC POLICY SENIOR VP**

**CHICAGO**—The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce today announced retired American Airlines executive John Carpenter as the chamber's senior vice president of public policy. Carpenter will oversee the chamber's policy agenda and direct the government affairs staff.

"John's deep understanding of the inner-workings of all levels of government and public policy coupled with his wide array of experiences in how business interacts with these entities will serve our membership extremely well," says Gerald Roper, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce president.

Prior to the formation of his own consulting practice, Carpenter served as vice president of corporate affairs for American Airlines. In this capacity, he was responsible for directing all of American's corporate programs and relationships with states, major cities, and airport authorities in the company's domestic system. He joined the airline in 1990 in Chicago as managing director, corporate affairs, responsible for the company's relationships with state and local governments and civic and community leaders at two of American's major hubs – Chicago and Miami. Carpenter was elected to the position of vice president, corporate affairs at American's headquarters at Dallas/Fort Worth in 1994.

"For more than 100 years, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce has played a pivotal role in advancing the rich legacy of Chicago throughout the world," John Carpenter says. "I'm thrilled to be working alongside the world-class government affairs staff that works tirelessly through initiatives like Pro-Chicago to ensure Chicagoans, elected officials, policy makers and business leaders are aligned with public policy that contributes to the health and success of our region."

Carpenter has represented several organizations in addition to American Airlines. Those organizations include the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (2007-2009), an organization of nearly 30 cities and 5 counties in the Dallas area committed to addressing the critical transportation and mobility challenges of the region, the Aerospace and Defense practice of The Thomas Group (2008-2010), Continental Illinois National Bank (1985-1994), the Illinois Bankers Association (1982-1984), and the Association for Modern Banking in Illinois (1978-1982).

Carpenter is a trustee of the Chicago Zoological Society, past chairman of the North Texas Commission, and a member of the advisory board of the Asian Studies Program of Southern Methodist University. He also serves as a member of the executive committee of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. In the past, Carpenter has served on the boards of directors for the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, Midwest Board of Directors of the National Conference of Community and Justice, and World Affairs Councils of America. He was also vice chairman and a member of the executive committee of the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth. He is a 1978 graduate of Loyola University-Chicago and was awarded the Graduate Legislative Fellowship at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

**Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce** was founded in 1904 as a private, non-profit business assistance and economic development organization. With 2,600 members, representing over 1.3 million individual employees in the six-county Northeastern Illinois region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry & Will), we are the largest chamber in Illinois and one of the nation's largest. Our mission is to make Chicagoland the most business-friendly region in America and to enhance our members' success through aggressive programs in advocacy, member benefits, services, and actionable information.

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## **Thomas Begg ('64) Named to Board of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation**



Thomas W. Begg, Jr. was recently named to the Board of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Mr. Begg is recognized as a leading expert in the field of Corporate Security. Currently, he is employed by Jones Lang LaSalle as the Director of Security Life Safety for the Aon Center in Chicago, the third tallest building in the City. The Aon Center is owned by Piedmont Office Realty Trust in Atlanta. Begg States that high-rise security is a tremendous challenge in the post 9/11 era. On a daily basis, Begg oversees the protection and maintains a safe environment for 9,000 tenant employees and visitors to the Aon Center.

Begg has served the people of the State of Illinois and the corporate sector for over 40 years. During the 70's, he was a Supervising Agent with the Illinois Bureau of Investigation specializing in white collar and organized crime enforcement. In 1980, Begg began his career in bank security as the first Security Director for Sears Bank & Trust Company in the Sears Tower. He completed his prestigious banking career with First Chicago/Bank One in December 1999. In January 2000, Begg was instrumental in creating an Office of Inspector General with the Chicago Transit Authority. The OIG was an agency developed to combat fraud, waste and abuse at the CTA where Begg served both as Deputy Inspector General and Inspector General under then Chairman Valerie Jarrett.

Mr. Begg received a B.A. degree in Economics from St. Procopius College now Benedictine University. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and has lectured at the FBI Academy in Quantico on many occasions. Begg was a keynote speaker on numerous occasions at American Bankers

Association Conferences and served as a member and Chairman of the White Collar Crime Committee of the Chicago Crime Commission. Begg further served as a Director and Secretary of the International Bank Security Association (IBSA, and organization comprised of the top fifty banks in the world). In 1989, he was premier Chairman of the St. Joseph High School Board of Directors, where he is still a Board Member. Begg is an active member of the Illinois Association of Chief of Police, ASIS and Lions International.

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