

## CLASS NOTES

**MANU O. PLATT, BA 18, MS BCFM 19**, was awarded the 2021 American Association for the Advancement of Science Mentor Award for his commitment to supporting the diverse members of his laboratory, providing opportunities for their growth, and encouraging his students out of their comfort zones to reach their fullest potential.

iFolio, a digital platform for sales and marketing founded by **JEAN MARIE RICHARDSON, MGT 02**, was awarded the Women's Business Enterprise National Council certification in February.

**LIZ STANTON, IE 05**, joined the board of CURE Childhood Cancer, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that advances pediatric cancer research and provides patient and family support.

**ALEX STONE, CE 95**, was named vice president of TranSystems' Atlanta office.

**GERALD JAMES WATSON JR., IM 68, MS IM 69**, recently authored *Critical Thinking—Learning from Mistakes and How to Prevent Them*.

**SAM WILLIAMS, EE 68**, "flunked retirement" as 17-year president of the Metro Atlanta Chamber and is now a professor and assistant director of the Urban Studies Institute at Georgia State University, specializing in public policy. Williams is a member of the Emory Healthcare and Grady Hospital Boards.

**ZHANGXIAN YUAN, MS AE 15, PHD AE 17**, joined the Worcester Polytechnic Institute as an assistant professor in the Department of Aerospace Engineering.

# OUT & ABOUT



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT HONORS FOOTBALL PIONEERS

► **THE MABRA FIRM**, founded by Ronnie E. Mabra Jr., Mgt 00 (above), and Kia co-sponsored a special exhibit exploring the contributions made by star players and coaches at Historically Black Colleges and Universities for Black History Month at the Chick-Fil-A College Football Hall of Fame Museum in Atlanta.

The exhibit was especially meaningful for Mabra Jr., a former defensive back for the Yellow Jackets, whose late father, Ronald E. Mabra Sr., was a second-generation graduate of Howard University, where he played defensive

back. Mabra Sr. became one of the first Howard graduates to play football professionally, which included with the Atlanta Falcons.

"My father was a remarkable man. Throughout his life he applied the same values that made him successful on the field—teamwork, fairness, and integrity—to his life as a businessman, husband, father, and neighbor," says Mabra Jr.

The exhibit included Mabra Jr.'s Yellow Jacket helmet and jersey alongside memorabilia from his father's collegiate and professional football careers.