

# Mortuary



# Minutes

Winter 2021

## Transforming Death Care Education

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## Welcome Back!

We are planning to welcome students back to in-person classes on January 4th!

This year has been trying for everyone, so we are blessed to be moving safely forward right now!

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Over the years, our institution has seen a lot of growth and change. When CCMS was founded in 1882, it was actually named the Clarke School of Embalming. This name stayed until 1909 when it became Cincinnati College of Embalming and then was changed to Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1966!



## **Message from the President**

### **CCMS President & CEO Jack E. Lechner, Jr.**

There is no doubt that most will be glad to see 2020 in their rear-view mirror! Last year at this time the word “zoom” was defined as “move or travel quickly”. Today, zoom is the word that substitutes for just about every face-to-face encounter or meeting.

When the pandemic hit, CCMS quickly established two primary objectives to guide us through the difficult times ahead. Our first objective was to keep everyone (students, faculty, staff, and guests) safe and healthy by reducing the risk of infection. Our second objective was to keep the college functioning so that students could earn their degrees when expected, on time, and begin a career in the death care profession without being delayed by the pandemic.

I must publicly thank everyone for all your support throughout this pandemic. I made the decision to close the campus one day after Governor DeWine closed all K-12 in Ohio. That decision only gave the instructors one weekend to transition to distance learning. Instructors were literally building their class formats into zoom overnight. It was as close to building an aircraft in flight as I have ever seen. The instructors persevered and did a magnificent job!

The students had to adapt overnight too. Most students come to CCMS for the experience of being on campus with their peers and in the lab. In the blink of an eye, their well thought out academic plan went from an on-campus experience to distance learning. My hat is off to all the students for adapting so quickly with minimal amount of complaining. The students were able to keep their GPA's up and in fact the last third semester class earned the highest NBE first time pass in recent history.

But the pain has been real and wearing thin on everyone. Teachers are finishing up and going on a well-deserved and well-earned break. Student finals are over, and most are enjoying time off from school with family and friends. I trust that everyone will continue to make the “right choices” i.e. continuing to wear face masks, keeping a safe distance from others, avoiding large crowds especially in doors and reducing travel during the holidays. The vaccinations have begun, but we must remain vigilant until the effects of herd immunity can be developed.

Unfortunately, due to the increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths here in Hamilton County, I felt it necessary to cancel the December graduation. After much deliberation with the students, faculty, staff, and student leadership we re-scheduled the graduation for April 17<sup>th</sup>. By then the surge from the holidays will have passed and the vaccinations will be reaching deeper into the population. So, we will be having two graduations this spring. One in the morning and one in the afternoon for the class who had their graduation canceled. We are the only ones who can give the graduates their well-deserved graduation ceremony, and we intend to do just that!

#### **Educational Cremation Center (ECC)**

Due to the pandemic, ECC planning came to a temporary halt. At the start of the pandemic, we were beginning the process to obtain funding for construction of the Educational Cremation Center (ECC). Unfortunately, at the same time just about every business in the United States was trying to work with their bank to complete PPP applications.

It took several months for the loan process to open back up as the nation was uncertain about the financial future. Frankly, we thought a pause was necessary also to allow for the uncertainty of the situation to pass. But there are two facts that can't be denied; 1) the cremation rate continues to increase and 2) the national death rate continues to climb as one of the largest generations, i.e., baby boomers, reaches into their senior years. So, the need for the ECC continues to be real.

I am glad to report that we are back on track and currently entertaining funding proposals from five local banks. I anticipate being able to begin construction in the spring. We are still accepting donations to support the building project and could really use all of financial support we can get.

CCMS continues to be 95% funded by student tuition. We try to keep costs down as low as possible without compromising any of the educational experience. When alumni give back to the college it helps us keep costs down for students wanting to join our profession. We have established many ways to support CCMS and hope that everyone who can will take advantage of the opportunity to support your alma mater.

## Coping with COVID-19

### Giving back during the pandemic

CCMS alumnus Toby Day, along with his wife Loretta, have been making his alma mater proud with their compassion and generosity for the community during the pandemic. Toby and Loretta, with the help of some friends, have been sewing masks for first responders. As of now, they have crafted and delivered more than 200 to help with the shortage!

"We were prompted to do this because of two nieces that work in medical facilities," said Toby. "When we saw the shortage of PPE, we became concerned for them, and their families. Especially because both have toddlers. My wife posted that she made them, and was almost immediately hit with requests from people she and I know in similar circumstances. That's when it occurred to us that there is a need locally. A need to keep our medical professionals, and first responders safe.

It really isn't much, but it is something we can do to give back to our community. We are in no way professionals at making any protective equipment. We are only using information that has been put out by hospital requests to guide our efforts."

In addition to assisting first responders, the Toby and Loretta have also been generous enough to supply some of our students with CCMS-themed purple and gold masks (see the photo below)! We thank them so much for their thoughtfulness and hard work!

### Also...

- Alumnus Ben Zimmerman's mom made face masks for their staff at Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home.
- Our partners at the University of Cincinnati Anatomical Department are donating extra gloves to UC hospital while staff and their friends are making masks for hospital staff
- CCMS has made significant changes to its learning environment. Classrooms have been physically expanded to allow greater social distancing, virtual classes have been made available and everyone entering campus is screened for symptoms and potential exposure. All of this had been done with the primary goal of keeping everyone safe and healthy!



## Prospective Students: Steps for Touring CCMS during the Pandemic

If you are thinking of enrolling at CCMS, we invite you to schedule a Saturday visit with Kevin Brinkman, Dean of Enrollment Management to discuss enrollment options and answer your questions.

To protect the health and safety of all, appointments must be confirmed in advance by email, phone, or through the [scheduling link](#). We ask that you please take the following steps:

# Individual Appointment Procedure



Schedule a Saturday appointment by calling (513) 618-1926 or emailing [kbrinkman@ccms.edu](mailto:kbrinkman@ccms.edu).

\*There's a link above to schedule online.

**STEP  
01**

Please have your mask in place when we greet you at the main entrance.

\*You may be accompanied by a maximum of two guests.

"Masks help all to slow the spread."

**STEP  
02**



We will assist in completing a temperature check.

\*Using a sanitary no-contact thermometer.

**STEP  
03**



# Inside Death Care



## ICCFA Educational Foundation Board of Trustees Unanimously Elects Jack Lechner As Newest Member

By a unanimous vote, the Board of Trustees for the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association's (ICCFA) Educational Foundation elected Mr. Jack E. Lechner Jr., CFSP, as their newest member on August 24. Mr. Lechner will begin his duties as a member of the Board of Trustees at their upcoming meeting on September 9, 2020.

When discussing Mr. Lechner's election, ICCFA Educational Foundation President Jim Price said, "Jack has spent a lifetime studying leadership and serving the death care profession as a funeral director, embalmer, soldier, cemeterian, and educator. His participation in the ICCFA Educational Foundation is a tremendous honor and will surely propel the foundation to new heights." Jack E. Lechner, Jr. has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science since 2016. Prior to that, he was the Integrated Logistics Systems Division Chief at Headquarters, Department of the Army, Pentagon where he was responsible for ensuring the integrated logistics support for the entire lifecycle of all the Army's combat platform acquisitions. In 2010, he was part of the new leadership team to restore honor to the Arlington National Cemetery following a serious scandal uncovered by the Department of the Army Inspector General. COL Lechner served as the Executive Officer, Cemetery Administrator, Deputy Superintendent, and culminated his five-year tenure by serving as Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Lechner earned a Bachelor of Mortuary Science degree from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and holds a Master of Science degree in National Resource Energy from National Defense University. He was a practicing funeral director for 10 years before enlisting as an Infantryman in the US Army in 1983.

Founded in 1887, the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association is the only international trade association representing all segments of the cemetery, cremation, funeral and memorialization profession. Its membership is composed of more than 9,100 rooftop locations and 18,000 professionals in the cemetery, funeral home and crematory industries, as well as supplier and related businesses worldwide.

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## Spring 2020 Graduation

The coronavirus pandemic has forced the cancellation or postponement of many of the ceremonies and observances that we look forward to and cherish. One of these was the commencement for our Spring Class of 2020. The ceremony was originally scheduled for May and it was with great reluctance that we had to put it off for another day. Which day, was rather uncertain. However, we were finally able to find an appropriate time and place to honor this class and give them a much-deserved celebration.

The commencement took place on August 8, 2020 at the Cooper Creek Event Center in Cincinnati. CCMS President Jack Lechner served as Master of Ceremonies and Danial Dwyer, President & CEO of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home provided the keynote address.

Thank you to the patience of all 16 graduates. We congratulate you on your achievement and wish you the best of luck

### Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.84-3.70)

Chandler Northup

### Summa Cum Laude

Gregory Briggs

Samantha Legendre

Shannon McCowan

Ariell Alicia Milner

Maggie White

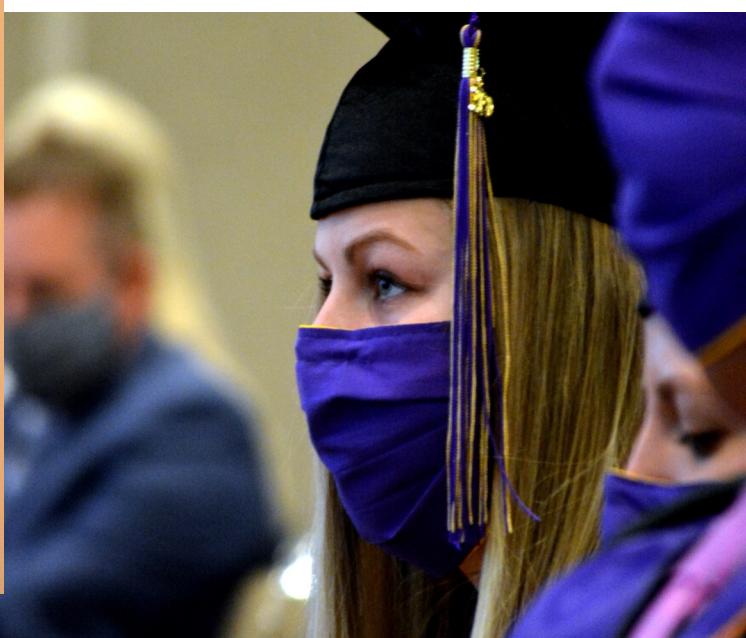
### Cum Laude (GPA 3.69-3.5)

Joshua L. Majors

Chase Pfeffer

Alexander Thomas Sweet

Alexis Marie Young



## Spring 2020 Graduation *continued...*



## American Funeral Director chooses CCMS Alum

### Tess Payton as one of the “Ones to Watch”

Since 2012, American Funeral Director magazine has been introducing its readers to mortuary students who are poised to make a difference in funeral service.

*(The following is reprinted with permission)*

The seeds of interest in funeral service were planted for Teresa “Tess” Payton when she was a child, experiencing her uncle’s traumatic death and its impact on her family.

“I was 9, a pivotal age for such a formidable experience,” Payton said. “He was a victim of a homicide, and one of the things I remember the most was the honor and privilege I was provided to be a part of the funeral. Some people may think a funeral isn’t a place for a child, but for me, to be able to come to the funeral was so important as a child.”

One of the things Payton remembers about her uncle’s 1994 death occurred as the family was trying to make arrangements. “It was a very distressing time, and one of the things my family was fixated on was my uncle’s long red hair. It was a big part of his personality and identity; his nickname was even ‘Hunts’ (from the ketchup of the same name),” she said.

“Because of what happened, they had to shave his hair ... it was a huge part of who he was, and it was lost,” Payton said. “Another thing the family fixated on was the gold hoop earring he always wore. They were trying to figure what to do with the earring. And only as a 9-year-old could do, I asked, ‘Why doesn’t he just wear it?’ It just seemed to me to be the most obvious solution.”

After a few minutes, the family’s response was, “Let’s do it.” “I felt validated; they listened to what I said. I felt included,” Payton said. “As I reflect back, it was my way to advocate for the person he was and to represent him faithfully in death.”

Still, the 35-year-old Louisville resident didn’t immediately gravitate to funeral service. Instead, Payton headed off to the University of Louisville where she earned both a Bachelor of Arts in humanities and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Payton would go on to work in various fields, including teaching, where she developed a broad spectrum of experiences that taught her valuable interpersonal and customer service skills.

“As an admissions counselor for the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts’ Governor’s School for the Arts, Tess was required to help teens and their families navigate a rigorous application process – including the stress and emotions such a process creates,” read the nomination signed by members of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, including President Jack E. Lechner Jr. “(Tess) exhibits a calm, warm demeanor, which would have put those families at ease, in the same way she will undoubtedly comfort bereaved families in the future.”

While she enjoyed being a teacher and later working as a nonprofit administrator, Payton reached a point where she had achieved everything she wanted to achieve. She began looking for her next career – and found her way to CCMS.

Payton admitted she was a bit nervous about returning to school, but she need not have worried.

“From the time she arrived at CCMS, Tess has been a quiet leader – displaying empathy for others and encouraging peers to have an open mind,” Lechner wrote. “She is bright, mature and committed to her pursuit of this profession.

“She asks thought-provoking questions and seeks to immerse herself in all things death, dying and bereavement to become a better servant leader within her community and funeral home,” Lechner added.

Payton, who graduated last month, said she was fortunate to be able to both attend school and work at a funeral home in Ohio at the same time. “It was difficult, but at the same time it was important to blend my academic study with real-world experience,” she said. “To be able to learn about something in school and then take it to the funeral home and put it into practice has been a truly wonderful experience.”



Tess Payton

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## **Tess Payton** (continued from previous page)

The kind of funeral director she wants to be is one who is caring and compassionate, who listens to what families are saying – and not saying – to do her best each and every time so no family leaves a funeral service feeling something was lacking.

Lechner would also add forward thinking.

"Tess is progressive in her thinking about meeting the needs of today's families, revealing genuine interest in green burial and other nontraditional options," Lechner pointed out.

Payton has accepted an offer at a Kentucky funeral home to begin her career as a licensed funeral director. "My goal is that people get to know me as a valued community member that they can turn to in their time of need," she said. "I think that I would love to, one day, move into leadership, perhaps managing or owning a funeral home."

"Most importantly, though, I want families to know that I am going to treat their loved one as I would treat my own loved one," she added. "People deserve dignity in life ... and death."

## **Welcome Vancophagus!**

Thanks to the generosity of Mike Ryan, Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees and owner of Vorhis & Ryan Funeral Home and Shorten Ryan Funeral Home—CCMS has a new van!

CCMS held a naming contest on social media and the winning name Vancophagus was submitted by Tom Bednar who was one of 51 contest participants. Mr. Bednar will receive a CCMS logo t-shirt for his creativity.

We also need to thank alumnus Toby Day (formerly an auto body repair expert) for performing a face lift on the van. Vancophagus will be used to make the many transfers that CCMS has to complete on a weekly basis.





## Hall of Fame Highlights

### **Kenneth A. Cahall**

Ken Cahall is the owner and president of Cahall Funeral Homes Inc. with locations in Georgetown, Ripley and Mt. Orab, Ohio. He is the 2017-18 president of the National Funeral Directors Association.

Ken is an active member of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association (OFDA) and has served as the association's secretary, treasurer, president-elect and president. In addition, he has volunteered his time as a member of several OFDA committees, such as the Master Trust, Benefit Trust, Finance and Audit, Nominating, Member Services, and Membership Committees, and the Allied Memorial Council.

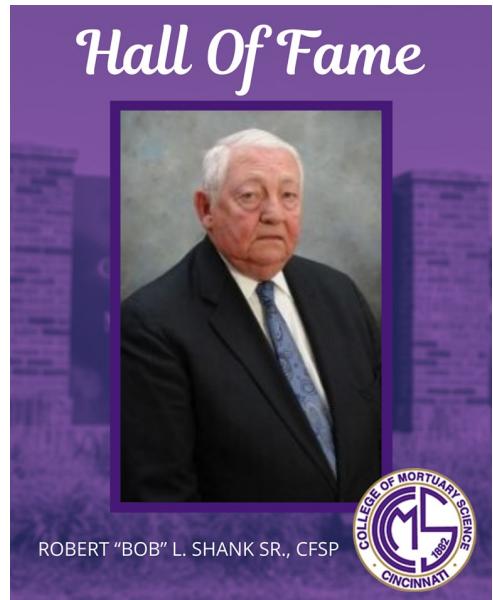
Ken graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1973, the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1974, and became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the state of Ohio in 1975. He married his wife, Jennifer, in 1973.



### **Robert Shank, Sr.**

Bob Shank started his career as a meat cutter working at his father's grocery. He had a desire to enter the funeral profession and graduated from the Cincinnati College of Embalming in 1956. In 1964, Bob and his wife, Clara, had the opportunity to purchase the Witzler Funeral Home, a company founded in 1859. This humble beginning gave way to an illustrious career in funeral service with the ownership of numerous funeral homes and cemeteries, personal involvement in Perrysburg and its surrounding communities, and dedicated service to his funeral director colleagues.

Professionally, Bob has served in numerous capacities with the Ohio Funeral Directors Association including its President in 1980-1981; the National Funeral Directors Association including its President in 1990-1991; appointed to the Ohio Board of Embalmers & Funeral Directors for 12 years; and the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science including Board of Trustees member and its Chair, and a Trustee of the Endowment Fund. Bob was the 399th member to join the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice in June 1977, making him a lifetime member for 40 years.



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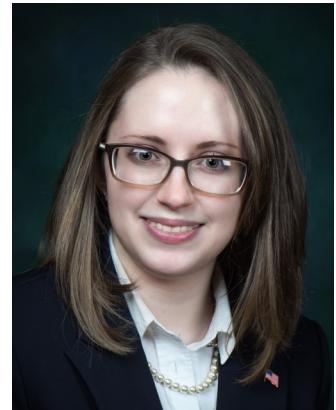
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## Best Young Funeral Director of the Year—Victoria Krouse

Near the beginning of her senior year in high school, one of Victoria Krouse's closest friends experienced two unexpected deaths in her family. "It was devastating and her grief was indescribable," says Victoria. "Seeing her go through that pain got me started into looking at the death care profession." After some online research and meetings with local funeral directors, she knew her career path was set.

Last fall, Victoria was given the Award of Best Young Funeral Director of the Year by President and CEO of the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science (CCMS), Jack Lechner. She was nominated by Ernie Heffner of Heffner Cremation & Funeral Care, in York, PA where she interned and subsequently was hired as a full-time death care professional and celebrant. In addition to this honor, Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley issued a proclamation making October 15, 2019 Victoria Krouse Day in the city.



Victoria Krouse



Victoria graduated summa cum laude from CCMS in 2017. But it isn't simply her GPA that has propelled Victoria to the top of her field as a young professional. It is her caring and empathy that makes her exceptional. In nominating Victoria, Ernie supplied example after example of family members who had been touched by Victoria's warmth and sympathy. One quote, typical of the many offered, was from Lou Ann Reidel whose mother had passed. She said, "Victoria was fabulous in every way... Dignity, respect and warmth mean so very much. Please know how so impressed I was from the very moment Victoria arrived at our home. I immediately knew Mom was in excellent hands."

Working with the families is what Victoria finds most rewarding in her job. "I am just honored to know that I have started them off on their journey through grief in a good light," she says.

Like any job, being a funeral director has its challenges. For Victoria, as with most in the profession, the long hours can be taxing. But she also says that remembering to check her emails and text messages is sometimes an issue. "It's something I was not used to doing," she says, "but coffee certainly helps me and I am more than happy to answer any family's questions even during my time off."

Victoria hopes to stay with Heffner Cremation and Funeral Care for "as long as they will have me." Some day she hopes to obtain a Master's degree and perhaps teach at a school like CCMS. Attracting young people to the death care profession is often an uphill climb. It is encouraging to know that Victoria is out there caring for others and ensuring a strong future for the calling.



Victoria Krouse receives Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley's Proclamation (top) and the award for Young Funeral Director of the Year from CCMS President and CEO Jack Lechner



# #ccmsfamily

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## ***In Memory of***

### **Leon J. Groff, Sandusky, OH, Class of 1972**

Leon J. Groff passed away unexpectedly Tuesday morning, April 14, 2020 at Firelands Regional Medical Center. He was born on July 19, 1951 in Sandusky, OH to the late F. Leo and Madelyn (Raab) Groff.

Leon graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1969. He attended Bowling Green State University Firelands and received his associate's degree from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1972, where he graduated Cum Laude. He joined his father, Leo, as a funeral director and embalmer at the Frey-Groff Funeral Home on Washington Street in Sandusky. He built the new Groff Funeral Home on Perkins Avenue, and it opened February 1, 1987. He continued expanding his funeral home business over the years and most recently into the Milan and Huron communities. Leon's dedication and commitment to serving the families in his community led him to developing Meadow Green Memorial Park in 1989, opening The Remembrance Center & Gift Gallery in 2001, and opening Groff Pet Loss Services in 2010.



### **Roger D. McColaugh, Xenia, OH Class of 1970**

Roger D. "Rock" McColaugh, age 70, passed away Monday, March 16, 2020. He was born June 14, 1949 in Dayton, Ohio. Rock was a lifelong resident of Xenia and graduated from Xenia High School, Class of 1967. He earned multiple letters in Wrestling and Track & Field. He attended Central State University and graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1970. He went on to join his father in the company business, McColaugh Funeral Home, which was established in 1960. After his father's passing in 1998, Rock assumed the responsibility of continuing the company's legacy of being "dedicated to serve" the families of Greene County. He was currently the President of the funeral home, and was most widely known for greeting the families with compassion, humility and a joke.



### **Susan Seits Murphey, Columbus, OH**

Susan A. Seits Murphey, 56, of Columbus died early Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at Kobacker House where she was under hospice care. She was born March 23, 1963 in Bucyrus, Ohio to the late William A. and Shirley M. (Clinger) Seits. She graduated from Bucyrus High School in 1981 where she was active in Bucyrus Players and established lifelong friendships. After graduating from CCMS, where she was president of Delta Gamma Pi sorority, Susan served her apprenticeship in Delaware, Ohio working in the pre-need department under Gwen Mooney at the Jon Deitloff Funeral Home. She later worked for Strawser Funeral Home and Staley-Crowe Funeral Home before moving with her family to Columbus where she was a homemaker and theater mom. Susan served on the committee for CCMS Alumni Homecoming Weekends in 2004, 2005 and 2007. CCMS Academic Chair Teresa Dutko remembers Susan as, "Without question, one of the finest human beings I've ever had the pleasure of knowing."



## ***In Memory of (cont.)***

### **Cynthia Messina, Coral Gables, FL, Class of 1985**

Cynthia Messina 58, of Coral Springs, FL passed away August 1, 2020. Cynthia was a native of Cleveland, Ohio and 1985 graduate of CCMS. Beloved wife of Mark J. Petratis for 23 years. Devoted daughter of Joseph and Phyllis Messina. Sister of Rene (Michael) Capusio and aunt of Joseph and Alexis Capusio.

Cindy was a Funeral Director for 35 years. She was the manager of Kraeer-Funeral Home in Coral Springs. Cindy helped thousands of families over the years and was involved in many community organizations and charities.



### **Heather Grace Sikorski**

Our special sympathies for the family of long-time friend of CCMS Thomas Lynch. Thomas' daughter Heather Grace passed away on July 2, 2020. She was 45 years old. Born on March 1, 1975 in Royal Oak, she grew up in Milford, attending St. Williams School in Walled Lake and Milford High School where she graduated in 1993. She earned a BA from Western Michigan University and an MA in Interdisciplinary and Women's Studies from DePaul University, Chicago. Heather Grace worked for a variety of non-profit organizations while still in school, including The Equal Rights Campaign in Washington D.C. and the Women's Center at DePaul.



For three years she worked with her brothers and father at Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors in Milford, Michigan. She travelled extensively across the United States and Europe, Indonesia and Central and South America, before marrying James Sikorski and eventually moving with him to a small farm in Tecumseh where she trained and boarded horses and became an accomplished horsewoman, serving on the Equestrian Team of the Huron Twp. Police Department and excelling in Riding and Archery Competitions throughout the midwest. It was a fall from a horse in 2018 resulting in a closed head injury, which, combined with a long struggle with mental illness and depression, lead to disability and treatment in early 2020.

Her father has long been associated with CCMS, having addressed students in the past. He is an essayist, poet and author of several books including *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade*, which was made into a [PBS Frontline Special](#).



# MUGSHOT MONDAYS



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# Support CCMS



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CCMS is unique in that it receives no state or federal funding, outside of the financial aid our students receive for tuition, for its operation. As a result, CCMS heavily relies on support from our alumni, private individuals, corporate partners and members of the Cincinnati Foundation for Mortuary Education. Such generous and continual support is in large part why we have remained successful for well over a century.

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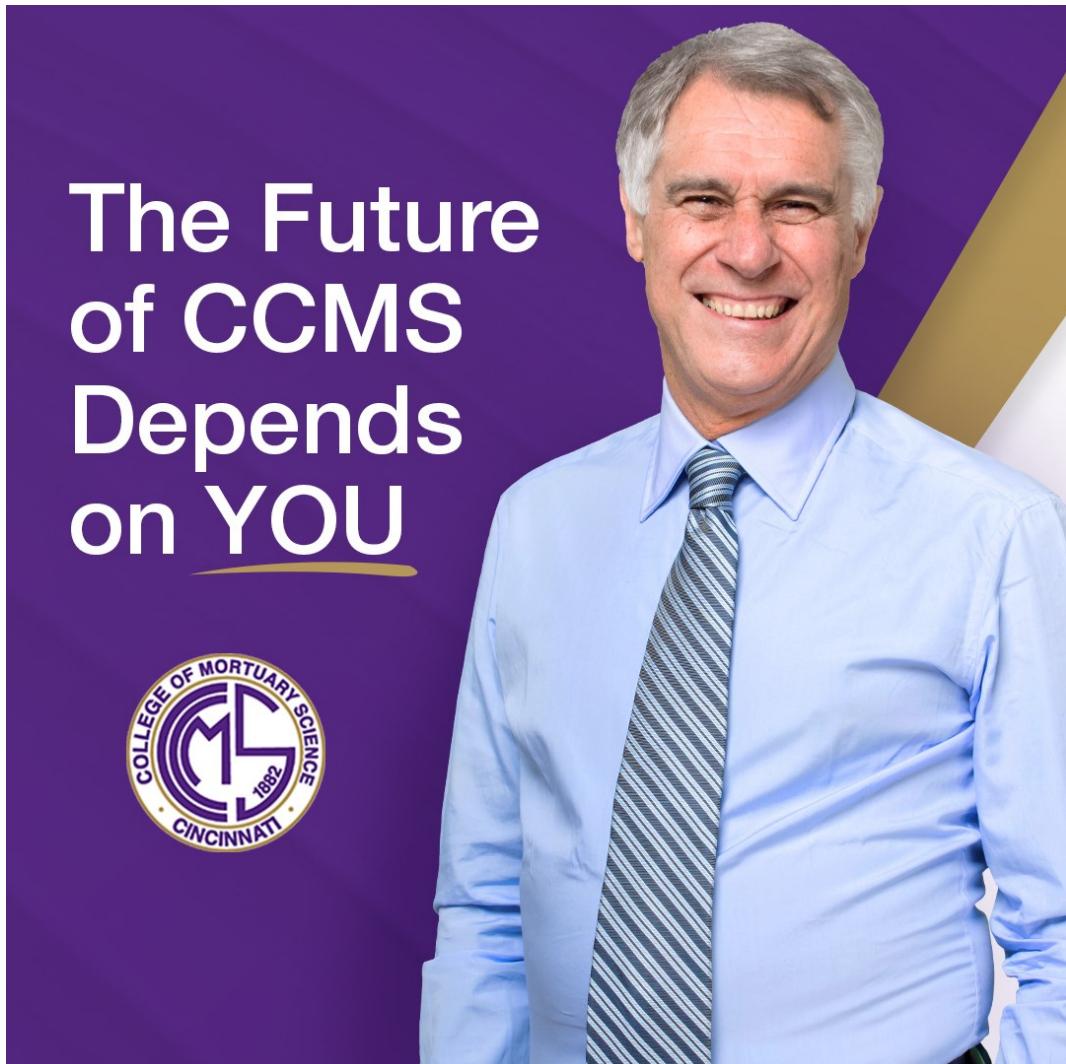
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# 1882 ALUMNI SOCIETY



As a CCMS alumnus, you know how seriously we take our mission of educating the next generation of funeral service professionals. We're proud of our reputation as the "Harvard of Mortuary Colleges," which we've worked very hard to preserve for over 135 years.

But we're not resting on our laurels. We're leading the way in deathcare education through the construction of the nation's only Educational Crematory Center (ECC).

**That's where you come in!**

By joining the 1882 Alumni Society, which honors the rich history of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science while also paving a way for the future, you won't just be showing your CCMS pride. You'll also be helping us build this important facility, right here on our Cincinnati campus.

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