

Award-winning designer Maria Causey ('84) recently founded her own interior design firm, Maria Causey Interior Design.

Karen Whetzel ('74M) was elected chairman of the Shenandoah County, Virginia, school board in January 2016. Whetzel, who retired from Shenandoah County Public Schools in 2009 after 38 years as

a librarian and highschool principal, was first elected to the school board in 2009.

Joan Marie Crump, the softball coach at Virginia's Powhatan High School, holds the Virginia High

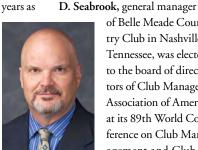
School League's softball record for career wins. She has won five state championships and was inducted into the VHSL Hall of

Fame in 2014. Charlie H.

81 Charne II. "Chuck" Martin III has been promoted to assistant vice president of Carter Bank & Trust.

## 84 G.J. Hart, executive

chairman and CEO of California Pizza Kitchen, was a finalist for the 2016 EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Award for Greater Los Angeles. The awards program recognizes entrepreneurs in more than 145 cities in 60 coun-



Charlie H. "Chuck" Martin III ('81)

in San Diego, California. Seabrook will serve on the board for a three-year term. The CMAA is the largest professional association for managers of membership clubs

tries who demonstrate excellence

and extraordinary success in

such areas as innovation, finan-

cial performance and personal

commitment to their businesses

and communities. **\*** Michael

of Belle Meade Coun-

try Club in Nashville,

Tennessee, was elected

to the board of direc-

tors of Club Managers

Association of America

at its 89th World Con-

ference on Club Man-

agement and Club

Business Expo, held

with 6,500 members throughout the U.S. and internationally.

85 Former Supe-rior Court Judge Joseph R. Slights III was unanimously confirmed by the Delaware Senate

to serve as vice chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery.

**3** Erin Galvin Scranton raises service dogs for Canine Companions for Independence, the country's largest and

## It's all about how you rebound

Alums captivate audiences, raise awareness about adaptive sport by CATHY MCKAY ('98)

he Rebound is an award-winning documentary that follows the players of the Miami Heat Wheels, the city's only wheelchair basketball team. Directed by Shaina Koren ('11) and produced by Mike Esposito ('10), The Rebound sparks important conversations about disability and equal opportunity. Since its international debut, The Rebound has won acclaim as an official selection at nine prestigious film festivals and awards, including the Kaiser Thrive Award (Cinequest Film Festival) and the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Brooklyn Film Festival.

The Rebound crew is actively partnering with like-minded organizations around the country to raise awareness, foster important conversations and stimulate support for adapted athletic programs.

I connected to *The Rebound* thanks to a shared desire to change attitudes and perspectives about inclusion and adapted sport. Professor Joshua Pate of hospitality, sport and recreation management and I arranged to meet with Shaina and Mike to explore potential

'We figured out a way to take our skill sets and use them to make an impact on the world – to Be the Change.' - SHAINA KOREN ('11)

partnerships and to lay the foundation for screening the film on the JMU campus.

When asked how their JMU experience contributed to their current success, the filmmakers noted how being a Duke helped them view life through a different lens: "JMU [offers] opportunities to be exposed to new peo-

ple, perspectives and experiences. Shaina and I actually met [on] a JMU study abroad program to the Philippines. ... [and] we emerged as transformed individuals on a common path," says Mike.

Shaina says, "My JMU experience (SMAD, anthropology, FrOG, ASB, Study Abroad, Students Helping Honduras) allowed me to ... take a stand for what I believed in. These skills served me well with our impact-driven approach to documentary filmmaking. We believed that this unfamiliar world we had stumbled into - of competitive adapted sports, and of people who may look a little different than us but became our best friends - was a story worth telling." 0

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(Above): The Rebound documentary film producer Mike Esposito ('10) and director Shaina Koren ('11) with a Miami Heat Wheels basketball team member. (Left): Two players fight to steal the ball.



## Judge Joseph R. Slights III ('85)

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