



An e-Newsletter for the Families of Notre Dame Academy

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL ◀

Blessings friends,

“Virtue must animate us to do everything well for the greater glory of the good God.” These are the words of St. Julie Billiart, spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As our school year comes to a close, it is fitting that we reflect on her words and what she is calling us to do. At this time of year we celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and especially those getting ready to graduate from NDA - our class of 2017. It has been my pleasure this school year to witness our seniors discovering and sharing their gifts and talents “for the greater glory of the good God.”

Last Friday we celebrated our May Crowning and Ground Breaking Ceremony for our *Excellence Without Boundaries* Program. It was a special day to honor our patroness, Mary, and to reflect on NDA’s educational mission as a school dedicated to Mary. This year the honor of crowning Mary went to Katie Schawe with the honor of carrying Mary’s crown in procession going to Lauren Reinersman. Liz Urban, Abby Kelly, Georgia Laird, Stephanie Meyer, Madison McCauley, Elizabeth Lonneman, Claire Lonneman, Sophie Middendorf, Sally Bishop and Ruthie Franzen made up the honor guard. Congratulations to each of these students. You can read Katie Schawe’s reflection about Mary and how she views her as a role model [HERE](#).

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year’s Uganda Panda 5K such a success. Mrs. Corrie Ziegler, Ms. Hillary Johnson and the members of the Uganda Panda Club worked very hard on this event to make a difference in the lives of four children from Northern Uganda by giving them the priceless gift of education.

Today at our Academic Signing, we celebrated the success of those seniors who are receiving scholarship offers in the amount of half tuition or more at the college or university they are attending. An impressive group of 53 students (34% of the class of 2017) were acknowledged at this event. This is a true testimony to their hard work and the education they receive here at NDA!

Congratulations to our May Student of the Month – Isabel Coomes. Isabel is to be commended for her work ethic and positive attitude as well as her willingness to “get involved in the discussion and move it forward.” Please read more about Isabel’s involvement at NDA and the many ways she contributes to our school community below.

Senior Parents, please note that senior exams begin on Wednesday of next week, May 17. I encourage you to discuss the exam schedule with your daughter.

Before closing I would like to welcome the newest addition to the NDA community - Clare Therese Wagner. Congratulations to NDA faculty member Kimberly Wagner and her husband Tony on their new baby girl!

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# May Crowning & GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY



# STUDENT LIFE

## STUDENT LIFE UPDATE ◀

### Club Leadership Program

Throughout the year, Jay Mullaguru, Dymond Robinson, Julia Hughes, Morgan Rains and Anna Resing planned and facilitated quarterly club leadership meetings. At the final meeting in April, club leaders in attendance practiced their communication skills and shared ideas for identifying leaders for the upcoming school year.



At NKU this past weekend, Dymond and Anna shared the leadership program's successes and challenges with other members of Northern Kentucky's Youth Advisory Board and showcased the efforts of NDA's group. This group is already looking into the next year and how they can improve the program.



### Senior Send Off

On Tuesday, May 16 we will be sending off the Class of 2017! Seniors will not have classes on this day but are expected to report to school by 10:00 a.m. for a special prayer service. Following the prayer service, Seniors will attend the Alumnae Luncheon hosted by our Advancement Office, and then they will join the rest of the school community for the Send Off in the Auditorium.

Attire for the seniors on this special day is dressy, classy and modest (short skirts/dresses are not permitted and shoulders must be covered). NDA's dress code will apply, and any senior violating our dress code policy will need to change clothes in order to participate in the senior day's events. You See Photography will also be at NDA on this day to take the class picture.

Freshman through juniors will have all classes on this day, but the schedule will be adjusted.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view other graduation activities.

**Seniors can wear their college tees with uniform skirts on Thursday, May 11.**



## ISABEL COOMES

MAY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Notre Dame Academy Sophomore, Isabel Coomes, who has been selected as May's Student of the Month. Isabel is described as, "Hardworking, positive, cheerful, and a natural leader" by some of her teachers. Mrs. Bill, her Spanish teacher, says Isabel, "Works great with all of her peers", and "smiles as she works with anyone, listens to their input, and is unafraid to share her ideas." While in class, Mr. Richmond, her Religion teacher, adds, Isabel is, "always willing to get involved in the discussion and move it forward."

### SOMETHING ABOUT ISABEL

During her first 2 years here at NDA, Isabel has been involved in Soccer, FBLA, Girl Up, and Spanish Club. Outside of school you can find Isabel playing club soccer.



One of the things Isabel has appreciated about her time thus far at NDA is how open and available the faculty are to help out whenever she needs it!

Some of Isabel's favorite times at NDA have come during Catholic School's Week because of how fun all the activities are during that week. With half of her time gone already, she hopes to use the next two years to, "Maintain my grades and continue to challenge myself in class by participating and working extra hard". Way to go Isabel!

### SENIOR PARENTS: ◀

#### SAY YOU LOVE HER WITH A YEARBOOK AD

You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say it with a recognition ad in the 2016-17 yearbook? Priced at \$45 and up, they're easy and fun to design at [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) or by following [this link](#).



### SENIOR PARENT REMINDERS ◀

The **Finance Office** would like to remind all Senior parents that all tuition and fees must be current for your daughter to graduate. Please log into your FACTS account and make sure that you are up to date.

The **Cafeteria Manager** would like to remind you that 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](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org). Thank you!

### CAFETERIA 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.



### NDA HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN STUDENTS FOR FALL 2017 ◀

NDA is in the process of recruiting international students as part of our Fall 2017 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](mailto: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.



### PPC NEWS ◀

The **Panda Parent Club** is in need of a parent to take over the Teacher Appreciation Committee and the Hospitality committee for next

school year. If you would like to learn more about these positions contact Lori Alcantara at [alcantaralori3@gmail.com](mailto:alcantaralori3@gmail.com) or Leanne Kirn at [kirn1@ndapandas.org](mailto:kirn1@ndapandas.org).

# CONGRATULATIONS

## ACADEMIC SIGNING ◀

This afternoon, Notre Dame Academy held an Academic Signing in honor of the Class of 2017 for their outstanding academic achievements. NDA's Class of 2017 has currently earned \$13.5 million in scholarship offers. Each of the 53 seniors signing at today's event is receiving at least half the cost of tuition through scholarships and grants at the institution she plans to attend. That is 34% of the Class of 2017! A short reception in celebration of the students followed the signing event in Alumnae Hall.



Briana Baker	University of Louisville
Kennedy Baugh	Trine University
Claire Benson	University of Louisville
Kimmy Birrer	Hanover
Fiona Blackburn	University of Louisville
Teaghan Brauer	University of Alabama
Abby Bricking	Xavier University
Michele Bricking	Northern Kentucky University
Carlie Brooks	Wilmington College
Emily Buten	University of Dayton
Olivia Cooney	University of Louisville
Kendall Crowford	Belmont University
Sophia Daniel	University of Kentucky
Camryn Diebold	St. Louis University
Sarah Draud	University of Louisville
Emma Duerstock	Washington & Lee University
Jami Farwell	Northern Kentucky University
Hope Feinauer	Thomas More College
Emma Finn	Xavier University
Ashley Fischer	Northern Kentucky University
Helena Frisch	Northern Kentucky University
Samantha Glass	Ohio University
Abbie Guard	University of Louisville
Olivia Hollman	University of Kentucky
Julia James	University of Cincinnati
Madison Jones	Northern Kentucky University
Ellie Kathman	University of Cincinnati

Abby Kelly	University of Dayton
Olivia Kirst	Northern Kentucky University
Cori Ladanyi	Ohio Dominican University
Harper Lamb	Centre College
Claire Lonneman	University of Dayton
Elizabeth Lonneman	Bellarmine University
Keely Martin	Northern Kentucky University
Julia Mathew	University of Louisville
Catherine Meadows	University of Cincinnati
Kylie Moellering	University of Dayton
Paige Montfort	Tulane University
Claire Morgan	University of Alabama
Audrey Nienaber	Centre College
Jacqueline Noll	University of Tennessee
Lauren Reinerman	University of Louisville
Emily Rice	Xavier University
Kathleen Rice	Eastern Kentucky University
Dymond Robinson	University of Cincinnati
Kathleen Schawe	Marian University
Brooke Schulte	Arizona State University
Kelsey Schwarber	Xavier University
Abby Slusher	Northern Kentucky University
Natalie Snyder	Bellarmine University
Sidney Spivey	Spring Hill College
Elizabeth Vandergriff	Bellarmine University
Elizabeth Voet	Northern Kentucky University
Meg Whelan	Centre College

## NHS SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ◀

Congratulations to NDA's Paige Montfort and Meg Whelan! Both of these NDA seniors and NHS members have been selected as recipients of a 2016-17 National Honor Society Scholarship from the National Association of Secondary School Principals!



## SPANISH DEPARTMENT NEWS ◀

The Spanish students took the National Spanish Exam in April, and the results are in! Our students did an outstanding job, so many congratulations to the following winners and their teachers Sister Maria Francine Stacy and Ms. Stacey M. Bill. ¡Enhorabuena a todas!

### Spanish 1

Silver: Caroline Barlage, Ellie Hellman

Bronze: Isabelle Bailey, Ellen Barlage, Alexis Diebold, Gabby Weber

Honorable mention: Claire Cullen, Ella Hageman, Katy Magary, Josie Montfort, Annie Pilger, Lucy Teller, Allie Weidinger, Lauren Zalla

### Spanish 2

Gold: Carolyn Brueggeman

Silver: Onali Fernando, Isabella Howard, Maddie Prospero, Laney Ratterman, Kayla Torres

Bronze: Emma Browning, Emma Donaghy, Anna Enzweiler, Libby Roebker

Honorable mention: Isabel Coomes, Ellee Grosser, Nicole Heuker, Anna Holt, Claire James, Fallon McAllister, Lauren Meese, Nina Pauly, Elly Piatt, Allie Piccirillo, Olivia Ryan, Katie Schuh, Casey Shelton, Andrea Skubak, Libby Smith, Isabel Steffen, Julia Stegman, Morgan Weltzer, Sarah Zimmer

### Spanish 3

Gold: Abby Couch

Silver: Emma Hatter, Belle Morgan, Katie Rice

Bronze: Grace Kelly, Sally Smith, Bridgette Stegman, Bridget Wall

Honorable Mention: Cara Burke, Breanna Brandenburg, Alenna Fletcher, Caroline Garvey, Jessica Goodridge, Lauren Judy, Iris Rokvic, Sarah Rolfsen, Rachel Ruwe, Maribeth Stafford

### Spanish 4

Gold: Paige Montfort

Silver: Abby Kelly, Claire Lonneman

Bronze: Kendall Crawford, Sarah Draud

Honorable Mention: Mariangel Betancourt, Caroline Hardig, Grace Harmeling, Katie Hellmann, Hannah Kresser, Emma Nurre, Hannah Naberhaus

**And a very special congratulations to the following who placed in the top 10 finalists in the state!**

### State Level:

#### Spanish 1

Caroline Barlage and Ellie Hellman - 10th place

#### Spanish 2

Carolyn Brueggeman - 9th place

#### Spanish 3

Abby Couch - 8th place

#### Spanish 4

Paige Montfort - 5th place

Abby Kelly - 7th place

Mariangel Betancourt - 9th place (Bilingual Category)

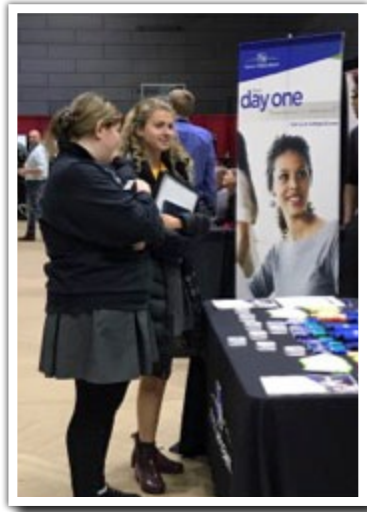




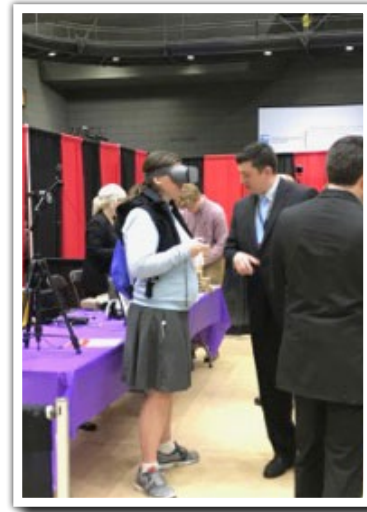
## INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE ◀

### SWAT and SCIENCE RESEARCH

Faculty members Mrs. Molly Mullee and Mrs. Terrie Perrino accompanied their students to UC's Tech Expo in April.



Seniors Hypha Fries and Harper Lamb speak with 5th/3rd representatives about careers in technology and cyber security.



Senior Chloe Summe experiences a bit of virtual reality with Oculus Rift.



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION ◀

The Business Office is in the process of finalizing grants, aid and work-study jobs for the 2017-18 school year. Once that process is complete, anyone who is receiving financial assistance will get an email from FACTS showing your awards. That email should be coming the week of May 15.

FACTS tuition payment information for NEW STUDENTS: The process at NDA may be different from some of the other schools that use FACTS. The Business Office at NDA actually inputs all of your information in FACTS, including academic scholarships earned by incoming freshmen. Once that process is completed you will receive an email from FACTS asking you to join and set up a payment plan. **New families cannot set up their FACTS account until they receive that email invitation from FACTS.** These invitations should be coming at the end of May.

Current parents will receive notification from FACTS in regard to their payment plans. All plans remain the same year to year unless you notify FACTS that you want to change it. If you wish to change your payment plan (e.g., you now do a monthly plan but want to switch to a one-time payment) you must notify the NDA Business Office or FACTS prior to June 15. Changes to payment plans cannot be made after that deadline. Families wishing to pay tuition in full with a one-time payment, will receive a \$100 discount if they pay in full by July 15. Families who pay in full with a one-time payment are still required to sign up for FACTS since we will be using FACTS for incidental billing again in 2017-2018.

The finance office would like to remind all **Senior parents** that all tuition and fees must be current for your daughter to graduate. Please log into your FACTS account and make sure that you are up to date.

Please direct any questions to Laura Hehman in the NDA Business Office, 292-1844 or [hehmanl@ndapandas.org](mailto:hehmanl@ndapandas.org).



## WELCOME TO THE PANDA FAMILY! ◀

Here is the newest addition to the Panda family! Clare Therese Wagner was born Monday, May 8 at 3:51 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and is 20 in. long. Congratulations to proud parents Kimberly and Tony Wagner, on their new baby girl!

## COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES ◀

### Attention All Students:

We will have Examfest in Alumnae Hall after school next Tuesday and Thursday (May 16 and 18). We will have food, tutoring and fun! You have to come and study for the food though. We hope anyone who wants help studying for exams can attend!



## NDA GOLF OUTING ◀

**NDA Golf Outing:** Friday July 28, 2017 at The Plantation at Twin Oaks. Registration begins at 9:45 am. 11:00 am "Shot Gun" start. Registration: \$100/person, \$400/foursome. Includes: gift, cart, green fees, unlimited refreshments, lunch on course and fabulous buffet dinner (\$35 for dinner only). Priority game package \$25/ golfer. To register go to [ndapandas.org](http://ndapandas.org). Search Athletics. Golf Outing.



## NDA SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES ◀

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 <https://www.ndapandas.org/admissions/summer-enrichment-programs.aspx>

## BAMBOOTIQUE CLEARANCE SALE ◀

It is time to clear out our clearance items! For the remainder of the school year, all clearance items will be an additional 50% off the already reduced price!

### Stop in and check it out!

Mondays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Fridays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Closed April 13-21, May 5 and May 12. Last day open for this school year is Friday, May 19. No additional discounts will apply during this sale, including faculty/staff discounts.



## SUPPORT NDA ON MOTHER'S DAY ◀

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14. Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate to Notre Dame Academy. Amazon has a large variety of gifts that are perfect for Mother's Day including electronics, jewelry, clothing, and more. Shop [HERE](#).





SAVE THE DATE:  
OCTOBER 14, 2017  
AT SUMMIT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

## ► Important dates

May 10	Academic Signing 4:00 p.m.
May 11	Seniors College Spirit Wear Day Spring Sports Pep Rally
May 12	Final Mass
May 12	Choral Concert - 6:30 p.m. Theatre
May 12	NHS Dance Off - 8:00 p.m. Auditorium
May 16	Alumnae Luncheon/Senior Send Off
May 17	Senior Exams begin
May 18	Academic Awards
May 19	Homerom Rep Elections
May 22, 23, 24	Exams
May 25	Cleaning Day Last Day of School Faculty/Staff Luncheon Baccalaureate Mass - St. Agnes Church - 7:00 p.m.
May 26	Senior Breakfast - Receptions, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Graduation - Northern KY Convention Center, 4:00 p.m.

## COMMUNITY NEWS ◀

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

- NDUEC In Need of Summer Volunteers
- Serra Club for Vocations, Florence Freedom Fundraiser
- National Catholic Youth Conference
- Work Study Opportunities for the Sisters of Notre Dame

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

