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## NONPROFIT VIEW

# The role of the Integrace Institute

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Integrace Institute

You may not realize that Carroll County is home to one of the nation's leading research institutions dedicated to supporting those living with Alzheimer's, dementia and other forms of neurocognitive change. For more than 20 years, the Integrace Institute has worked to transform neurocognitive living through person-centered research, education and partnerships, to change society's perception of aging.

Like so many of us, I know firsthand what it is like to serve as a caregiver for a loved one on their journey with neurocognitive change. And while science continues to search for a cure, the Integrace Institute is dedicated to making a difference in families' lives today. We partner with the nation's leading universities, pharma and technology companies to conduct community-based studies that lay the foundation for person-centered care practices, technologies and interventions for all those impacted by neurocognitive change.

Whether you are a caregiver or professional, the Integrace Institute also offers numerous educational resources and programs to provide you with the knowledge you need to best support others. This fall, we are hosting several exciting community events to spark conversations about neurocognitive health.

This October, we are bringing together professionals and members of the community for a series of screenings of "Every Three Seconds," a program featuring our work that premiered at this year's Alzheimer's Disease International conference. Each screening will be accompanied by a panel discussion on the prevalence of Alzheimer's around the world, the latest research findings, and healthy living practices. We invite you to join us Oct. 16 at Frederick Community College.

Beyond the work we are doing to transform care practices within Integrace's family of life plan communities, we are also now consulting with providers across the country to help others in the industry adopt neurocognitive living-focused residential programs and resource centers.

In Sykesville, we recently unveiled a new educational, interactive exhibit designed in collaboration with students at UMBC and inspired by families and residents of Integrace Copper Ridge, which illustrates our neurocognitive living model. Whether or not your life has yet been touched by Alzheimer's or dementia, I encourage you to come visit us and learn how you can advocate for, educate, and provide opinions on what services are needed to best support individuals living with neurocognitive challenges.

Through each of our innovative practices, it is our vision to help shape a world where every individual is seen through the lens of their potential. To learn more about our work, our current research initiatives, our upcoming events and how to help support our mission, please visit [integraceinstitute.org](http://integraceinstitute.org).

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## Allegations against Kavanaugh changed little

I wish to apologize to those who read my musings regularly, or even occasionally, and especially to the editor, Wayne Carter, for my failure to submit a column for my regular turn two weeks ago. Unfortunately, as happens to us all, life, and in this case a death, got in the way.

My extended family lost a vital member to the ravages of cancer. One of my brother's wife's younger sisters was taken, much too early, after a courageous battle with that insidious disease. Even though I may be considered a wordsmith by some, I'm not much of a public speaker. During the "Celebration of Life" gathering of friends and family, some told stories, mostly funny, and others reminisced, I couldn't bring myself to speak.

Here is what I wish that I could have said: There are four things that I'll always remember about Brenda. First is her laugh, she laughed heartily and often. Second is her zest for life, even at her worst, she went full bore forward, even the ravages of her disease only slowed her slightly.

Third, I'll remember her sense of humor.

It was often a bit off center and more than occasionally off color as well.

Lastly, I'll always remember her insanely delicious chocolate chip cookies, for which she was famous. She always said that she simply followed the recipe on the bag of morsels, but I'm sure that there was one secret ingredient that was put



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into every last batch.

That ingredient was love.

Each batch was usually made for a friend, or a family gathering, and contained the love that she had for us all.

Well, the hockey-playing grandson is now safely ensconced with his host family in Canada.

On the day that he was to report, we had to be at the rink at 6:30 a.m., and after checking in, he and the rest of the team was on the ice before 7:30. They had a grueling 90-minute practice scrimmage followed by drills.

After that it was time for breakfast and then to his hosts home to move all of his gear in.

Sunday was the same, 6:30 at the rink and another 90-minute scrimmage session followed this time by a 5K timed run.

Then it was goodbye and a 12-hour drive to Alabama, mostly in the rain. I then had a late night flight the next day back to Maryland. It was a hectic six days, but an opportunity that couldn't be passed up.

The process to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh as a justice of the Supreme Court is finally over.

The day-long hearing earlier in the week was both contentious and

contemptible, and a prime example of the depths that partisan politics have become. Christine Blasey Ford stated her case, as did Judge Kavanaugh, strongly and often emotionally.

The members of the committee though couldn't seem to put their party loyalties aside to treat the witnesses fairly, in this writer's opinion.

On Saturday, the Senate voted 50-48 to confirm Kavanaugh and he was promptly sworn in that day. Key votes from both parties were announced on Friday, during the preliminary procedural voting.

Sens. Jeff Flake and Susan Collins, both Republicans, and West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, a Democrat, announced their support for Mr. Kavanaugh.

Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski reaffirmed her intention to vote against the nomination. Ultimately, Murkowski withdrew her vote as a courtesy to Sen. Steve Daines of Montana, a Republican who would have voted to confirm Kavanaugh, who was attending his daughter's wedding.

That leaves us pretty much where we were before any of the sexual impropriety charges were leveled.

No advantage was gained by either side.

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## Parent recommended is best

With Early Voting, and General Election Day around the corner, different organizations are announcing who they're endorsing. Did members at-large of those organizations have a say as to who they would like to see endorsed? For some, the answer is no.

As a candidate for Board of Education, I have promised to be a voice for the students, parents, communities and teachers. To actually listen to those that have questions, concerns and represent the majority. After all, that is what a representative is elected to do.

This is not the case for CCEA (Carroll County Education Association).

With over 3,000 Carroll County Public School employees, a board of 12 are the ones that decide who is on their "Apple Ballot" with the misleading slogan "Teacher Recommended."

The actual teachers have no at-large vote. That is very unfortunate. The FOP sends a survey to the members they represent, they vote and the endorsements are made from that outcome.

That is a true membership endorsement.

It's a shame that our educators are not allowed their individual voices in the endorsement as FOP members are. If they were, it would truly be "teacher" recommended.

I was recently shocked and disappointed when I received a cease and desist letter from MSEA (Maryland

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State Education Association) demanding that I not use the "Apple" logo, "Teacher Recommended" slogan or they would seek to take legal action.

I found it very odd given that I have not or in any way used any of these during the primary or at anytime.

Is MSEA going to go after the apple farmers or even the iPhone Apple company for using an apple? It appears that Gov. Hogan and I share similar thoughts on education. Apparently this is a concern to some. MSEA is going after Gov. Hogan for using a different apple logo which is not even the "patent" apple per MSEA. Is MSEA saying teachers are not allowed to have a direct say as to

who they support?

I wouldn't want an endorsement by an organizational group that members as a whole did not have any direct input on. It is clear that over 6,000 citizens voted for me in the primary. As my supporters have told me, I'm Parent Recommended and Student Approved. That's the best endorsement anyone could have. I'm honored to have that one. It's the one that matters the most.

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## Push to end nutritional-related child deaths

Response to "Lederhosen, bratwurst, and beer ..." in light of the upcoming celebrations, it is important to remember that not everyone gets the food that they need to survive this time of year. It is estimated that globally nearly 50 percent of child deaths before the age of 5 are due to malnutrition (USAID). In the 21st century this is still shocking to hear.

But it is not all doom and gloom, with upcoming elections in Maryland and 2019 appropriations, we need to continue as a community to encourage our Maryland representatives to push to end nutritional related child deaths. This goal is not only realistic and achievable, but also necessary and long overdue. Thank you for your time.

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