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In the field of **Business / Finance**

**Christopher Antonetti**, Amity class of 1992, begins his sixth season as Assistant General Manager of the Cleveland Indians baseball club and is in his ninth season overall with the organization.

Antonetti joined the Indians organization prior to the 1999 season as an assistant in the baseball operations department. He was promoted to Director of Major League Operations in August of 2001 and was elevated to Assistant GM in January of 2002.

In his current role, Chris assists Mark Shapiro in all player acquisitions, contract negotiations and player evaluations as well as the day-to-day operations of the baseball department. He also oversees the information systems, statistical analysis and video scouting within the Baseball Operations Department as well as the organization's Major League and Professional Scouting activities.

Chris began his career in professional baseball in the summer of 1997 with an internship with the Montreal Expos in West Palm Beach, FL. He was later hired as Assistant Director of Player Development with the Expos in November of 1997 and served in that position before joining the Indians staff.

He graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University in 1996 with a degree in business administration and earned a masters degree from the University of Massachusetts in sports management the following year. At Georgetown he was a student manager for the men's basketball team for one and a half years under John Thompson.

Chris and his wife, Sarah, live in Cleveland Heights, OH with their daughter, Mya.

**Patricia Levey Lebow**, JD Amity class of 1965, has been practicing law full time since her admission to the Florida Bar in 1974. After graduating Cum Laude in Journalism from Boston University in 1969, Patricia earned the J.D. degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1973. In 1976, she was the first woman to join the law firm of Broad and Cassel, and in 1983 founded the West Palm Beach office of this firm, which under her direction has grown to its current size of 26 attorneys and 40 support personnel. Patricia was also the first woman to be elected to the Young Lawyers Board of Governors of the Florida Bar and first woman director of Dade County Bar. Throughout her career she has handled cases in all areas of civil litigation, and she is currently a Florida Bar certified mediator for circuit court and family law mediation. Patricia has been an active civic leader in her community. At the present time, she serves as a member of the Business Development Board, the Palm Beach Zoo Board, the Economic Council of the Palm Beaches, the Economic Council of the Palm Beaches, the Executive Committee of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, as well as of other civic organizations in her community. Her past involvement in other civic activities is extensive. Additionally, she acted as a founder of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, the University of Richmond, the Mount Sinai Medical Center Foundation, and the Israel Tennis Centers. Patricia's

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accomplishments have been recognized by a number of awards. She was named Outstanding Business Leader of the Year for Palm Beach County (*Sun Sentinel*, Excalibur Award 2005), one of South Florida's Legal Elite (*Florida Trend* 2005), one of Florida's Top Lawyers (*South Florida Legal Guide* 2005) and one of South Florida's most successful business women (*South Florida Business Journal* 2002). She was the winner of the March of Dimes Women of Distinction Award in 2001 and the Executive Women Leadership Award in 2000.

### **In the field of Education**

**Ellen Daniell, PhD** Amity class of 1965, is the author of *"Every Other Thursday: Stories and Strategies from Successful Women Scientists"* [Yale University Press, 2006]. She is currently a writer and lecturer in the areas of technology licensing and University / Industry Relations. Ellen has held leadership positions at Roche Molecular Systems where she was Director of Licensing. She has also served as Director of Business Development PCR for a division of Cetus Corporation where she was director of licensing. Ms. Daniell has also served as senior Director of Personnel for Cetus Corporation. In earlier years she served as Assistant Professor for Molecular Biology at the University of California San Diego.

Ellen earned her undergraduate BA with high honors in chemistry from Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. She earned a PhD in chemistry from the University of California, San Diego.

**Penny Schine Gold, PhD** Amity class of 1965, is Professor of History at Knox College, where she has taught since 1976. She received a bachelor's degree in history in 1969 from the University of Chicago and a doctoral degree in medieval studies from Stanford University in 1977. She has also taught at the University of Cincinnati and had visiting appointments at the University of Iowa and the University of Chicago. She is the author of *The Lady and the Virgin: Image, Attitude, and Experience in Twelfth-Century France* (University of Chicago Press, 1985), co-editor of *Cultural Visions: Essays in the History of Culture* (Rodopi, 2000), co-author of *The Chicago Guide to Your Academic Career: A Portable Mentor for Scholars from Graduate School through Tenure* (University of Chicago Press, 2001), and author of *Making the Bible Modern: Children's Bibles and Jewish Education in Twentieth Century America* (Cornell University Press, 2004). She has held a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and been a senior fellow at the Institute of the Advanced Study of Religion at the University of Chicago. She was the first Knox College recipient of the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership in 1988 and was also awarded the Caterpillar Faculty Achievement award in 1999. Her teaching ranges from the European Middle Ages to modern America, with particular interests in cultural history, Jewish Studies, gender, and comparative religion.

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### In the field of **Fine/Performing Arts**

**Kathie James Baillie Bonagura**, Amity class of 1969, has distinguished herself as both songwriter and singer throughout a musical career that began long before she graduated from Amity and has continued long after. Kathie's musical talents were nurtured by her parents, and while still in her teens, Kathie began performing at school functions and local cafés. Influenced by the folk music scene and the songwriting styles of such singers as Joni Mitchell and James Taylor, Kathie developed her own naturally heartfelt sound. In the early 1970s she formed the acoustic trio *Bittersweet* with her future husband Michael Bonagura and a longtime friend Alan LeBoeuf. The group toured extensively along the East Coast, performed before sold-out audiences at legendary New York City clubs, and released their first single "Please Don't Tell Me Goodnight" in 1975. In 1981, Kathie provided background harmony vocal on the song, "My First Taste of Texas," which shot to number one in 1982 and gave Kathie her first taste of Nashville. Kathie and Michael continued to gain recognition as session singers and writers and sang background on a number of projects for such greats as Lynn Anderson and Randy Travis. Later on, the group *Ballie and the Boys*, made up of Kathie, Michael, and Alan, released numerous country albums from the late 80s to the mid 90s and scored a total of 10 Billboard Top 10 country hits. The success of the group earned awards and nominations from the Country Music Association, the Academy of Country Music, and the TNN/Music City News Awards. In 1991, Kathie co-hosted the Music City News Awards and has co-hosted and performed on The Nashville Network's Yesteryear show. Most recently Kathie has transitioned from lead singer to solo artist, and her album *Love's Funny That Way* is a collection of songs about love in all its forms.

**Tony Falcone**, Amity class of 1967, has been a New England artist since 1974 and has painted professionally for the past twenty-three years. In 1977, he established his studio in a vintage dairy barn, located in Prospect, Connecticut, and it is there, as well as on location throughout the Northeast, that he creates his murals, canvases and portraits. A self-taught artist, he specializes in custom-designed commissioned artworks such as architectural and family and executive portraits, fine paintings and murals. Describing his style as realistic yet "imaginistic," he has painted on location in Portugal, Italy, the Caribbean and France, where he exhibited his work in Avignon.

His approach to some of his projects is almost spiritual. The concept for a calendar designed for 2000 was both celestial and nautical. "We're all one people on one planet," says Falcone, "and that was the idea behind the calendar. It's very meditative." Major projects such as "*Fast Track*", painted larger than life on the Sports Haven building off I-95 in New Haven, the New Haven skyline painted on the side of the Tyco building on Broadway, and a massive mural of the New Haven area painted for the Greater New Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau are just a few of Falcone's gigantic projects. Mr. Falcone has exhibited abroad, as well as in the United States. He is a member of several arts organizations in

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Connecticut, including ARTSPACE, where he serves on the Executive Committee of the board of Directors.

### **In the field of Government / Public Service**

**Martha Shelar Pope**, Amity class of 1963, has followed a career that reflects her interest in public policy and has included legislature, administration and political responsibility in the United States and abroad. In recent years, Ms. Pope participated in U.S., British and Irish government initiatives to end decades of conflict in Northern Ireland. She served as deputy to Senator George J. Mitchell, Special Advisor to the President for Economic Initiatives in Northern Ireland, beginning in January 1995. From June 1996 through April 1998, Ms. Pope assisted the Office of Independent Chairmen, which conducted political negotiations in Northern Ireland.

Prior to her work in Northern Ireland, Ms. Pope served as a Constitutional officer of the United States Senate. The United States Constitution provides that Senators elect officers to implement the functions of the Senate. Since 1789, the Senate has elected two officers, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate who is responsible for Senate security, contracting and administrative services and the Secretary of the Senate who oversees the Senate's legislative functions. The Senate elected Ms. Pope to each of these top positions where she served as Sergeant at Arms beginning in 1991 and Secretary of the Senate beginning in 1994. She is the only woman to have been Sergeant at Arms. Ms. Pope is a member of the Board of Trustees for Citizens Funds, a family of mutual funds, and is a Trustee for Hofstra University. In July 2000, she was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to the board of the National Park Foundation.

**Carol M. Presnick, MD** Amity class of 1971, has been senior attending physician in the OB-GYN Department at Bridgeport Hospital since 1991 and is also currently the Medical Director for the City of Bridgeport Department of Health. Dr. Presnick attended the University of Connecticut from which she graduated Cum Laude, took her medical degree from Creighton University School of Medicine, interned at the Hospital of Saint Raphael, and did her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Bridgeport Hospital. She also served as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy at the National Health Service Center in Elkland, Pennsylvania. Dr. Presnick has reached out not only into the communities where she lives and works, but has also touched the lives of individuals in the greater global community. She established the Presnick Family Scholarship at the University Of Connecticut School Of Nursing for individuals focusing on Community Nursing, is heavily involved in numerous clinics in Bridgeport that help the poor and medically underserved, and has made significant contributions to her hometown of Orange through numerous fund raisers, including donations of books and papers to the Orange Public Library. Over the past eight years she has done pro bono medical surgery in the Dominican Republic and Haiti with her fellow doctors at Bridgeport Hospital and

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just this March headed a medical mission to Honduras for OB-GYN surgery through PRN Relief International.

### **In the field of Health / Medical Service**

**J. Kenneth Burkus, M.D.**, Amity class of 1971, graduated with honors from the Yale University School of Medicine in 1979. He completed his orthopaedic residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Newington Children's Hospital in 1984. He also completed a clinical trauma fellowship with the AO/ASIF group in Switzerland and a spinal trauma and deformity fellowship at the Minnesota Spine Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition, he served as Active Duty Lieutenant Commander, Medical Corps and was attending Staff Orthopaedic Surgeon and Director of the Spin Clinic at the Naval Hospital in Oakland, California from 1984 to 1988. He has held academic appointments at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine and the University of California Davis. Dr. Burkus has been the recipient of numerous awards among which are the A.M.A. Physician Recognition Award (1982, 1985, 1991), Orthopaedic Residents' Award for Outstanding Critical Instructor, Scoliosis Research Society Traveling Fellowship Award. In fact, Dr. Burkus was one of the three spine surgeons in the United States selected by the Scoliosis Research Society to be their first traveling fellows. He has been involved in a number of research projects and published many articles in medical journals on spinal disorders. Dr. Burkus also has special interest and training in adult degenerative cervical, low back conditions, spinal fractures, and spinal cord injuries.

**Jonathan I. Ritvo, M.D.**, class of 1965, is currently serving as the Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado. He also is the Director of the Addiction Psychiatry Residency Program at the University. Additionally, he is an Advanced Physician Specialist at the Denver Medical Center and also serves as the Medical Director for the Inpatient Psychiatry Service and the Substance Disorders Services, Outpatient Behavioral Health Services. Dr. Ritvo is a published author of numerous articles. He has served as the Chair of the American Psychiatric Association and was presented with its Distinguished Fellow Award. Dr. Ritvo is a Cum Laude graduate of Harvard College, 1969 and a graduate of Harvard Medical School, 1973.

Dr. Ritvo also served as an Assistant in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and completed his residency at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, in Psychiatry. He has served on national committees on the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry. Additionally, he has made numerous presentations at the Grand Rounds, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Colorado State Hospital, and American Civil Liberties Union Conference on Mental Health Law.

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### In the field of **Science / Technology**

**David Lincoln Rabinowitz, PhD** class of 1979, is a research scientist at Yale's Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics specializing in the construction of giant digital cameras for telescopes and in surveying the sky for Earth-threatening asteroids, comets, planets, supernovae, and distant galaxies. His work relates to the origin of the solar system and also to the nature of the mysterious dark energy driving the accelerated expansion of the universe. He is credited as co-discoverer of the new population of dwarf planets in the outer solar system, and therefore partly responsible for Pluto's sad demotion from planetary status.

Dr. Rabinowitz earned a B.S. in Physics in from Yale in 1983 and went on to the University of Chicago for a Ph.D. in Physics (1988). He worked at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory of the University of Arizona, the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, before coming to Yale in 1999. Dr. Rabinowitz's discoveries have been cited and described in numerous articles and scientific journals.

**Dr. Jonathan M. Rothberg**, Amity class of 1981, is the founder of CuraGen Corporation, and founder and Chairman of 454 Life Sciences, The Rothberg Institute for Childhood Diseases, and the co-founder and Chairman of RainDance Technologies and Clarifi Corporation. He earned a B.S. in chemical engineering with an option in biomedical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and an M.S., M.Phil, and Ph.D. in biology from Yale University. Dr. Rothberg has been highly recommended for his achievement in science and medicine. He was named an Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year and is the recipient of The Wall Street Journal's Gold Medal for Innovation for his invention of 454 sequencing, and The Irvington Institute's Corporate Leadership Award in Science. He has appeared on CNBC for his pioneering work in the field of genomics medicine and his scientific work has been featured on the covers of leading scientific journals including *Cell*, *Science*, and *Nature*. While at CuraGen, Dr. Rothberg developed a series of new medicines, now in over 14 human clinical trials, for the treatment of a wide range of cancers. His invention of a new way to sequence DNA on a chip, first motivated by his son's visit to the emergency room, has ushered in the era of personal medicine, and is now in use at major pharmaceutical companies, universities and medical centers around the world. Most recently he initiated the Neanderthal Genome project and was invited to the World Economic Forum in Davos Switzerland as a technology Pioneer. Dr. Rothberg is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, and serves on the board of trustees of Carnegie Mellon University.