Sarah Coglianese
Class of 1996
Nationally Recognized Health Advocate

Sarah Coglianese was diagnosed with the neurodegenerative disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2012 at the age of 3. A former marathon runner and active mom, she is now in a wheelchair. After a career in book publishing in San Francisco and Manhattan, Sarah began writing about her experiences as a parent with ALS. Her work has been featured in The New York Times; CNN; Redbook magazine; Brain, Child magazine; and many others. In 2013, Sarah and her husband Rob Goulding launched a fundraising organization called Speed4Sarah, which began as a team of cyclists who took part in an annual Ride to Defeat ALS. In 2015, Sarah founded the #whatwouldyougive campaign, challenging healthy participants to give up an ability in order to understand what life might be like with ALS or other physical limitations. To date, they have raised nearly $1 million for ALS research, which has benefited The ALS Association and the ALS Therapy Development Institute. Sarah is also an advisor to several nonprofit groups devoted to ending ALS.

At her website Speed4Sarah.com, she blogs regularly and introduces other Faces of ALS, allowing people living with the disease to tell their stories and help raise awareness. Her mission is to inspire, motivate and entertain her readers, while shining a light on life with a progressive paralyzing illness. Much of her support comes from the wonderful people of Oak Park and River Forest, and she is extraordinarily grateful and proud of her Oak Park roots. Sarah, Rob, daughter Scarlett (now 7) and dog Otto live in San Francisco.

Daniel Kibblesmith
Class of 2001
Writer & Cartoonist

Daniel Kibblesmith, an Emmy-nominated writer and comedian is a staff writer for The Late Show with Stephen Colbert (2015) and a founding editor of ClickHole (2014). He has written comics for Heavy Metal and Valiant Comics, and comedy for The New Yorker, McSweeney’s, The Onion News Network, and Funny Or Die. He is the author of Santa’s Husband (Harper Design, 2017) and co-author of the humor book How to Win at Everything (Chronicle Books, 2013). Most notably, Kibblesmith landed a job at Groupon writing some of the most comedic and quick witted daily deal descriptions. He now works and lives in New York City, with his favorite author, Jennifer Wright.
LTC Matthew Smith
Class of 1994
Decorated Military Officer

LTC Matthew Smith is a senior staff officer assigned to the Strategic Plans, Policy and Concepts Division of the Army Staff in the Pentagon. While at OPRF he was a co-captain of the OPRF hockey team and played Lacrosse. After graduating from OPRF in 1994, LTC Smith attended Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery in May 1999.

LTC Smith held multiple military leadership positions in Germany, and gained significant command experience in Iraq after completing his Captain’s Career Course. Then in January 2013, he was again deployed to Paktika, Afghanistan where he conducted Security Force Assistance with Provincial Leaders. On June 8, 2013, LTC Smith was injured in a Green on Blue attack in the Zarghun Shahr district of Paktika Province. As a result, his leg was amputated and he was reassigned to the Walter Reed National Medical Military Center where he underwent extensive physical therapy. In April, 2014, LTC Smith served as a lead writer and the Executive Officer of the Operation Enduring Freedom Study Group. LTC Smith is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College’s Strategic Arts Program and holds a M.A. in Management and Leadership from Webster University. His awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Iraqi and Afghan Campaign Medals, and the Combat Action Badge.

LTC Smith is married to the former Megan Normand of Ormond Beach, Florida. They have two sons, Patrick, and Charlie. They currently reside in Bethesda, MD.

State Representative Camille Lilly
Class of 1979
Politician

State Representative Camille Lilly has dedicated the past 20 years of her life to improving the lives of residents in the West Chicago area. After graduating from OPRF in 1979, Lilly received her Bachelor of Science in Management and Marketing from Drake University and her Master of Hospital Administration from Oklahoma University. She later founded and served as executive director of the Austin Chamber of commerce. Through this, Lilly formed relationships within the community that both encouraged economic growth and brought new jobs into the area. Her team oriented work ethic has helped grow local programs such as the Austin Banner P project, the Lake and Central Redevelopment Project, the Beth-Anne Life Center, the Westside Performing Arts Center, and the Austin Chamber of Commerce Summer Youth Program. In 2002, Lilly began the volunteer President of External Affairs and Development and now serves on the Foundation’s board at Loretto Hospital. Lilly has been a local healthcare advocate by organizing the Community Health and Wellness Screening Program. This program has saved many lives by informing citizens of their health care resources and by providing preventative care in the area.

In 2010, Lilly was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives to represent the 78th district. She has been re-elected three times since then. The 78th district includes her home town of Oak Park, Elmwood Park, Franklin Park and River Grove. She has focused her energy towards education and finding the needed resources for families and students, creating new jobs and developing small businesses, making healthcare more accessible, and improving the local mental health services. She has received several awards for her hard work and dedication to the community, including the Mary Alice Henry Award from Westside Health Authority.

Representative Camille Lilly has done, and continues to do, great work for our community. Her motto, “what you put into something is what you get out of it” perfectly exemplifies her dedication to her job and community.