



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings parents!

It is with much excitement that I announce the valedictorian and salutatorian of the class of 2016. Congratulations to Kelsey Sucher who is the class Valedictorian and Maria Bezold who is the Salutatorian. These young women have excelled in their high school careers and this recognition is a sign of their ongoing commitment to academic excellence.

We have much to celebrate this week at NDA in the many talents and dedication of so many students and faculty. You can read about many of them including our FBLA students, Investment Club members, JETS Club members, student athletes, faculty and more below. We are truly blessed and grateful to all those students who work hard, the teachers who mentor them and the parents who support them.

The Junior/Senior prom was a wonderful evening enjoyed by many this past weekend. We are grateful to our Senior Co-Presidents, Emma Kramer and Taylor Watts for planning our prom this year. Much gratitude to Mrs. Grayson and faculty Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Greife for all of their hard work leading up to this event. Our After Prom would not be possible without the support of our PPC, and a special thanks goes out to Mimi Bradley, Nancy Gregg and the many other parents who made this fun and safe evening possible.

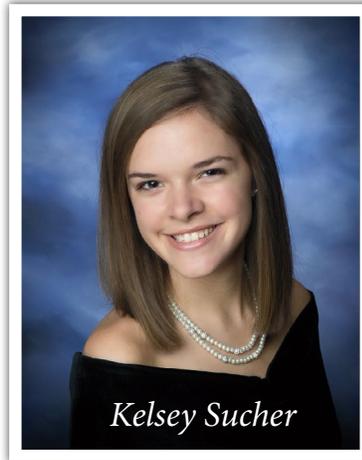
I would also like to thank everyone involved in planning the Orange and White Flag Football Game that took place at NDA this past weekend. It was a great fundraising event benefitting Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Leukemia Research Fund and bringing together so many students to make a difference.

Next Wednesday, May 4, is a very special day here at Notre Dame Academy as we will celebrate our annual May Crowning Mass as a school community. This is an important day on which we honor our patroness Mary and reflect on our educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary. We give thanks in a special way to the Sisters of Notre Dame whose dedication to Mary is an inspiration for our Notre Dame education. Our last speaker series event of the school year will also be held next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Please consider joining us for a special presentation by Ceil Dorger, *Our Lady: Getting to Know our Patroness*.

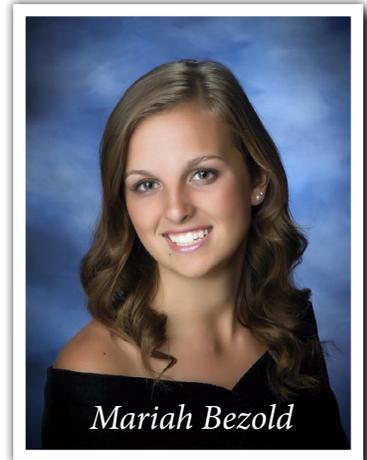
As always, thank you for sending your daughters to Notre Dame Academy. We are blessed to have each and every one of them as part of our community!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



Kelsey Sucher



Mariah Bezold

Important Message
For Parents

Thanks to all of our parents who have attended the *Excellence Without Boundaries* Information Sessions. We are holding two final sessions before the end of the school year on Monday, May 9 at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in Alumnae Hall. To those who have not attended, we hope you can join us for one of these opportunities to learn more about NDA's plans to educate women leaders for the 21st century. Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for the session that best fits your schedule. This information is relevant for all parents as it relates to the ongoing tradition of excellence in Catholic education at NDA. We all have a stake in this. We look forward to seeing you then!

Laura Koehl and Jack VonHandorf

STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

Club/Activity Leader Meeting

After school next Wednesday, May 4, we will hold the final meeting for all student club and activity leaders. We also welcome those students who would like or who plan to hold these same positions next year. At the meeting, we will:

- Explore the successes of our clubs and activities
- Celebrate completed service projects
- Discuss procedure for starting up a new club or activity for the 2016-2017 school year

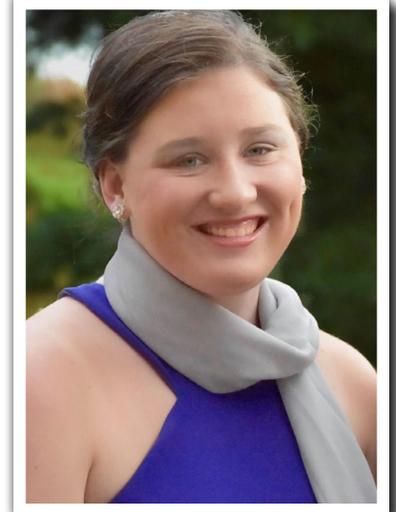
Prom Princess and Duchess

Congratulations to Senior Mackenzie Sullivan – this year's Prom Princess and Junior Chloe Summe – this year's Prom Duchess.

**2016 NDA
Prom Princess
Mackenzie Sullivan**



**2016 NDA
Prom Duchess
Chloe Summe**



FBLA STUDENT HEADS TO NATIONAL COMPETITION ◀



*Rachel Franzen, Pat Brennan, Megan Heeb,
Hillary Johnson, Tess Witt, Abbie Macke*

Under the guidance of teachers, Hillary Johnson and Pat Brennan, Notre Dame Academy sent eight students to the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Kentucky State Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The competition was held at the Galt House Hotel from April 18-20.

For the first time in NDA's short 3 year FBLA existence, four students moved on to the final round of the state competition and one qualified for the National Competition. Senior Abbie Macke placed 3rd state wide in the Personal Finance event, moving her on to Nationals which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia June 29 – July 2. Seniors Tess Witt and Rachel Franzen also placed 5th in the state while competing as a team in the Social Media Campaign event. And Freshman Megan Heeb placed in the top 8 of the state in Public Speaking.

Rounding out the 8 members who qualified for the state conference are juniors Claire Benson, Lauren Lawler and Annie Lee, and sophomore, Erika Nageleisen.

Congratulations are in order for these tough competitors and we look forward to another successful year in FBLA in 2016-2017!

NDA INVESTMENT CLUB MEMBERS TAKE FIRST PLACE IN STATE COMPETITION ◀

Each school year, Notre Dame Academy's Investment Club enters multiple four person teams in a state wide competition of the Stock Market Game. A program of the SIFMA Foundation, the Stock Market Game is an online simulation of the global capital markets that engages students in the world of economics, investing and personal finance.

For the first time under the guidance of Mike Dempsey, a Notre Dame Academy board member, and teacher Hillary Johnson, a group of four Notre Dame students, seniors Eliza Lenihan and Hannah Sullivan and sophomores Haley Woodruff and Katy Leonard, placed first in the state of Kentucky.

This is a huge accomplishment as it shows the growth and progress that NDA's business organizations are making throughout the school. So congratulations are in order for these tough competitors and we look forward to another successful year in the Stock Market Game in 2016-2017!

NDA STUDENTS SUCCEED AT S.T.E.M. COMPETITION ◀



Notre Dame Academy's JETS club (Junior Engineering Technology Society) had three teams participate in the TEAMS competition this year. The theme of the event was "Engineering the Tools of Innovation" which allowed students to deepen their knowledge of the tools engineers use to solve problems. Students researched many topics prior to the competition, including energy efficiency, Genomics: sequencing DNA, Optical Physics, semiconductor materials, and the Six Sigma Manufacturing Methods. At the TEAMS competition, members on these teams collaborate in small groups of eight students to

complete a test consisting of two parts; a Multiple-Choice test, and written essays on these engineering topics. The Multiple Choice Part of the test, Part I, was scored on-site and students were aware of their results. The Essays, Part II, are scored at a later time. A third component this year included an observation of how the students work together to solve an engineering problem. All three teams did exceptionally well and I would love to share the results of each team with you!



The results for the Freshman-Sophomore Team: Libby Roebker, Onali Fernando, Maya Decker, Megan Bezold, Carissa Jones, Haley Planicka, Angela Kyntchev, and Emily Thaman.

- 2016 State Division II Ranking (Part 1 only)- Ranked 1st out of 6 schools in Kentucky.
- 2016 National Division II Ranking (Part 1 only)- 21st place out of 38 schools
- 2016 Part 1 State Ranking (no division)- Ranked 2nd out of 6 Kentucky schools
- 2016 Part 1 Nation Ranking (no division)- Ranked 37th out of 303 schools
- Overall State Ranking (Parts 1 & 2 combined)-Ranked 2nd out of 6 schools in KY.

The results for the Junior-Senior Team A: Malea Rolfsen, Kelsey Sucher, Lily Thaman, Kirsten Richards, Christa Saelinger, Megan Saelinger, Shannon Saelinger, and Emily Walter.

- 2016 State Division II Ranking (Part 1 only)-Ranked 2nd out of 15 Kentucky schools
- 2016 National Division II Ranking (Part 1 only)- Ranked 19th out of 71 schools
- 2016 Part 1 State Ranking (no division)- Ranked 6th out of 15 Kentucky schools.
- 2016 Part 1 Nation Ranking (no division)- Ranked 27th out of 655 schools
- Overall State Ranking (Parts 1 & 2 combined)-Ranked 6th out of 15 Kentucky schools



The results for the Junior-Senior Team B: Julia James, Jo Meyer-Hogan, Paige Montfort, Cat Meadows, Jackie Noll, Amanda Sauer, Annie Lee, and Kylie Moellering.

- 2016 State Division II Ranking (Part 1 only)-Ranked 3rd out of 15 Kentucky schools
- 2016 National Division II Ranking (Part 1 only)-Ranked 27th out of 71 schools
- 2016 Part 1 State Ranking (no division)- Ranked 8th out of 15 Kentucky schools
- 2016 Part 1 Nation Ranking (no division)- Ranked 38th out of 655 schools
- Overall State Ranking (Parts 1 & 2 combined)-Ranked 10th out of 15 schools in KY.

Congratulations to the Panda Ladies!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ◀

Recently several NDA students decided to make a difference by pledging to become organ donors. Students must be 16 years old to register to be an organ donor. We had a total of 68 NDA students register to be organ donors and many more under the age of 16 who took the pledge to register once they turn 16. NDA senior Emily Jackson was proud in making the decision to become an organ donor saying, "The harvesting of organs could save up to 100 lives, and it's awesome that we can help so many people one day!"



MAGNIFIED GIVING ◀

For the third consecutive year, NDA used the Magnified Giving as its 12th grade service program. Teams of students volunteered at area non-profits and advocated for these non-profits to win a Magnified Giving grants of \$1000. The class of 2016 injected over 600 service hours into our broader community and saw that advocacy and philanthropy are valuable ways to contribute to the common good. Last evening, our seniors were able to present \$1000 to our winner Epic House. This non-profit helps area senior citizens who lack living family members to live in community. Senior Abby Schuh noted that this was the only non-profit dedicated to senior citizens win a grant last evening. Also, our runner-up organization, Pink Ribbon Girls won \$517.



NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ◀

SOFTBALL

Softball fell to Bishop Brossart Monday night.

LACROSSE

Lacrosse played North Oldham last night.

Congratulations to Morgan Hentz! Morgan won the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Women's Sports Association Overall High School Sportswoman of the Year !



Athletic Signing

Twelve NDA seniors who will be pursuing their athletic endeavours at the collegiate level participated in our 2016 Athletic Signing yesterday. Congratulations to the following student athletes:

- Maddy Kim - Soccer - Middle Tennessee
- Taylor Watts - Soccer - Belmont
- Hanna Knaley - Volleyball - Wingate State
- Hanna Colvin - Volleyball - Wright State
- Maddie Vonderhaar - Swimming - University of Virginia
- Hannah Talkers - Volleyball - Transylvania
- Libby Greenwell - Soccer - University of Cincinnati
- Madison Salkowski - Volleyball - Seton Hall
- Grace Lubbe - Tennis - Thomas More College
- Morgan Hentz - Volleyball - Stanford University
- Erin Durstock - Golf - Northern Kentucky University
- Amy Pugliano - Golf - Northern Kentucky University
- Christina Kennedy - Lacrosse - Georgetown College
- Emily Jackson - Lacrosse - Transylvania
- Laura Atchinson - Lacrosse
- Natalie Kleier - Cross Country - Thomas More College



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT ◀

We are blessed to have many dedicated educators at Notre Dame Academy. Below are a few recent accomplishments of a few of our faculty members. Congratulations to each of them!

DAN MARTIN

NDA Religion teacher Dan Martin was honored to have recently been added to the Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council's list of specialists. Mr. Martin took a deep interest in politics during 11th grade (1992-1993), and this interest shifted toward diplomacy in his final year of high school. This shift toward foreign policy was a result of his experience as a Kentucky Governor Scholar taking a class from a professor from Lithuania. He pursued this interest further at Georgetown University receiving his undergraduate degree in foreign service. During his time in Washington, DC, he volunteered in Costa Rica for most of one summer and was an intern for a member of congress for one year. Since that time, his academic interests shifted toward theology. Mr. Martin says that he always viewed these two fields as complimentary as both theology and world affairs require one to ask big questions. In his doctoral work in theology at the University of Dayton, he examined how Sargent Shriver's Roman Catholicism impacted his life as a public servant. Shriver helped to shape and launch the Peace Corps, served as the US Ambassador to France, and helped his wife grow Special Olympics International. In Shriver, he found a subject who combined his two biggest academic interests.

NANCY STRATMAN

This summer NDA Social Studies teacher Nancy Stratman was chosen for a very special honor. She is attending a summer institute at Brown University on *Global Refugees: Human Rights, Responsibilities and Responses*. Only 30 applicants were chosen to attend. Mrs. Stratman will use the information she learns to supplement her Current Issues class next school year. Mrs. Straman also recently completed a ten-week course at the Kenton County Government Academy. It is a course that is offered through the Kenton County Attorney's office (Stacey Tapke). The class met at various governmental agencies throughout Kenton County to learn different aspects of local government. Mrs. Stratman said that, "It was quite interesting and I was able to use some of the information to supplement my Government class."

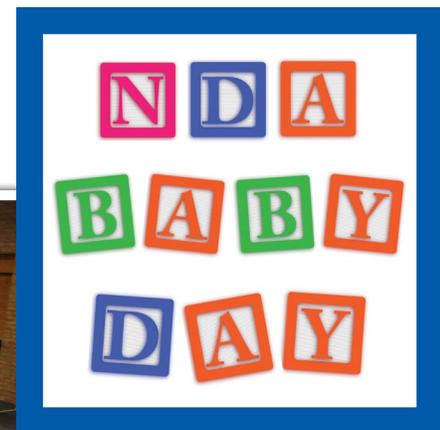
JEN ERICSON

NDA Intervention Specialists Jen Ericson recently received the following professional certificates:

- Professional Certificate For Teaching Exceptional Children--Learning And Behavior Disorders, Grades Primary Through 12
- Professional Certificate For Teaching English, Grades 8 Through 12
- Professional Certificate For Middle Grades Mathematics, Grades 5-9
- Professional Certificate For Middle Grades English And Communications, Grades 5-9
- Professional Certificate for Teaching Reading P-12 paperwork (nearly completed)

NDA BABY DAY ◀

NDA Psychology Classes welcomed newborns through kindergarten age children for their annual Baby Day. This opportunity allowed NDA students who have studied child development to see first-hand whether theories/concepts hold true in the "real world." The activities were loads of fun for the children and very educational for the psychology students!



COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

Students Taking AP Exams:

AP Exam Payments are Due Monday, May 2

- Make checks out to: "Notre Dame Academy"
- Be sure the Student's Name & "AP Exam" is in the Memo of the check
- Students can turn in checks to Front Office or to Ms. Burgei

If there is any financial situation which would make you unable to make a payment by next week, please do not hesitate to email Ms. Burgei at burgeik@ndapandas.org. We can definitely make other arrangements. If you have any questions about payment, please contact Ms. Burgei.



Summer Opportunity!

"Entrepreneurship Boot Camp" at Xavier University

An all inclusive three day weekend (May 20 to May 22) in which Cincinnati High School students will be working alongside Xavier University students to learn the basics on how to transform an idea into a feasible and viable business. More information: [Entrepreneurship Boot Camp](#)

There are still many other exciting summer opportunities for Kentucky's high school students and artists!

[Other Summer Opportunities for the ARTS](#) (posted on website of Governor's School for the Arts)

[Kentucky Wesleyan Scholars Academy](#) (Leadership and Creative Writing)

[Summer Enrichment Programs](#) (posted on NDA's website: Academics, Counseling and Student Services)

Lunch and Learn

We will have an informational *Lunch and Learn* session for any student interested in taking a class at Gateway for dual credit. Shelby Krentz from Gateway will be here TOMORROW to talk to students about the opportunities of taking a class for a very low cost. Students can bring their lunch to Alumnae Hall, get an application and ask any questions of the representative. Shelby Krentz is in charge of their High School College Credit Program (Regional Academy) and this will be her second NDA Lunch and Learn this year.



2016 NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

NDA's Golf outing will be held on July 29 at Twin Oaks. It will be an 11 a.m. shot gun start. All proceeds benefit ALL of the NDA Athletic teams. Sign up at today [HERE](#). Sponsorship opportunities available [HERE](#).

¡Muchas felicidades a todas nuestras estudiantes! ◀

Congratulations to the following winners for the 2016 National Spanish Exam:

Level 2:

Silver: Abby Couch

Bronze: Maribeth Stafford

Honorable Mention: Abby Eubanks, Meghan Greenwell, Emma Hatter, Jessica Schumacher

Level 3:

Gold: Paige Montfort

Silver: Ashley Fischer

Bronze: Briana Baker, Kimmy Birrer, Emily Buten, Caroline Hardig, Abby Kelly, Claire Lonneman, Claire Morgan

Honorable Mention: Michele Bricking, Kendall Crawford, Sarah Draud, Jami Farwell, Grace Harmeling, Katie Hellmann, Angela Huston, Erica Huston, Julia James, Olivia Kirst, Hannah Kresser, Elizabeth Lonneman, Kylie Moellering, Elizabeth Nienaber, Kiersten Nienaber, Emma Nurre, Brooke Schulte, Elizabeth Voet

Level 4:

Silver: Carly Gross

Bronze: Megan Saelinger, Shelby Saylor

Honorable Mention: Marissa Picciuto, Malea Rolfsen, Christa Saelinger, Shannon Saelinger, Margot Tierney, Lauren Bracken



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Important
Cafeteria
News

IMPORTANT REMINDER! ◀

Reminder to replenish your student's meal account:
Please check your daughter's cafeteria account balance as many currently have insufficient funds. You can check PayPams for your balance.

ATTENTION SENIORS: If you would like a refund of your cafeteria balance or to transfer your balance to a younger sister, please email Karen Brungs at brungsk@ndapandas.org. Thank you!

PPC NEWS ◀

PPC Meeting - Don't miss the last PPC meeting of the school year - May 10, 2016. We hope to see you there!



NDA SUMMER CLASSES ◀

NDA has all sorts of Summer Enrichment Opportunities. Below is information on our Art Classes but you can find further information and registration forms online at <http://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

BAMBOOTIQUE OFFERS NEW ITEMS! ◀

Have you been to NDA's Bambootique lately? There are many new items that our Pandas are going crazy for! You can check out a few of the new items on our website [HERE](#) OR stop in the Bambootique and see them all first-hand!



2016 Autumn Gala Saturday, September 24

Parents, we need your help! We are in need of hundreds of gift items, certificates, timeshares, condos, tickets, and unique experiences for our Live and Silent Auctions. Those who donate by May 20 will be part of a drawing for 2 free tickets to the Gala (valued at \$150.00). Donations or contributions may be mailed or brought to school.



NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2016 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2016 enrollment. We are again working with our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) to arrange for 2 German exchange students to study at NDA for the fall semester. At this time we are seeking families who would consider hosting these students. Please email Mrs. Katie Caccavari at caccavarik@ndapandas.org, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment, but would help us to know which families would consider supporting our international student enrollment by serving as a host family. Thank you for your interest.

SND 4th OF JULY FESTIVAL ◀

The Sisters of Notre Dame need some reliable and hardworking volunteers at for their 4th of July Festival. You can find a volunteer form on our website [HERE](#). You can also find more information about the festival [HERE](#).



IMPORTANT DATES:

May 2-13	AP Exams
May 4	May Crowning
	NDA Speaker Series: Our Lady Getting to Know Our Patron 7:00 p.m.
May 6	7th Grade Olympic Day
May 8	Band Concert
May 11	Academic Signing
May 12	Academic Awards
May 13	Spring Sports Pep Rally
	Choral Concert
May 17	Senior Send Off
May 18-20	Senior Exams
May 23-25	Exams
May 26	Cleaning Day
	Baccalaureate Mass
May 27	Senior Awards Breakfast
	Graduation

COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

Check out the Community News section of NDA's website for news about...

- DCCH Center for Children and Families - FREE Positive Parenting Series
- CareNet Banquet
- Cross the Bridge for Life
- Regional Pro-Life Mass
- Faces of Pro-Life Awards
- Serra Club Florence Freedom Doubleheader
- Pro-Life Mass and Prayerful Rosary procession to Planned Parenthood
- Sisters of Notre Dame July 4th Festival
- Work Study Positions Available with the Sisters of Notre Dame
- Part-time Job Opportunities for Students and Moms

For a complete list of community news [CLICK HERE](#).

