

# 2002›03

## Admissions:

› In a victory for U-M announced June 23, 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the right of universities to consider race in admissions.



## On Campus:

› As she takes office as U-M's 13th president, **Mary Sue Coleman** makes history as the first woman to hold that position.

› "Good Morning America" makes a stop in Ann Arbor as part of its Midwest college campus tour.

› Michigan Gov. **Jennifer Granholm** delivers the Spring Commencement speech.

## Athletics:

› Michigan teams win **Big Ten championships** in women's cross-country, men's swimming and diving, women's indoor track and field, women's gymnastics, women's rowing, and women's outdoor track and field.

## Henry Stafford, '96

Co-founded and serves as CEO of Revtown, a denim-focused clothing brand. Previously, Henry served as chief merchandising officer at American Eagle Outfitters, before overseeing Under Armour's North American business in 2016. He hails from Pittsburgh.

## Andrew I. Ward, '96

Promoted to special counsel in the New York City office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel in January. Andrew focuses his practice on bankruptcy and restructuring matters.

## Ghislaine Torres Bruner, '97

Named a Top Woman in Energy for 2018 by the Denver Business Journal in March. Ghislaine is an energy litigation attorney and shareholder with Polsinelli.

## Sonya Smith, MA'97

Became the director of graduate admissions at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs in November. She previously served in a variety of senior admissions positions at Princeton and Stanford universities. Sonya hails from Lawrence Township, N.J.

## Kathryn E. Hickner, '99

Elected to the board of directors of The McGregor Foundation in January. The organization supports the needs of the economically disadvantaged and frail elderly by providing home and community care, workforce development, and quality-of-life programming. Kathryn is a partner in the Cleveland office of Kohrman Jackson & Krantz.

## Peter Katona, '99

With wife Jennifer Katona, happily welcomed Oliver Joseph Katona into the world on Dec. 13. Oliver was preceded by siblings Sophie and Zoey. The family hails from Norwalk, Conn. ☞

# 2000s

## Xin Zong, MSE'00

Promoted to principal at the integrated design firm SmithGroupJJR in February. Xin is the senior structural engineer in the firm's Detroit office.

## Peter Altman, '01

Promoted to partner in the Los Angeles office of law firm Akin Gump in January. Peter focuses his practice on white collar crime and other government enforcement and regulatory matters. ☞

## Gary Gorski, '01

As founder and president of Wolverine Studios, raised money from sales of the company's computer sports games to build a gaming go-kart for U-M's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. The "GO Kart," created by Gamers Outreach, was delivered and put into service at C.S. Mott in February. Gary hails from Ortonville, Mich. ☞

## Breanne Sheetz

## Martell, '01, JD'07

Elevated to shareholder in the Seattle office of Littler in January. Breanne focuses her practice on employment and management matters.

## Matt Ribbens, '01

With wife Marian, welcomed their son William Hull Ribbens into the world on June 25, 2017. William joins his older siblings, Harris and Elizabeth, in the family's Wake Forest, N.C., home. ☞

## Hayden Goldblatt, '03

Promoted to partner in the New York City office of Frankfurt Kurnit Klein + Selz in January. Hayden focuses his practice on entertainment law. ☞

## Nate Heeren, '03

Promoted to managing director in the Denver office of financial advising firm Riveron Consulting in January.

## Najia Khalid, '03

Promoted to partner in the New York City office of Wiggin and Dana in January. Najia focuses her practice on various business immigration matters.

## Oliver Kiley, '03, MLARCH'08

Promoted to principal at the integrated design firm SmithGroupJJR in February. Hailing from Ann Arbor, Oliver specializes in community planning and urban design.

## Toni Trucks, '03

Stars in "SEAL Team" on CBS. The show follows Bravo Team, an elite subunit of Navy SEALs, as it

undertakes dangerous missions worldwide and the burdens created by their work on their families. Toni hails from Los Angeles. ☞

## Kristina M. Araya, '04

Promoted to partner in the Grand Rapids, Mich., office of Warner Norcross + Judd in January. Kristina focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and risk management.

## Jonathan Schwartz, '04

Joined the Southfield, Mich., office of the law firm Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss in February. He practices in a variety of legal areas.

## Robert J. Stein, '04

Joined the New York City office of Ackerman in March. He serves as a co-chair of the law firm's corporate finance and lending practice.

## Dan Bartz, '05

Featured, with business partner **Jon Shepard, '05**, in Voyage Chicago magazine in January. The article profiled First Ascent, the duo's chain of indoor rock climbing facilities. ☞

## Christopher Hayward, '05

Co-authored "Galaxy growth in a massive halo in the first billion years of cosmic history" in the journal Nature in January 2017. The study details findings on a pair of relatively close, gargantuan galaxies—comprising approximately 300 billion suns' worth of gas and dust—and how they reshape current understanding of how the cosmos evolved. In addition, Christopher was quoted in a New Yorker profile of the billionaire mathematician Jim Simons, remarking on a galaxy simulation project. ☞

## Jon Shepard, '05

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## Christopher J. Worrel, '06

Became a shareholder in the Royal Oak, Mich., office of Howard & Howard Attorneys in January. Christopher focuses his practice on intellectual property matters.

## Eli Boyer, '07

Opened Lovers Only, a restaurant focused on gourmet burgers and