

1964 1981 Donna Hastings '64 and Maria (Josy) Latorre '81 would never have met under ordinary circumstances, but they were brought together by Hurricane Maria. Josy (above, right), who had a career in Puerto Rico in corporate communications as well as music, joined the American Red Cross after the hurricane. Donna (above, left) has a private psychology practice in New Hampshire and has been a disaster mental health volunteer for the American Red Cross since Hurricane Andrew in 1992. She worked closely with Josy during her second deployment to Puerto Rico.

1979

Ray Pierson (chemical engineering) and Marcel Emond '74, '98G (Isenberg) are the owners of New City Brewery in Easthampton, Massachusetts, known for its ginger beer and Moscow mule. Ray writes: We have remained fanatical supporters of all that is UMass. I am a physician, and I have lived in California for 20 years, but I still have season tickets for basketball and travel around the U.S. to see various UMass sports teams compete.

1982

John P. "Jack" Riordan received the Massachusetts Bar Association's annual Community Service Award in December. Jack founded the Mochila Project, which provides backpacks and coats to children living below the poverty line in Brockton, Massachusetts. He is a past president and incorporator of the Brockton Boys & Girls Club.

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Cindy Kennedy is a resident of Wilbraham, Massachusetts. After an experience with Lyme disease, she started the podcast series Living with Lyme, which has been heard in 17 countries.

1983, 1989 G

Marisa Weinstein received the 2017 George N. Parks Award for Leadership in Music Education from the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). She is director of bands at Warsaw Middle School in Pittsfield, Maine.

1985MFA

Sussy Komala has been named codirector of what will be the world's first low-residency international MFA in creative writing and literary translation at Vermont College of Fine Arts.

1987

Paul Collins is the president and owner of Collins Engineering, a software-engineering company in Worcester, Massachusetts.

1987

Sandy Lish received Tomorrow's Women TODAY 2017 Woman of the Year award. Sandy is the principal and cofounder with Wendy Spivak '82 of The Castle Group, a public relations and events firm based in Charlestown, Massachusetts.

1987

James Liston is in his third season as sports science director for Toronto FC of Major League Soccer.

1989

John Pankauski, an attorney in south Florida, didn't even like beer when he was an undergrad studying political science. He is now the owner of the West Palm Beach Brewery & Wine Vault. The tap room, wine-tasting room, and restaurant opened in November.

1994

Erin Moran Shapiro is the managing partner of the Northborough, Massachusetts, office of the law firm Atwood & Cherny PC. She is a longtime partner at the firm, concentrating on family law. She lives in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, with her husband and two daughters.

2002

Katie A. Niejadlik, pro bono manager for the law firm Fish & Richardson, received the "Leading Light" award from Immigration Equality at the organization's annual SHINE event, which celebrates the accomplishments of civil rights leaders and supporters in the LGBTQ immigration movement. She works out of the firm's Austin, Texas, office.

2003G

Rachel E. Muñoz has joined national workplace law firm Jackson Lewis P.C. in its Boston office. Her practice focuses on representing employers in workplace law matters, including preventive advice and counseling.

2007

Paula Morissette Stanton was promoted to senior account manager at Broadreach Public Relations in Portland, Maine. She lives in Portland's West End with her husband and dachshund.

20068, 2008

Kevin Banks became the golf course manager at Vineyard Golf Club on Martha's Vineyard, the only all-organic golf course in the country, in 2016.

2010

Jared Phillips is co-owner and vice president of Clockhouse Realty Inc. in Somerset, Massachusetts.

2013

Arthur Xia, who was a 2014 Fulbright Scholar in China, is now an administrative assistant at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office for the Consumer Advocacy and Response Division (CARD), which provides assistance on consumer issues.

2014

Reed Fox is program manager for Street Soccer USA, which fights poverty and empowers underserved communities through soccer.

2017

Stephanie Burney, of Acton, Massachusetts, is serving as a health volunteer in the Peace Corps in South Africa.



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