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# From the Principal/Interim President



### Blessings Alumnae, Families and Friends of NDA.

### Christmas greetings from Notre Dame Academy!

I hope you enjoy reading this annual report issue of the Notre Damian. It serves as a wonderful snapshot of the success of our past year as well as an exciting glimpse into the future as we announce the appointment of our fourth president of Notre Dame Academy, Trish Miller. We look forward to welcoming Trish into the Notre Dame Academy community in July and we thank all of those who dedicated their time, energy and prayers to our recent presidential search.

As you will see in this year's annual report, we have not been stagnant throughout the past 16 months but have prevailed in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. I am very proud of the way in which our community has continued to move Notre Dame Academy forward throughout this interim time. Our faculty and staff have maintained the academic excellence in our classrooms and worked hard to advance our mission, NDA students have persisted in their faith formation and academic development and our benefactors have continued to be dedicated and generous to our school. We are very grateful for the commitment to Catholic education that is apparent among all of our stakeholders this year.

I would like to congratulate our 2023 Women Making A Difference and Sr. Reina Award recipients who are announced in this issue. We look forward to learning more about these amazing members of our community at our Women Making A Difference luncheon in March. I hope you will consider joining us for this very special annual event.

In this issue, we also share the good news of our 2022-23 school year. This year we are celebrating the 4th educational principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, an education for transformation. As we celebrate this principle we embrace the opportunity to transform our young women to become the persons God made them to be.

While the last few months have been incredibly busy, we make it a priority at NDA to take time to prepare the way of the Lord in this special season. It is common for me to talk to our students about being beacons of light and hope for the world. That gift of hope is the single thread that connects us as a resurrected people. Even in the darkest spaces of our lives, hope lives there as a light. As we imagine the infant Jesus in the manger with his arms outstretched to Mary and Joseph, we receive His message of hope that life never ends and love always wins.

When I look around our beautiful community that each of us supports and sustains every day, I feel blessed to see the remarkable signs of Christ's light and hope in the faces of the young people we serve. It is easy to see God's hand in all that they do - their dedication to their faith, their commitment to their education and their love for one another. All of that gives us hope for the future as we play an active role in shaping that future through them each and every day with the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame. That is the message of Christmas, God's eternal promise of light that we share with one another.

I wish each and every one of you the blessings of this season of hope knowing that God is with us in every moment and that we will continue to be a light for one another and for the world.

In Notre Dame

Jack VonHando







On November 4, 2022, Notre Dame Academy won the volleyball state championship. It marked NDA's third straight year with a team state championship and the second in three years for volleyball. And in the overjoyed Panda volleyball family, the championship had competition for best story of the week: head coach Leslie Litmer and her husband, Jake, welcomed baby daughter Elsie during the state tournament. Amid all the smiles and laughs and cheers and hugs, it was easy to lose sight that the story actually began way back in...

#### **SPRING 2022** NDA NAMES LESLIE LITMER, JENNA LEISTNER COACHES

MYANNA WEBSTER, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Leslie and Jenna have been coaching in the program for a while now and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow and develop in their craft. They have a clear vision for the program, a high-level understanding of volleyball and how to teach it and utilize athletics to develop and empower our students to make a difference in the world. They make a great team along with assistant Madison Salkowski, complimenting each other well and bringing specific technical and tactical skill sets.

MRS. LITMER: When Jenna and I were hired, we had to immediately start organizing the details for grade school summer camps and complete the match schedule. We also discussed different aspects that we wanted to change and how we wanted to communicate those changes. In regard to expectations for the team, we realized the potential we were working with after having already been on the varsity coaching staff for the past few years. Knowing the talent we would have, we set the bar high from the very beginning.

KAMDEN SCHRAND, senior: Jenna, Leslie and Madison all work really well together and they did a great job of instilling confidence into the players and motivating us.

The Pandas started 4-2, with losses to Kentucky power Sacred Heart and Cincinnati Mercy McAuley. But NDA responded by reeling off seven consecutive wins, including a rematch with Sacred Heart.

MRS. LITMER: Our focus in practice changed every week, but I think we were always working in time to improve setter-hitter connections, serve receive, and out-of-system touches.

SYDNEY NOLAN, senior: We really focused on improving the elements of our game we knew we needed to improve after the two early losses.

PEYTON MAST, senior: The main thing I worked on was making sure my teammates always felt supported.

NDA won 13 of 14 in September and early October, including the Playing for a Purpose rivalry game against defending state champion St. Henry, and three wins in four games against top competition in Chicago. The Pandas closed the regular season with a second win over Kentucky power Assumption in less than two weeks.

SCHRAND: After beating Assumption in two in the Chicago tournament the whole team felt very confident. I think it was a turning point for us in thinking we could win state.

MAST: It definitely lifted us.

In the KHSAA tournament, the Pandas won their first three matches without dropping a set. Then came the Ninth Region semifinal, another meeting with St. Henry. The Pandas rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to win in four sets, including a 36-34 thriller that saw both teams run out of substitutes.

**SALKOWSKI:** The true test started at regionals against St. Henry.

MRS. LITMER: We had put players in pressure-serving situations since we began to see that happening more often when we would run out of subs in the middle of a match. This forced players to play positions they don't normally play, so it was important that they had opportunities in practice to work on all skills rather than just hitting or passing like they do in a match.













MRS. LITMER: The whole experience is really a blur. When I started having elevated blood pressure, I knew the remaining weeks of the season would be a challenge, but I wanted to keep the focus on the team. I tried to stay involved by talking with Jenna and Madison about practice plans and communicating with the team my status, but it was difficult not being present for the memories being made during the postseason run.

The NDA administration arranged for a bus to take students to the games, an afternoon semifinal against Assumption and hopefully a final vs. Paul Laurence Dunbar or Bowling Green. Assumption was particularly challenging because it's hard to beat a good team three times in a single season. Plus, the Pandas, who overcame an injury to Nolan earlier in the week, now had to overcome one to another key player, Mast.

SALKOWSKI: Winning 36-34 is a true testament to the hard work it takes to win in such a competitive region. But it didn't stop there at all.

A repeat over Ryle for the Ninth Region championship sent the Pandas back to state, where wins over Paintsville and Whitley Count got them to the Final Four. Mrs. Litmer, her baby due anytime, missed both matches, and delivered her daughter, Elsie, at 11:16 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Two days later, the Pandas would play in the state semifinals and finals.

GRACIE PORTWOOD, freshman: When I first saw Peyton go down, I was so terrified for her.

MAST: I definitely thought I wasn't going to be able to play again.

**PORTWOOD:** She is such a big part of the team and at that moment I didn't even think about going into the game. I heard Coach Jenna say, "Portwood, you're in," and my heart immediately dropped. It was the biggest game of the season, so of course I was nervous out of my mind, but with my teammates supporting me the whole time, those nerves were relieved, and I was able to have some fun.

PATTY MUELLER, science teacher and volleyball fan: Knowing Peyton personally, and her passion for playing, she knew she was coming back.

The Pandas rallied from 2-1 down for a five-set victory over Assumption and a spot in the final against Paul Laurence Dunbar. And the Pandas, on the court, the bench and in the stands, were ready.

LEXI OTT, senior GAA leader: It was a great feeling to be able to lead the student section, because the team needed us to be there for them and cheer them on.

NATALIE NEWSON, senior four-year volleyball manager: I think the win against Assumption was like the finals for a lot of us since we beat them three times and that never really happens.

AMBER GRAYSON, associate principal: Once we won that game, I knew we would win state.

This time the drama was kept to a minimum as the Pandas took care of business and took state, 25-22, 25-11, 25-16.

KAYLA HOSTETLER, senior: Even though the scores were really far apart, I was still nervous about the outcome. Then after, it just didn't seem real that we won state.

NOLAN: We had tears of joy in our eyes.

ELLA GOETZ, sophomore: I was super excited, and also a little sad the season was over.

SCHRAND: It was pure joy and happiness, and even sweeter being a senior and knowing that not many people get to end their high school careers on a win.

There to see it all was Mrs. Litmer, who started packing her first diaper bag as soon as the Pandas beat Assumption. Her husband, mother-in-law and newborn Elsie joined her on the drive to Winchester for the championship. Once there, her mother-in-law stayed in the car with Elsie.

**MRS. LITMER:** I sat in the back with Elsie, and I kept thinking, 'This is crazy.' But I would do it all over again and am so grateful to my village for helping me make it there. It was so neat to see the girls play with and for each other, and they were having fun along the way. I remember also thinking just how talented our team was, both individually and as a whole. I could sense, even from behind the bench, that winning was the only option, and I was really grateful to be present for it.

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Three Notre Dame Academy alumnae along with Bob and Diane Hoffer will be honored at the annual Women Making a Difference recognition award luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2023. The Women Making A Difference honorees for this year's event are: Sister Marie Rose Messingschlager, CDP 1962, Emily Melching Michels 1988 and Erin Kern Timmerding 1990. Also, Bob and Diane Hoffer will be receiving the Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus Award at this year's event.

The Women Making A Difference award program, now in its twenty-second year, recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional, and philanthropic efforts. It honors these women for living out NDA's proud heritage and for the difference they continue to make in the world. The luncheon also provides much needed funds for tuition assistance at Notre Dame Academy.

The ceremony, to be held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, will begin with registration and networking at 11:00 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. The Women Making A Difference luncheon is open to all alumnae, corporate representatives, parents and friends of Notre Dame Academy. A reservation form, ticket information, and sponsorship opportunities can be found on page 49. For further information, please contact the Notre Dame Academy Advancement Department at 859.292.7729 or visit the NDA website at www.ndapandas.org



Bob and Diane Hoffer

Bob and Diane Hoffer have touched the lives of many over the years through their tireless dedication to serving others. They will be presented the Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus Award at the 2023 Women Making A Difference luncheon.

The Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus Award was created in 2010 to honor individuals or couples who exemplify the mission of Notre Dame Academy through their service, community involvement, and philanthropic endeavors. Former recipients of the award are Robert Stevens, Richard and Jeanne-Marie Tapke, Bill and Sue Butler, Sister Mary Rita Geoppinger, SND, Mary Brown and Mike and Beth Schuh '77 Dempsey.



Sister Marie Rose Messingschlager, CDP 1962

Sister Marie Rose Messingschlager, class of 1962, is an amazing friend and a humble servant leader who is best known for her lifetime of ministry among Native American peoples.

Sister Marie Rose has been a Sister of Divine Providence for over 50 years, most of those years working with Native American communities. From an early age, Sister Marie Rose had a special interest in the American Indian and wrote various research papers on the plight of Native Americans.

Before beginning full time ministry among the Native Americans Sr. Marie Rose graduated from the Gregorian University in Rome with a Litcentiate Degree in Pastoral Missiology. Sister began her full time ministry among the Navajo in Arizona and then among the Lakota Sioux on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. From there she moved to Minnesota and became the first Diocesan Director of Native American Ministry for the Diocese of

Duluth. As diocesan Director she traveled the 22,354 square miles of the diocese to minister among the Anishinabe (Ojibwa/Chippewa) sometimes as the only "pastor" many Natives encountered. In her work, Sr. Marie Rose helped lead "Kateri Circles", spoke in schools, gave days of recollection and sponsored special Masses incorporating a great deal of Native American culture such as the use of the drum and incensing with one or more of their sacred medicines. Sr. Marie Rose also reached out to various Native Americans living in Duluth, many of whom fell between the cracks in the city.

From Duluth Sister Marie Rose returned to her beginnings in the Diocese of Gallup, but this time ministering among the Natives of the Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico. Presently Sister finds herself back in South Dakota ministering on the Rosebud Reservation among the Lakota Sioux. There she continues to walk the Sacred Journey of life immersed in Native American Spirituality.

Sister has, and continues to serve on various Boards relating to Native Ministry within our country. Through her life of service to Native Americans, Sister Marie Rose is truly a woman making a difference in the world.



Emily Melching Michels 1988

Emily Melching Michels, class of 1988, is an inspiration and a beautiful example of what Notre Dame Academy exemplifies; faith, charity and strength of character. Emily's path has not always been an easy one, yet she continues to move forward putting her faith in God and leading by example.

Emily and her husband John were blessed with their son Drew in 2006. At the age of four, Drew was diagnosed with mild/moderate autism. As devastating as the diagnosis was, Emily and John knew that Drew was a gift from God and considering how severely affected other children with autism can be, they felt truly blessed to be Drew's parents. Following Drew's diagnosis, Emily immediately began researching and providing every available resource and therapy for Drew to help him develop to the best of his abilities. Through her research, Emily realized that families with autistic children require an exhausting number of resources to provide services for their children.

In order to help these families, Emily and John founded Drew's Puzzle Piece and established the "Autism Awareness JV Baseball Tournament" to raise money for various autism charities. Their hope was to raise \$1000. They exceeded that humble goal by \$10,000 in their first year and since that time, they have raised over \$150,000. In 2020 Emily and John made the decision to shift their focus to directly helping families in the Greater Cincinnati area by establishing a grant process. Through these grants, they provide for things such as iPads for communication, safety and therapy equipment and therapy services like ABA, OT and Speech. Their first event in November 2021 was incredibly successful and their next Action for Autism will be held on March 11, 2023.

Emily has embraced what she was taught by her parents and her Catholic education and has turned a difficult and challenging situation into something beautiful to give back to families with children experiencing severe forms of autism. Due to her strong faith, she sees the hand of God in each step along the way and she works hard to share her blessings. Emily is truly a woman making a difference.



Erin Kern Timmerding 1990

Erin Kern Timmerding, class of 1990, exemplifies the vision of Notre Dame Academy in every aspect of her life. A woman known for her grace, faith, strength and enduring love, Erin has been making a difference in the lives of others from a very early age. If you asked her lifelong friends and family what sets Erin apart, they would say that it is her smile, her passion for leaving a situation better than she found it and her eternal optimism.

Erin's drive for excellence and commitment to others started at a young age. As a student at Notre Dame Academy, Erin was active in Student Council and many other clubs and helped set a positive, cheerful tone in all that she did. Erin has carried that call to action into her adult life in both her profession and in an extensive list of volunteer work in which she engages.

Erin is a role model and a passionate supporter of women. In her role as a Wealth Management Advisor, Erin has advised countless women on their finances helping them develop a sound plan for retirement and making them confident in their financial decision. She is caring, empathetic and a great listener, always putting the needs of others ahead of her own. As an advocate for financial literacy, Erin is a servant leader who applies her financial expertise to support her community and other young women.

Erin's six children are her primary focus in life. She supports them at home and has a vested interest in the schools they attend. Erin expertly manages her time so that she never misses an important moment with her children.

Experiencing a tragic 2017 with the death of her beloved husband Kevin and adoring mother just a few months later, Erin has managed to transform her grief into shaping the lives of others. She has taken the grief and coupled it with her drive to create a full and meaningful life and channeled it all into something positive for those around her.

Through her inspiration to those around her, her unwavering love, support and guidance to her six children and her ability to give back to a community that, as she would say, has given so much, Erin is truly a woman making a difference in the world.

The Twenty-second Annual Women Making & Difference

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### Notre Dame Academy Appoints New **President**



Dear Notre Dame Academy Community,

Following an extensive nationwide search. Notre Dame Academy's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Trish Miller as the new president of Notre Dame Academy, effective July 1, 2023. Trish currently serves as the associate principal of La Salle High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Trish has both educational and business leadership experience. She began her career as principal owner of Brands Insurance and subsequently co-founded West Chester Permit and Transportation Marketing Services in West Chester, Ohio, After 20 years, Trish found herself with a rare opportunity to discern what she was really called to do. Since education had always been a very strong focus for her and her family, she made the decision to teach.

She joined Teach for America giving her the opportunity to develop as an educator, which she found to be both challenging and humbling. Her experience enhanced her passion for teaching. This work also reinforced her fundamental belief that every student is entitled to a quality education. Trish went on to teach at Withrow University High School and Aiken New Tech High School. As a Catholic, however, she very much wanted to be involved in Catholic education in a leadership role. She subsequently joined the La Salle High School community as associate principal. Working with the principal, she has focused on the advancement of La Salle's mission and vision.

Trish is truly a mission focused leader who is grounded in her Catholic faith. Also, she understands at a personal level the transformative experience that a school such as Notre Dame Academy can provide. As a young woman, she was blessed with the opportunity to attend Ursuline Academy in Cincinnati, an all-girls Catholic high school sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters. This experience empowered her with the confidence and the desire to pursue excellence without reservation in all aspects of her life. It laid the groundwork for a successful, rewarding and faith-filled life journey.

Trish is now looking forward to being part of our NDA community and, in collaboration with the Board of Directors, faculty, staff and administration. continue to provide for a transformative experience for our young women. She is very excited to return to an all-girls environment where she sees the impact that a school such as Notre Dame Academy has on students in their academic, social and faith development. She knows that schools such as Notre Dame Academy are significant in the formation of young women especially with everything that is going on in the world today. She believes that she has been given the gift of experience both as a business and educational leader that will serve her and Notre Dame Academy well in the role of president.

"I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve in the role of president at Notre Dame Academy and given my background in educational and business leadership. I feel that I am in a unique position to make a positive impact at NDA." says Trish. "Over the past several years. I have been able to leverage many of the professional strengths I developed in my business career to effect positive change in a variety of educational settings. As a graduate of Ursuline Academy, and a parent of four children, all of whom attended Catholic schools, I truly value the academic rigor and character development that a Catholic education provides."

The Board of Directors thanks the Presidential Search Committee for the vast amount of time they dedicated to this important endeavor. We also thank the many other members of the Notre Dame Academy community, including faculty, staff, administrators, students, parents and alumnae for providing your thoughtful feedback on the finalists. Your emails and survey comments reinforced the choice of Trish Miller as the next president of Notre Dame Academy.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Jack VonHandorf who has ably served as our interim president. His commitment to Notre Dame Academy and our students is truly remarkable and we are grateful for all that he has done. We look forward to his continued work as Notre Dame Academy's principal. The Board of Directors is grateful for his commitment to partnering with all members of the school community to ensure a smooth transition in leadership.

We are excited to welcome Trish to the Notre Dame Academy community. We look forward to working with Trish to continue to foster our Sisters of Notre Dame spirituality and Notre Dame Academy's commitment to excellence, promoting our ideals of educating young women to make a difference in the world and graduating transformative women leaders embracing God's goodness.

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Mark Hausfeld NDA Board Chair Presidential Search Committee Member

Jeanne-Marie Lapke

Jeanne-Marie Tapke NDA Board Member Chair, Presidential Search Committee



# Celebrating **Foundation Day** In A Special Way

On Monday, October 3, the Notre Dame Academy community gathered for a special Mass in commemoration of SND Foundation Day (October 1). Each year the school celebrates this momentous occasion commemorating the day SND founders, Hilligonde Wolbring and Elisabeth Kuhling, began their religious life in Coesfeld, Germany. Hilligonde Wolbring became Sr. Maria Aloysia and Elisabeth Kuhling became Sr. Maria Ignatia and together they began the Sisters of Notre Dame. These young women were dedicated to providing an education to the many young girls of their region with little to no access to an education. During the SND Foundation celebration at NDA, students, faculty and staff remembered the courage, faith and commitment of the founders of the Sisters of Notre Dame and gave thanks that these two inspiring women established a tradition of excellence in education and service to others.

The NDA community also took the opportunity on that historically significant day to recognize two outstanding women who have continued the work of Sr. Maria Aloysia and Sr. Maria Ignatia at Notre Dame Academy - Sr. Paul Ann Hanneken and Sr. Mary Rachel Nerone. These two women have dedicated their lives to educating the young women of Notre Dame Academy in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. After Mass, Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel were presented with a statue of St. Julie Billiart which has been placed in the front of Marian Circle at NDA. The statue is a beautiful representation of St. Julie with her arms wide open to God's will, which is a very fitting depiction of Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel. The name of the statue is "Rapture in Action" which is also a appropriate characterization of these two amazing women. Rapture means a feeling of intense joy. Just as St. Julie felt intense joy in her ministry to the people of France, the NDA community has seen the joy of servant leadership in Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel.

The Notre Dame Academy faith community sincerely thanks Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel for all of the work they have done at Notre Dame Academy over the decades! Additionally, the NDA community thanks the donors who made this dedication possible: Tracy Barker, Jay and Sophie Bayer, Todd and PJ Berling, Tom and Patti Burke, David and Jill Ditzel, Todd and Marijo Fischer, Ken and Monica Hardcorn, David and Maria Kathman, Joe and Joelle Michels, Mark and Peggy Reisiger and Bernie and Donna Wessels.



(Above) Foundation Day is an all-school celebration at Notre Dame Academy

(R) "Rapture in Action" benefactors, Donna Schwartz Wessels '79 and Todd Nienaber joined in on the Foundation Day festivities honoring Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel.









# **Campus Notes Continued**



At Notre Dame Academy, Everyone is Part of a

-family!

This school year, Notre Dame Academy has adopted a new Family System giving students the opportunity to connect with other students across classes and grades that they may not ordinarily have a chance to interact with. The Family System is helping to create a more inclusive environment, promote the sisterhood of NDA and provide additional leadership opportunities for our students.

There are a total of four families at NDA within the new Family System at NDA. Eventually each family will choose a Patron Saint to be named after however, in the meantime, the families are each represented by a color - blue, purple, green or pink. Students have had a great time decorating the hallways at NDA to represent their family color. There are six homerooms in each family and all grade levels are represented in each homeroom and consequently in each family. Students meet in homerooms about two times each week.

As part of the new Family System, NDA has created a "Family Competition" that lasts throughout the school year. Students will be able to earn points for their family through a variety of methods including: GPA, school attendance, event attendance, performing service and more. The winning Family at the end of the school year will receive a trophy and a free visit from a coffee truck.

"So far our Pandas have really enjoyed NDA's new Family System," said NDA Principal/Interim President Mr. Jack VonHandorf. "They feel like they are gaining more friendships and the system is creating a strong family-like culture at Notre Dame Academy."





### Celebrating **RESPECT LIFE** Month

October was Respect Life month and LIFE Club and the Peer Ministers at NDA joined forces to collect monetary donations and baby items for 4 local pregnancy centers in Northern Kentucky: CareNet, Rose Garden Home Mission, New Hope Pregnancy Center and Madonna House of NKY.

NDA's student body raised \$475 for CareNet's Baby Bottle Campaign. They also collected \$1220.00, 2821 diapers, and 75 packages of wipes which were divided evenly between New Hope Pregnancy Center, Rose Garden Home Mission and Madonna House of NKY.



Also, on November 2, 15 members of NDA's LIFE Club volunteered their time to help with the St. Elizabeth Hospice Dove project. The girls labeled and packaged 1500 doves to be delivered to loved ones this holiday season. Ms. Julie Schuler, the coordinator for this program, had this to say about the Pandas, "It was such a wonderful sight watching all the girls working so hard and putting their heartfelt love in every dove that they worked on. They are truly part of the success of our St. Elizabeth Dove program."

**Discovering our purpose. Transforming the world.** 



### 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR THEME **EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATION**

This year at NDA, our school theme, Discovering our purpose - Transforming the world, is based on the fourth Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, An Integrated Education for Transformation. Each year, the school theme is based on one of the four Educational Principles of the Sisters of Notre Dame in order that students have the opportunity to learn about all four of the SND Educational Principles before they graduate.

Each summer NDA Peer Ministers meet with our Campus Minister to discuss the SND Educational Principle being celebrated that school year and they collaborate about theme ideas and choose a special quote that coordinates with the theme. When determining the theme for the school year, our peer ministers expressed the importance of students discovering God's plan so that they can come to realize their purpose and go out and make a difference in the world.

The graphic for this year's theme incorporates NDA's seal to draw attention to the symbolism within the seal. The flame is a symbol for academic learning and its flame indicates that it burns for the good of others. Additionally, the lamp takes on additional significance for Christians as a metaphor for the gospel (Psalm 119:105 says, Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.)

So far this school year, our students, faculty and staff have done an excellent job celebrating our theme and incorporating it into their daily lives at NDA.



In the Family

This year we have the trifecta of Cerimele educators at Notre Dame Academy! While their dad, Greg Cerimele (middle), has been teaching math and serving as our band director at NDA for 26 years, Joel (left) is in his first year teaching Social Studies at NDA and Michael (right) has been teaching English and Social Studies at NDA since 2014. Education at the Cerimele house is definitely a family affair!

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire. t. Catherine of Siena

# Keeping It All



# Clash of CANS Continues

Each November since 2010. NDA's Student Council has organized a food drive to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Many years the Pandas challenge other local schools to make the food drive more fun and collect more items for those in need.

This year, NDA competed with Covington Catholic and Beechwood to see which school could collect the most food items. Once again the Pandas pulled out all of the stops and won the "Clash of Cans" competition bringing in over 15,00 food items. Between the three schools 21,678 food items supporting St. Vincent de Paul, Be Concerned and GoPantry were collected.

Over the last 13 years, Notre Dame Academy has collected over 123,000 food items making a tremendous difference in the lives of others!



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## **2022 Fall Sports Update**



### Vollevball Pandas Take State!

NDA volleyball finished their season 34-5 (14-0 in Region 9) winning the Region and State Title! This marks the second state title for Panda volleyball in the last three years! In mid-September, volleyball finished above their initial seeding at the Louisville Invitational Volleyball Tournament (LIVT), where they placed third, and returned home to beat St. Henry in four sets at the annual Playing for a Purpose game. At the beginning of October, NDA volleyball finished second at the ASICS Challenge in Chicago, where they defeated Assumption in straight sets in the semifinals and finished runner-up to host Mother McAuley after falling in three sets. The Pandas beat Assumption at home for senior night and then again in an amazing match in the semi finals of the state tournament. The Pandas beat Dunbar in three sets to win the State Title!

### Panda Golfers Make History

The Panda Golf Team's season was a rebuilding year with great successes. While they lost three varsity seniors, they were able to re-tool with some incoming freshmen. The team finished 17th out of 55 teams in the KY All State points, with senior Natalie Lovell leading the Pandas finishing with a top 50 finish. NDA won the Camacho Invitational, finished 2nd in the Conference tournament and Region 7 Runner Up. Natalie Lovell led the Pandas with a 4th Place finish at the conference and regional tournaments. Natalie Lovell, senior Sammi Flowers and sophomore Didi Jiradamkerng gualified for the First Round of State and Natalie and Didi then gualified for the State Finals.





### Cross Country Builds on Faith and Fun

The cross-country Pandas had been hard at work training and running long before school ever started. They have all bought into the season motto of "A foundation built on faith and fun." Each week was filled with spirited themes like: Hill Yeah Mondays, Go Fast Tuesdays, Distance Wednesdays, Praying Thursdays and Thank Goodness for More Hills Fridays. That hard work has transferred into countless individual personal time records and high finishes. The Varsity team won the Jaguar Classic and finished 2nd in the Grant County meet. The JV team won the Grant County invitational, Jaguar Classic and Williamstown meets. The Pandas sent two runners to state after a tough Regional race at Ryle. Tess Lenihan and Megan Fedor represented the Pandas well, finishing above their seed!

### Soccer Wrap Up

Soccer was faced with two season-ending injuries in the first two weeks of the regular season. As a team they had to both show their support to teammates and regather themselves. They had a good season with a record of 17-4-1 and ended as the Region Runner Up, falling to Highlands in penalty kicks in a hard fought game.





# ATHLETIC SIGNING

Notre Dame Academy recently hosted its 2022 Athletic Signing for 12 outstanding senior athletes. The NDA athletes made their college decisions final by signing letters of intent to continue their sports careers at college in front of their families, friends, former and future coaches and school staff.

Signing a letter of intent was an exciting next step in life that each of the NDA athletes was prepared to take. Congratulations to the following student athletes:

Grace Autry - Gonzaga University - Rowing Kayla Hostetler - Eastern Michigan University - Volleyball Peyton Mast - University of New Haven - Volleyball Sophie Anderson - Centre College - Swimming Lainy Kruger - University of Florida - Swimming Noelle Hubert - Northern Kentucky University - Basketball Ellie Greenwell - Ohio University - Soccer Hanna Peace - Reinhardt University - Lacrosse Kamden Schrand - University of Louisville - Volleyball Kennedy Clark - Xavier University - Soccer Abby Unkraut - University of Georgia - Soccer Sydney Nolan - University of North Carolina - Volleyball





### **Upcoming Events**

### December

21	Christmas Break Begins
Januar	у
3 6 9 10-12 12 16 20 27-29 30	Classes Resume New Year Mass with Bishop Iffert HSPT Results Meeting Senior Retreat Alumnae Rosary in Chapel at 12:45 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School) Life March and Penance Prayer Service NDA/CCH Showcase Catholic Schools Week Begins Mass with SNDs
Februa	ry
1 2 3 9 10 20 22 25	CSW Diocesan Mass NDA/CCH Volleyball Game Father Daugther Dance Alumnae Rosary in Chapel at 12:45 p.m. Winter Sports Pep Rally No School: Presidents' Day Ash Wednesday Junior Retreat
March	
2 7 10 21 24 25 30 31	Service Fair at NDA Women Making A Difference Luncheon Sophomore Ring Ceremony No School: Professional Development Day Panda Preview Night Prom After Prom Alumnae Dinner Theatre Spring Play
April	
1-2 3 6 7 9 10-14	Spring Play Holy Week Prayer Service No School - Holy Thursday No School - Good Friday Easter Easter Break
28	Senior Dinner Dance

# ① In Loving Memory

The Notre Dame Academy community extends its deepest sympathy to the families of our alumnae on the death of their loved ones. These individuals will be remembered by the NDA students and faculty during their monthly masses throughout the school year. We are grateful for your continued support of Notre Dame in the form of memorials, honorariums, and special intentions.

#### Alumnae:

Julitta Wieck Overmann 1936 Margaret Todtenbrier Weghorn 1942 Mae Schomaker Mohr 1945 Anna Mae Melching Brueggeman 1947 Rosemary Schreiber Fischer 1947 Margaret Lacy Wulker 1947 Shirley Scheitz Schulte 1948 Martha Knochelmann Bezold 1950 Eileen Staubach Coyle 1951 Betty Niehaus Farmer 1951 Mary Moorman Glardon 1952 Carol Schwope Stegeman 1954 Donna Duell Espelage 1958 Mary Jo Baumgartner Stahl 1958 Barbara Niemand Urlage 1958 Marilyn Willenbrink 1960 Joanne Seelie Sekowski 1961 Laverne Steenken Schmidt 1965 Michele Reese Belmont 1971 Julie Rakel Meyer 1972 Pam Stegman Eismann 1979 Nancy Roedig Holcomb 1979 Peggy Rosing Disibio 1980 Martha Staub Ringo 1980 Monica Bartlett 1983 Talia Frye 1996

#### Husband of:

Margaret Stricker Eismann 1956 Fay Riley Wodraska 1957 Margaret Pickett Beckerich 1965 Mary Lou Nolen Davies 1965 Betty Boemker Essen 1966 Karen Kennedy Garner 1967 Linda Willson Vesper 1967 Paula Boehmer Adams 1972 Nancy Schulte Owen 1974 Jan Sterling Zembrodt 1976 Kitty Underhill Thompson 1978 Kimberley Wiethorn Gray 1979

#### Mother of:

Barbara Weghorn Huff 1964 Barb Brueggeman Berwanger 1969 Mary Weghorn Riggs 1969 Cathy Alessandro Stover 1969

Donna Alessandro Blackwell 1972 Sue Bezold Kerdolff 1975 Marilee Meyers Cooney 1976 Lynda Broering Saathoff 1976 Jeanne Gerrety Gebhart 1978 Lynda Bezold Sexton 1978 Kathleen Meyers Board 1979 Karen Brueggeman Carter 1979 Lisa Schulte 1980 Karen Cahill Wilson 1980 Jill Overmann Fessler 1981 Paige Muehlenkamp Wilson 1981 Linda Ruh Hutchinson 1983 Jane Kennedy Kleier 1983 Mary Bezold Erpenbeck 1984 Amy Cahill Engelman 1985 Donna Schulte 1985 Lori Faigle Rajewski 1986 Kristen Sekowski 1993 Amy Kenkel 1998 Kristen Kenkel Cartwright 2000 Jessica Ringo 2009

#### Father of:

Marlene Meier Moehlman 1968 Mary Lynn Rolfes Cropper 1972 Annette Rolfes Theissen 1975 Debbie Causey Davidson 1976 (stepfather) Jan Steffen Hanser 1976 Bernadette Spille Green 1979 Janet Eismann Lentz 1979 Krista Summe Wilmink 1980 Denise Salter Peaslee 1981 Trisha Dee Bellah 1982 Charlene Causey 1983 (stepfather) Kathy Kallmeyer Hehman 1983 Tammy Fossett Stewart 1983 Susan Guilfoyle Prather 1984 Sheila Summe Cooney 1986 Teresa Lotz 1986 Sally Guilfoyle McMahan 1986 Betsy Summe Greenwell 1987 Diane Kallmeyer 1987 Ellen Kuehne Zimmer 1988 Jennifer Bessler 1989 Stacey Buscher Kiehborth 1989 Jennifer Summe Long 1989 Dana Kuehne Colpo 1990 Karen Donohue Hyman 1991 Darlene Eismann Tierney 1992 Jennifer Trauth Topmiller 1992 Emily Strunk Helm 1993 Melissa Trauth Smith 1995 Rebecca Vesper 1995 Emilie Adams Faeth 1999 Katherine Kern 1999 Lindsey Adams Koch 2001

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Linda Koors Wisher 1965

#### Son of: Norma Kohl Frede 1955 Rose Klatte Wilson 1957

### **Special Intentions**

Special Intention by: Martha Knochelmann Bezold 1950

Special Intention by: Joan Blenke Borne 1956

Special Intention by: **Dave and Marianne Meyer** 

### Honorariums

In Honor of Sr. Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, SND 1950's 70th Jubilee: by: Anonymous Connie Wigger Aylor 1967 Thomas and Tina Bernheimer Michael and Karen Brungs Tom and Jean Hanneken Deve 1953 Kim Gunning John and Michele Revell Johnson 1971 Dave and Jane Kennedy Kleier 1983 Dr. Robert T and Jean Schmidt Longshore 1950 Jim and Linda Webster Niewahner 1962 David and Melanie O'Brien Michael and Beverly O'Brien Rose Mary Hanneken O'Brien 1946 Dave and Kim Robben Matthew and Sarah Robben Karen Smith Daniel and Patti O'Brien Steinmetz 1970 Joe and Nancy Stratman Fred and Pam Steltenkamp Summe 1968 Thomas and Amy Swink Priscilla Waynant

### In honor of Della Mae Bergfeld Mueller 1950's 90th Birthday

by: Gene and Martha Knochelmann Bezold 1950

In honor of Sr. Mary Rachel Nerone, SND 1954's 65th Jubilee by: Dave and Jane Kennedy Kleier 1983 Priscilla Waynant

In honor of Ralph and Karen Hanneken Thoss 1970's 50th Wedding Anniversary by: Lynn Durstock Beck 1971

### In Memoriam

In memory of Deceased Classmates of 1962 by: The Class of 1962

In memory of Deceased Classmates of 1979 and their family members by: Colleen McKinley Eldridge 1979

In memory of Ronald Amend by: Mary Elaine Amend

In memory of Helen Steltenkamp Ayres 1936 by: Jim and Marita Ayres Thelen 1964

In memory of Mary Ann Ringo Breetz 1973 by: Debbie Mullen Small 1974

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by: Steve and Ruth Appel Averdick 1969 Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947 Jo Ann Tierney Bryant 1969 Joan Buckley 1973 Charlotte Fauss Shellev Wills Goetz 1969 Mark and Betsy Melching Hausfeld 1976 Marcia Kendig 1974 Jeannette Rauf Melching 1951 Pinecrest Investment, LLC Joe and Ginnie Bohman Schmidt 1961 John and Carol Dietrich Vogel 1966 David and Cheryl Schulte Warning 1978

In memory of Florence Burke by: Mary Burke Zerhusen 1968

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In memory of Lois Perkins Dressman 1958 by: Ann Knipper Farrell 1958

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In memory of Debbie Thelen Ellis 1968 by: Ron Ellis

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In memory of Pam Stegman Eismann 1979 by: Lee and Mary Lynn Longshore Duncan

In memory of Joyce Frasher by: Rose Toerner Orzali 1971

In memory of Ed Gerrein by: Anonymous

In memory of Molly Brennan Grosser by: Barry and Karen Behne Brennan 1964

In memory of Eileen Kathman Harper 1949 by: Ken Harper

In memory of Elaine Rothring Higgins 1958 by: Ann Knipper Farrell 1958

In memory of Millie Adams Huffman by: Van and Barbara Sondgerath

In memory of Margie Frommeyer Kaufman 1958 by: Joe and Kim Kaufman

In memory of Margie Kennedy by: Steve and Ruth Appel Averdick 1969 Phil and Lisa Banks Michael and Karen Brungs Ann Boitman Cain 1982 Garren and Susan Colvin Dressman, Benzinger and LaVelle, PSC Karen Bieger Finan 1977 Mark and Betsy Melching Hausfeld 1976 John and Lori Hehman Family Luke and Laura Petroze Hehman 1981 Kathleen Kennedy Rosie Kennedy Don and Sue McLeod Amy Kennedy Neltner 1985 Nancy Cottingham Poulos 1985 Gary and Denise Fischer Richardson 1975 Judy Flick Rouse 1960 Paul and Carol Wulfeck Ruwe 1957 David and Kathleen Schulte Garrett and Mary Scott Joe and Nancy Stratman **Betsy Weber** Bob and Diane Wigger Wilson 1980 Martha Meyers Witt 1954

In memory of Sue Soden Korfhagen 1953 by: Ken Korfhagen

In memory of Helen Pauly Lampke 1945 by: Linda Lampke Gormley 1970

In memory of Mary Catherine Leising Little 1952 by: Shirley Neal Lasley 1952

In memory of William Lonneman by: Mary Lonneman

### In Memoriam cont.

In memory of Mary Alice Budde Martz 1952 by: Mary Lou Feldkamp Schneider 1952

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In memory of Joan Schreiber Pompilio 1961 by: Rosemary Schreiber Fischer 1947 Jack Schreiber and Claire Fessler 1969

In memory of Pat. Don and Gary Robbins by: Suzanne Robbins Tegge 1964

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In memory of Schopmeyer and Boemker Families by: Paulette Schopmeyer Boden 1966

In memory of Ruth Finke Schulte 1942 by: Linda Schulte Haskins 1966

In memory of Shirley Scheitz Schulte 1948 by: Jeanne McKinley Dressman 1948

In memory of Daniel Schwartz by: Colleen McKinley Eldridge 1979

In memory of Mary Jo Baumgartner Stahl 1958 by: Gerald and Jeanne Baumgartner Dunn 1960 Ann Knipper Farrell 1958 Judy Baumgartner Robinson 1964

In memory of Charles and Estelle Sellmeyer Stander 1942 by: Mary Sue Stander Gilbert 1973

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In memory of Laura Woeste 1996 by: Brian and Emily Halpin Woeste 1994

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Visit our Open House events for the 2023-24 school year on Thursday and Friday, January 12 and 13, at 10 a.m.

Julie Learning Center is an educational facility which nurtures children and furthers the growth and development of their basic skills. Emphasis is placed on recognizing the goodness and provident care of God in living the Gospel through interaction with the Sisters of Notre Dame, staff, and children. JLC serves 4 and 5 year old preschool students.

For more information or to enroll, contact the Director of Julie Learning Center at: 859.392.8231 directorjlc2014@gmail.com

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### **A Loving Legacy** The Michele Williams Scholarship

Michele Ann Sterling Williams '68 loved and lived fully, touching the lives of others in very special ways. Always the life of the party, Michele was fun-loving and lighthearted. She remained positive and optimistic, regardless of what life threw her way. Michele along with her siblings Glenn, Kay, Gemma, Jan, Mary Pat and John grew up in Edgewood, KY and were an extremely close-knit family. Michele being the middle child was often the peacemaker and she naturally took on a matronly role with her younger siblings.

Michele loved to learn and especially loved her time at Notre Dame Academy. She was an excellent student, avid reader and an incredible friend to many. Michele carried her high school friendships with her throughout life. From monthly book club get-togethers to gathering on Fridays for lunch, Michele and her friends laughed, reminisced and supported each other through good and bad times.

Shortly after high school Michele became a Licensed Practical Nurse and met her husband, JD, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in 1974. The two were married in 1975 and had three children, Ryan, Renee and Tara. Michele treasured her role as a wife and mother, but found a new purpose in life when she became a grandmother.

Michele was a faithful alumna, past board member and gracious volunteer. She trusted God in all things and made those around her stronger in their faith. Her faith made her a better person and her belief in heaven comforted her in times of sorrow. Michele will be remembered for her beautiful smile and love for others.

The Michele Sterling Williams Scholarship provides full tuition for a student living with a single parent or grandparent who could not otherwise attend Notre Dame Academy. It is renewable for 4 years and provided by Michele's family, Dr JD Williams, M Renee Jones '97 and Dr J Ryan Williams. This scholarship will allow Michele's legacy as a selfless giver to continue to shine a light on the NDA community forever.

### Establishing a Family Scholarship at NDA

Have you ever considered setting up a family scholarship? Establishing a named scholarship provides support and muchneeded tuition assistance to students at Notre Dame Academy. A family scholarship is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or family into perpetuity.

At NDA, a named scholarship may be established with a minimum gift of \$20,000. These monies become part of the Endowment Fund, which is invested to generate income. A total of 4.25% of the scholarship fund is disbursed annually through scholarships and grants, or is applied to programming, as determined by the donor at the time of the gift. For further information regarding the establishment of perpetual scholarships and endowments, please contact Denise Bowman, Director of Development at 859.292.1849. You can find a complete list of NDA's current endowed and pass-through scholarships in the 2021-22 Annual Report.



# Advancing the Mission



### A LEGACY SOCIETY FOR NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

### Making A Difference for Generations

While so many people generously invest in Notre Dame Academy during their lives, a planned gift to Notre Dame Academy helps secure quality Catholic education for future Pandas. Leaving a financial gift to NDA will ensure an investment beyond one's lifetime. A few of the strategies available through which you can leave your legacy to NDA include Bequests, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Life Insurance Policies, and Retirement Plans.

The Notre Dame Academy Forever NDA Legacy Society was established to recognize individuals who have included NDA in their estate plans. Ensuring that the Academy receives a gift is a wonderful way to leave a legacy and is as simple as contacting NDA or having a discussion with your counsel as to the most effective way to participate in our planned giving program. As a member of the Forever NDA Legacy Society, you can be assured that your gift will help secure quality education for future generations of NDA students.

### Leaving A Legacy for Notre Dame Academy

If you have already made plans to include Notre Dame Academy in your will, or once you have done so, please notify us so we may include you in the names of those in our Marian Legacy Society. For more information about including Notre Dame Academy in your estate plan or how to set up one of the planned giving avenues outlined above, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729. On behalf of the students of today and the students of tomorrow, we say, "Thank You."

Is Notre Dame Academy currently in your will or estate plans? Would you like more information regarding the Forever NDA Legacy Society?

Please fill out this form and mail it to:

Notre Dame Academy **Advancement Department 1699 Hilton Drive** Park Hills, KY 41011

have remembered Notre Dame Academy in my estate plans.

am interested in receiving more information as to how Notre Dame Academy can become part of my estate plans.

### **Become a Notre Dame Academy Corporate Sponsor**

Would you or your business like to become an NDA Corporate Sponsor? As a sponsor of Notre Dame Academy, you are sending a message that your brand is strongly aligned with our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world. Your corporate sponsorship supports and invests in the lives of young women and future leaders in our community.

As a corporate partner with us, you will also have the opportunity to showcase your product and increase exposure to local consumers. You will be featured at the three major fundraising events sponsored by Notre Dame Academy: Women Making a Difference Luncheon, the Annual Golf Outing, and our largest fundraiser, Light the Night for NDA. Depending on the level of sponsorship, you will receive incentives such as foursomes of golf, tickets to the Women Making A Difference award luncheon and Light the Night for NDA, and appreciation gifts.

Each level of sponsorship also includes marketing and promotional opportunities such as the NDA web page, the weekly parent newsletter, and various forms of social media. As a partner with Notre Dame Academy, you will experience important business and corporate opportunities with other professionals like yourself.

For more information about how you or your company can become a corporate sponsor for 2023, please contact Denise Bowman, Director of Development at 859.292.1849 or bowmand@ndapandas.org. Special thanks to our NDA Corporate Sponsors for 2022 listed below.





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A very special thank you to our Notre Dame Academy community for supporting our largest fundraiser of the year, Light the Night for NDA 2022! This year's event was a wonderful celebration of our mission bringing together NDA parents, alumnae, business partners and friends for a common goal - Notre Dame Academy's mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world.

As you know, this event has evolved over the years. It originated as the Parasol Ball and then it was transformed into the Autumn Gala. It has been very exciting this year to see this year's chairs and committee take this event to the next level with Light the Night for NDA. At the very beginning of the planning process when collaborating about the name of the event, we talked a great deal about what this event means to Notre Dame Academy and what it is we are celebrating on this special night - we are a faith community devoted to our calling to bring Christ's light into the world.

Our newly revamped event allows us to Light the Night for NDA anywhere in the world, allowing us infinite opportunities to make each year new and exciting. This year we chose Light the Night for NDA in Northern Kentucky because this is where our mission began 116 years ago when the Sisters of Notre Dame opened the doors of Notre Dame Academy in Covington, Kentucky for the first time. At this year's event, we gave a nod to our home, this warm and wonderful region where young women have the opportunity to be educated in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Notre Dame Academy.

We are very grateful to everyone in our community who supported this year's fall fundraiser. First and foremost, we would like to thank our chairs, Cindy and Mike Hemsath and Jennifer and Jack Lenihan. Their tireless efforts to make this event a success paid off. This year's fall fundraiser was the most successful to date. The commitment of the Hemsath and Lenihan families to Notre Dame Academy is very much appreciated!

We would also like to thank all of our committee members, gift gathering party hosts, corporate and event sponsors and all those who generously donated good or services for this year's event. You can view the program from Light the Night for NDA and see a complete list of these supporters by going to Support NDA » Major Events » Light the Night for NDA on NDA's website - www.ndapandas.org.

We would also like to say thank you to our master of ceremonies. Glenn Stansberry, and our auctioneer, David Wallace. This dynamic duo did an amazing job.

Finally, very special thanks to our community partner, St. Elizabeth Healthcare for serving as our facility sponsor. St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center (SETEC) was the perfect venue for this event and we are grateful to the help of past NDA Board Chair Garren Colvin for making that possible. Thanks also to St. Elizabeth's Chip Tillett and Philip Horney for all of their support.



Where are we Lighting the **Night for NDA** in 2023? Stay tuned ...







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### YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS TO:

### **BRIDGE THE** GAP

\$1800

In order to ensure that a Notre Dame Academy education is accessible to all young women, tuition is set at only 80% of the true cost of education. Every student at NDA benefits from this tuition gap of \$1800. Contributions made to the Annual Fund directly reduce this tuition gap and are tax deductible.

### **PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

\$869,409

In addition to the \$1800 tuition gap benefit, approximately 25% of our families receive further financial assistance at NDA. The total amount of financial assistance and tuition allowances given by Notre Dame Academy in the 2021-22 school year was \$869,409. This number is due largely in part to the financial contributions made to the Annual Fund and the support of our fall fundraiser each year.

### **BUILD A FOUNDATION**



A gift to the Annual Fund helps to create a solid foundation for the 518 young women who attend Notre Dame Academy. Your gift, no matter the size, will make a significant impact on each and every student at NDA.

Please join us in our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world by prayerfully considering a donation to the 2022-2023 Notre Dame Academy **Annual Fund.** 



Scan the QR code to the left donate online or use the remittance envelope provided in the centerfold of this issue of the Notre Damian.

### Income



# YOUR SUPPORT AT WORK: **Tuition Assistance Program**

The Annual Appeal is an important component of our development efforts as it bridges the gap between tuition and the cost of educating our students. Accessibility to a Notre Dame Academy education is paramount. We strive to keep tuition affordable for all who attend and work diligently to invest in our tuition assistance fund. In the 2021-22 school year, over 25% of our students received some form of tuition assistance. Your Annual Appeal dollars help make that possible.

**Tuition Assistance** Work Study Academic Scholarships Endowed Tuition Grants NDA/CCH and Multiple Daughter **Renewable Grants** Pass Through/Other Scholarships TOTAL

### **Expenses**



- General and Administrative: 15%
- Advancement: 10%
- Program Services: 74%
- Fund Raising: 1%

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### FAMILY/NAMED SCHOLARSHIP Creating a Legacy

Notre Dame Academy remains committed to providing a quality education for all young women who choose to attend, regardless of their financial concerns or issues. Through the generosity of family and individual benefactors, this commitment is supported through many funding sources. One way to support students at Notre Dame Academy is through the NDA Scholarship Program. The NDA Endowment currently houses 53 named scholarships and grants.

Establishing a named scholarship is a wonderful way to honor an individual, family or a class, while at the same time, providing essential student tuition assistance through academic and need-based scholarships. Because our scholarships continue in perpetuity, every year deserving students will benefit from your generosity and commitment to educating women to make a difference.

An NDA scholarship can be established with a gift of \$20,000 or more. For further information regarding scholarships and endowments, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729. The following is the list of scholarships currently established at NDA.

### Scholarship Donors

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### **Academics**

#### Class of 2022: 151 Graduates

- Graduation Rate: 100%
- · Completed 9.013 hours of service
- Average ACT Composite Score: 25.7
- Enrolled in 4-year College/University: 145 (96%)
- Enrolled in 2-year College: 5 (3%)
- Graduates enrolled in Kentucky colleges/universities: 64 (42%)
- Graduates enrolled in out-of-state colleges/universities: 86 (56%)
- Offered a College Scholarship: 150 (99%) \*includes scholarships from colleges, private scholarships, and Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships
- Accepted a College Scholarship: 108 (72%)
- · Accepted Scholarship(s) covering at least half tuition at college attending: 76 (50%)
- Total Scholarship Amount offered: \$24.3 million
- AP Scholar: 14 (Scored 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams)
- AP Scholars with Honors: 5 (Received an average score of at 2- National Latin Exam National Level - Cum Laude least 3.25 or higher on all AP Exams taken, & scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams)
- 1- National Spanish Exam Level III- Silver • AP Scholars with Distinction: 1 (Received an average score of 7 - National Spanish Exam Level - Gold at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher 19 -National Spanish Exam Level - Silver on 5 or more of these exams) 28- National Spanish Exam National Level - Bronze Kentucky Governor's Scholar Recipients: 7 67-National Spanish Exam National Level - Honorable Mention
- Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts Recipients: 7
- Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Recipients: 2

#### Student Awards

- · 4- National Merit, Commended Student
- 8-Governor's Scholars Program Alumna
- 7 -Governor's Scholars Program Nominee
- · 2-Commonwealth Honors Academy Accepted Students
- 1- Commonwealth Honors Academy Alumna
- 14- AP Scholar Awards
- 1- AP Scholar with Distinction
- · 5 AP Scholar with Honor

#### **English Department Awards**

- Kenton County Public Library Haunt your Library 1- First Place for Prose
- 2- Honorable Mention for Prose
- · Mount St. Joseph's Creative Writing Award • 2 -Honorable Mention for Poetry
- Scholastic Writing Awards 34 total
- 3- Gold Keys
- 10 Silver Keys
- 21- Honorable Mentions

### **History Department Awards**

- · KY High School Mock Trial 3rd Place Team Region
- KY High School Mock Trial 4th Place Team Region
- KY High School Mock Trial 9th Place Team State
- 1 KY High School Mock Trial, State Outstanding Attorney
- 2 KY High School Mock Trial, State Outstanding Witness
- 2 KY High School Mock Trial, Regional Top Attorney
- 2 KY High School Mock Trial, Regional Top Witness
- 3 UK Wildcat Invitational Mock Trial Team 1st Place
- UK Wildcat Invitational Mock Trial #1 Witness
- UK Wildcat Invitational Mock Trial #2 Witness

Business and	Technology	Department Awards
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- 2 Governor's Scholar for Entrepreneurs Alumna
- · 3 Governor' Scholar for Entrepreneurs, Nominee
- 3 -First Place FBLA, Region 4 Leadership Conference
- 1- Third Place FBLA, Region 4 Leadership Conference

#### World Language Department Awards:

- 1- National French Exam National Level Bronze
- 11- National French Exam National Level- Honorable Mention
- 1- National French Exam State Level 4th Place
- 2 National French Exam State Level -6th Place
- 1 -National French Exam State Level 7th Place

2- National Latin Exam National Level - Silver Medal Maxima Cum

3- National Latin Exam National Level - Magna Cum Laude

- 2- National Spanish Exam Gold
  - 8- National Spanish Exam Bronze

### **Science Department Awards**

- 3- TSA TEAMS Competition 3rd in State
- · 4 TSA TEAMS Competition 5th in State
- 7 TSA TEAMS Competition 10th in State
- 1- Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair, 2nd Place, Physics and Astronomy
- · NASA Earth System Science Award
- 1-SEFNK. Best of Fair. ISEF Finalist
- · 1- SEFNK, 1st Place Medicine and Health
- 1-SEFNK, 1st Place Overall in Life Sciences
- 1-SEFNK, 1st Place Overall in Physical Science
- 1-SEFNK 1st Place Overall in Engineering, Mechanical and Electric
- 1-SEFNK, 1st Place Environmental Science
- · 1-SEFNK, 1st Place, Physics and Astronomy
- 2-SEFNK, 2nd Place Biochemistry
- 2- SEFNK, 2nd Place Engineering, Mechanical and Electrical
- 1- SEFNK, 2nd Place Overall in Life Sciences
- 1- SEFNK, 2nd Place Overall in Physical Science
- 1-SEFNK, 2nd Place Overall, ISEF 1st Alternate
- 1- SEFNK, 2nd Place Environmental Science
- 1-SEFNK, 2nd Place, Physics and Astronomy
- 1-SEENK, 3rd Place Overall, ISEE 2nd Alternate
- 1- SEFNK, 3rd Place Environmental Science
- · 2- Thomas More College Scholarship Award
- 1- US Stockholm Junior Water Prize
- 1- Yale Science and Engineering Award
- 1- Dr. Barbara Ramey Physical Sciences Award

### Service

### Served 50 agencies

(15 weekly through junior service program)

**7,741 hours of service** logged into Mobile Serve from June 1, 2021 - June 1, 2022 (All grade levels included)

### **Types of Service**

NDA service includes working with young children, tutoring grade school students, working with those who are mentally and physically challenged, working in emergency assistance shelters and agencies, cleaning up public areas, assisting with parish festivals and religious education classes, and much more.

### Grade Level Report

- Sophomores each completed 15+ hours of service, totaling 3,186 hours of service at local non-profit organizations.
- Juniors took part in an adapted version of our Junior Service Program due to Covid restrictions at agencies. Each Junior went out every other week to the same agency during their scheduled service block. Each Junior served approximately 20 hours in the community.
- Seniors created their own service projects ranging from 2 hours to 50+ hours. They were challenged to find a way they wanted to make a difference in the world and then put it into action. Seniors created projects working with kids, people experiencing homelessness, youth sports, Mary Rose Mission, Environmental justice projects, Notre Dame Urban Education Center and so much more.

### **Student Fundraising**

• Students collected \$18,670 that was donated to various international, national, and local agencies/ causes.

• Students collected over 17,500 items for donations to various local agencies.

### **Fine Arts**

- 1 Connie O'Donnell Student Invitational Honor able Mention
- 2 Governor's School for the Arts in Architecture and Design, Alumna
- 4 Governor's School for the Arts in Architecture and Design, Nominee
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Creative Writing, Nominee
- 2 Governor's School for the Arts in Dance, Alumna
- 5 Governor's School for the Arts in Dance, Nominee
- 2 Governor's School for the Arts in Drama, Alumna
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Drama, Nominee
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Instrumental Music, Nominee
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Visual Art, Alumna
- 3 Governor's School for the Arts in Visual Art, Nominee
- 5 Thomas More College Juried High School Ex hibition Award
- 2 Mount St. Joseph University Art Show
- 1 Scholastics Silver Key for Two Visual Arts Submissions
- 1 Scholastics Honorable Mention for Three Pho tographs
- 1 Scholastics Honorable Mention for Visual Arts
- Governor's School for the Arts in Vocal Music, Alumna
- Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra Audition
  Orchestra 1st Violin

### Guidance

- 64 President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
- 57 President's Education Award Outstanding Academic Excellence
- 58 Outstanding Behavior Recognition Awards

### **Athletics**

- 13 sports
- 283 Student Athletes
- 15 students continuing their athletic careers in college
- 4 District Championships, 2 Regional Runners-Up, and 2 Regional Championships, 1 State Champion Team, 2 Individual State Champion Titles
- Average Student Athlete GPA: 3.974

# Thank You to Our Donors

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our 2021-22 Annual Fund, scholarship funds and other NDA funds throughout the year. Every year we seek to raise funds that supplement the difference between tuition and the cost of educating each student (approximately \$1800 per student). Through your generosity and support, you have helped us ensure that a Notre Dame Academy education is available to any and every young woman who aspires to be part of the NDA community. We are truly grateful for the important role you have played. Your participation and support make all the difference! (Capital Campaign funds are reported separately.)

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Sister Mary Paul Ann and Sister Mary Rachel are near and dear to the hearts of everyone in the NDA community and this building fund is an excellent opportunity for NDA alumnae, parents, past parents and friends to say "thank you" to these two very deserving women. Through the Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund, we will be able to ensure that Notre Dame Academy will continue to be in existence and to provide an excellent education for many generations of young women to come. This building fund powerfully supports NDA's commitment to academic excellence and mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world.

Thanks to the generous donors listed below we have reached 34% of our \$5 million goal of the *Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken and Sister Mary Rachel Nerone Fund: Serving Our Mission* | *Securing our Future* building fund. If you would like to honor Sr. Paul Ann and Sr. Mary Rachel with a gift to the building fund, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.

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# News for Alumnae



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### Get your Alumnae Gear at the Online Bambootique

NDA's spirit shop, The Bambootique, is open for in-person or online shopping! In-person hours are 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Shop anytime online for Panda gear, apparel and specialty items at https://bambootique.ndapandas.org/

Look for special weekly discounts on the Notre Dame Academy Facebook page.

# Alumnae **PLEASE NOTE:**

Starting January 1, 2023, all mailings and recognition for alumnae will be addressed to the alumna only unless you notify the Development Department of your preference. If you are an alumna and a current or past parent, mailings and recognition will be listed with spouse unless directed otherwise. Please contact Miki Martin, Database Specialist, at martinmi@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1850 with questions.



Mark your calendars for this year's annual Alumnae Dinner Theatre. NDA/CCH will perform the musical *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* - High School Edition, on Thursday, March 30, 2023. All alumnae and guests are welcome.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by the performance at 7:00 p.m. The cost for the evening is \$35. This includes dinner, drinks, dessert, and a ticket to the play.

Please send the completed reservation form found on page 48 to the Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Office. The deadline for reservations is March 20, 2023. For questions or additional information, please contact Notre Dame Academy's Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.

# ALUMNAE MENTORING

The 2022-23 Alumnae Mentoring Program will allow 62 student mentees to be paired with alumnae mentors holding an array of occupations. The Student mentees are juniors and seniors who were accepted into this program based on an application each completed this past summer.

Each student mentee was paired with an alumnae mentor based on her top three choices of a career industry in which she expressed interest. The alumnae mentors help guide these students as they navigate their college choices, their anticipated major and the various career choices to which they are introduced. The mentors and mentees meet monthly, working on networking skills and sometimes even job shadow depending on the career.

The mentees enjoy getting to know their mentor and catching a glimpse of how a typical day may occur in their career. The Alumnae Mentor Program also offers two Group Mentoring Sessions with presentations, interactions and discussions of various workplace topics throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming an mentor to a student at NDA, feel free to reach out to the Alumnae Office for more details, 859.292.7729.



Our Golden Girls celebration is an event to honor our alumnae who graduated fifty years ago or more from Notre Dame Academy and this year we celebrated the Class of 1972. Our 1972 Golden Girls enjoyed their celebration on October 2, 2022, beginning with Mass in NDA's *Mary, Mother of the World* Chapel. Following Mass, the Class of 1972 and alumnae from several other classes who graduated fifty years ago or more gathered in the auditorium for brunch and a great deal of reminiscing. Many of this year's Golden Girls took a tour of NDA's school building after they finished brunch. Thank you to all of the Golden Girls who attended for making this a fun and memorable day!



Sara Schutt and Taylor Wachs catch up with Dr. Jen Ericson

# Welcome Back Class of 2022!

Several 2022 NDA grads made the trek home for the Thanksgiving holiday and shared a bit of their long weekend with fellow classmates at our annual Welcome Back Night for our most recent graduates. The new yearbook, *Make it Count*, were distributed and a few favorite

teachers made an appearance at the first of many NDA reunions for our newest alumnae. Members of the Class of 2022 were especially happy to enjoy a homemade cafeteria cookie while catching up with friends. If you are a member of the Class of 2022 and still need to pick up your yearbook, you may do so during school hours in the office.



# Reunions

Ten alumnae classes celebrated their reunions this fall. The 10-year to 70year reunions occurred from late August through mid-October.

As you can see, everyone enjoyed reminiscing and starting new memories! A few classes celebrated in late fall and will be featured in the spring Notre Damian.

Here is a list of the classes that celebrated their reunions in 2022:

- 10 Year 2012
- 15 Year 2007
- 25 Year 1997
- 30 Year 1992
- 35 Year 1987
- 45 Year 1977
- 50 Year 1972
- 55 Year 1967
- 60 Year 1962
- 70 Year 1952

For information regarding your reunion, please contact the Alumnae Relations Office at 859.292.7729.















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# NDA Celebrates the **60th Anniversary** of the Laying of the **Cornerstone** on **Hilton Drive Campus**



### by Nancy Stratman NDA Archivist

Ground breaking for the new school building on Hilton Drive was held on April 16, 1961, an off-and-on snowy day. Richard A. Ackerman, Bishop of Covington, officiated walking across the south pasture to bless the ground. "Everyone present experienced a peculiar delight on the afternoon of April 16, when His Excellency, the Most Rev Richard A. Ackerman, escorted by Monsignors and priests, broke ground for the new Notre Dame Academy. The first spadeful of earth was turned over right in front of the Lourdes grotto at St. Joseph Heights. The weather – lightning and thunder, rain, hail, sleet before dawn; a heavy, whirling snowfall and blizzard in the afternoon, topped by an outpouring of brilliant sunshine". (The Gavel, Summer, 1961)

The building rising on Hilton Drive was ready for the cornerstone which was laid on September 18, 1962. Bishop Ackerman blessed the cornerstone at the site of the original main entrance on the north side of the building.

In a letter sent from the Sisters of Notre Dame, Covington to the Motherhouse in Rome, the events of the day were detailed with such exuberance, bringing the event alive so that all members of the Notre Dame congregations could join in the joy of accomplishment for the Covington providence. The following excerpts from the letter describe the excitement of all present:

Before the day is over, we must share with you the simple, yet impressive, ceremonies of cornerstone laying at the new Notre Dame Academy—our common goal, our common joy. What a genuine thrill it was no longer to envision our dream, but to behold, silhouetted against a glorious sunshiny sky, a new Notre Dame rising majestically and soon to be the sanctuary of the strong and cherished bond—the spirit of Notre Dame. We are reminded again of Sister Mary Agnetis' comment, "A new Notre Dame Academy, yes; a new Notre Dame, never!"

At 1:00 p.m. this afternoon, a fleet of 8 buses and many private cars transported the entire student body (over 560 students) to St. Joseph Heights, via the newly opened superhighway, Interstate 75. At their destination, one group of girls arranged themselves in a long open file, thus forming a guard of honor through which Sr. Mary Immacula led ranks upon ranks of other students who preceded the acolytes and cross-bearer, conducting the way for His Excellency Bishop Ackerman and the clergy. Another contingent of students created a guard of honor at the immediate site of the cornerstone. Cordially swelling the crowd were the dear sisters and novices from "across the pasture," undoubtedly the power-house of prayer for this undertaking, together with the entire NDA faculty and personnel, officers of the PTEL, the FONDA, the Notre Dame alumnae, parents and friends.

For the processional, the students sang out loud and clear the traditional Lourdes melody "Immaculate Mary". You recall, of course, that here was the site of the beautiful Lourdes grotto, a familiar landmark rich with memories. During the prayers, blessings, sealing and setting of the cornerstone, the chorus rendered "Hail Mary" by Lockhart and the "Lord's Prayer" by Schehl. A jubilant thanksgiving "Praise to the Lord," the 17th century version by Neander, provided an appropriate recessional.

Work on the construction was not interrupted for this day's ceremony. Large leveling and grading tractors grinded on feverishly while hammering, riveting and drilling sounds overhead seemed to beat out the urgency of this tremendous project. The Sisters here at Notre Dame Academy take this occasion to thank each one of you for your generous and loyal support in this endeavor. Our grateful sentiments are best expressed on the second stanza of the recessional hymn:

"Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee, Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, Who with his love doth befriend thee."

### Items Placed in the Cornerstone:

### Envelope #1

- a written history of Notre Dame Academy beginning in 1875 with the arrival of the Sisters to Covington
- names of present leaders (Church, nation, state, city)
- · names and photos of religious superiors
- names of members who have served on the NDA faculty
- names of present officers and executive board members of the following NDA support groups: NDA Alumnae Association, Parent-Teacher Educational League (PTEL), Friends of Notre Dame Academy (FONDA)
- financial statement and brochure of the NDA Building Fund Campaign
- the 1961 report on library holdings
- the 1961-62 issues of The Gavel

### Envelope #2

- copy of the initial letters sent between Sister Mary Agnetis and Mr. Conrad N. Hilton in which Sister asked for aid and his reply to send \$500,000.00
- photo of Mr. Hilton
- photo of Sr. Mary Agnetis

### Envelope #3

student rosters from 1900-1962

### Envelope #4

- · picture of saints who were selected as special advocates for the NDA building project
- printed "Allegiance to the Flag of the USA"

### **Box #1**

- Reliquary Cross with 20 relics
- various medals and religious articles including a Sacred Heart badge, brown and green scapulars, a bottle of Lourdes Water, a rosary blessed by Pope John XXIII, statues of special patrons of the Congregation and the Infant of Prague and St Martin de Porres
- pressed flowers from the casket of Mother Mary Vera
- many holy pictures of favorite saints

A Notre Dame pennant secured with a blue and gold ribbon from which was suspended a large copper key from the old NDA door sealed the box.

Completing the collection of artifacts were the following additional items which were laid loosely in the cornerstone: current coins and copies of The Messenger, Enquirer and the Post-Times Star.











We are proud to present this new Q&A feature which focuses on NDA alumnae who are current business owners. If you know an NDA alumna who owns a business, please feel free to let us know by emailing notredamian@ndapandas.org. Our goal is to maintain a list of alumnae business owners to highlight in future issues of The Notre Damian.

### Emily Wolff '98 - Restaurant owner: Otto's, Frida, Larry's, The Standard and Mama's

#### Please list each of the restaurant names and cities where you own such.

My husband, Paul Weckman, and I have five restaurants within the Otto's Restaurant Family. Otto's est. 2003, Frida est. 2015, Larry's 2019, The Standard 2020 and Mama's 2022. All of these are located in MainStrauss Village, Covington Kentucky.

#### When did you first have the idea to open your own business?

Paul and I were young college graduates when we first thought of opening our own business. Paul had a passion for the culinary arts and a degree in business. I had a degree in Fine Arts and was expecting what I thought was my first child. We thought "now" was the time to take the risk and opening our first restaurant before our baby was born. Soon after closing on 521 Main Street (home of Otto's) we found out that we were expecting twins. We opened Otto's the week the twins were born (we were 22).

#### Have you always had a restaurant background? If so, please explain.

My background has always been fine arts. With that I have expanded into interior design, restaurant design, and historic preservation. My husband is the brains behind everything in the kitchen. I get to use my expertise in the front of the house. Creating the space where the magic happens is a huge part of a guests' restaurant experience. We want our customers to feel at home as soon as they enter one of our businesses.

#### What led to your first restaurant ownership?

Paul and I were tempted to go the safe route and follow more traditional careers, but we have a strong partnership and saw creating and building something together as a risk worth taking. We also had an amazing support group of friends and family helping us in the early days of Otto's and parenthood.

#### Have other NDA alumnae helped you along the way? If so, how?

When we first opened Otto's we were the first of our friend group to have a business, and a family...Most our classmates were still in school or finding their path. Several friends would help wait tables or watch kids so we could work.

#### What are the best parts of business ownership? What are your biggest challenges?

Owning our own business has allowed me to create the life I want for my family. I know my path is far from cookie cutter, but I would not have it any other way. I feel blessed to be able to use my art to create places that people in the Northern Kentucky community love to visit. My favorite part of restaurant ownership is the memories we get to help create and share in. In the past twenty years we have hosted hundreds of engagements, then bridal showers, and anniversary dinners. We have even reached the part of our career where we have thrown memorial dinners for families. The hardest part of our industry is the crazy hours, but I love knowing those hours are bringing joy...and full bellies too so many.

#### What NDA classes &/or teachers do you feel helped you as you began to realize your business ownership was becoming a reality?

There are two classes that stand out more than any other. Religion and Art. I had Mr. Sam as my religion teacher. He instilled a faith and confidence in me that I will carry through life. Sr. Reina was also an unforgettable teacher. Her kindness and belief in my creative direction allowed me to try things most would not. Being an entrepreneur takes a lot of confidence. I believe that my education at NDA gave me that. Notre Dame helps build strong women, women who believe that they can take on difficult tasks. Women who can lead in their communities. And Women who have the courage to follow their passions. I feel blessed for the time I spent at NDA and the strong sisterhood it created for me.

#### What is the best advice you received throughout your business ownership journey?

The advice I would give to an future entrepreneur, is follow your passion. Find what makes you tick and incorporate it into your everyday life. For me that was art and I was able to make that work with my career path. True happiness comes when you are being true to yourself. Also, live every day like a gift.







### PANDAS RETURN **TO CAMPUS**

Thanks to all of our alumnae who came back to campus on September 24 for our first annual Panda Homecoming! We started the celebration by praying the rosary as a faith community in Marian Circle and then took our alumnae on tours to show them all of the amazing renovations to our school building. NDA alumnae enjoyed watching our Soccer Pandas on quite a winning night and they had the chance to see our beautiful new Buenger Sports Complex lights! Come back and see us again sometime alumnae!

# Class Updates

### 1977

Theresa Burkhardt Brugger is proud to announce she and her husband have a new granddaughter, Lucy Elizabeth, born on May 20. She is their fourth precious grandchild.

#### 1990

Jill Vonderhaar Nader and Emily Roebel Edmondson 1992 both had daughters who qualified for the Middle School State Track Meet this past spring running the 4 x 800 relay together as members of NDA's Middle School track team.





### 1998

Emma Adkisson became the sole owner and CEO of PCA Architecture Firm in January 2022. She was originally hired in 2017 as the Director of Design for commercial and residential projects before becoming Co-Owner in 2020.

Jenny Zink Sand and 3 of her fellow alumnae Leanne Isler Beck 1999, Abbey Cummins 2006 and Molly Flanagan Wheeler 2011 were chosen as 4 of the 51 business and organization professionals within the region for this year's Leadership NKY Class of 2023.

#### 2004

Jenny Halpin McKenzie and Lindsey McKeown Brown congratulated their new alumnae nieces, Addy Woeste 2022 and Katie McKeown 2022 (L). Future alumnae nieces Megan McKeown 2024 and Kimmie Woeste 2024 (R) escorted their sisters at graduation.



### 2006

Erin Otte Pittman recently relocated with her husband and four children to Rochester, Minnesota to accept the position of Director of Volunteer Services and Gift Shops with Mayo Clinic. Their family is excited for this new adventure!

### 2008

2010

2022.

Ashley Estes and husband Paul Pryor enjoyed their beach wedding on Murrells Inlet in South Carolina on May 29, 2022.



Lisha Smith recently spoke to NDA students in their Catholic Social Teachings class. Lisha works for Redwood and spoke of the many opportunities Redwood has for student volunteers. The interaction with people and social skills is of great benefit to the children and adults Redwood serves.



Ashlev Robinson and her husband. Zachary Zimbler, were married October 9, 2021, Joining in the festivities were Jaimie Wulfeck Schmitz, Karlie Van Sant, Liz Barton Brantley, Kendall Wulfeck Hudson, Megan McNulty, Ashley Robinson, Jenna Sommerkamp Stewart, Karli Ward, Nicole Stephens, Sarah Robinson Lewis 2008, Emily McNulty 2008. Currently Ashley and Zach live in the Denver, Colorado area but will be relocating to Costa Rica.



#### 2011

Several Pandas enjoyed celebrating the wedding of fellow alumna Allison Kiefer **Dooley** and Kevin Dooley in May 2022 (I to r): Peg Smith Adams 1981, Janet VonHandorf Schmidt 1981, Anna Enzweiler 2019, Maggie Enzweiler 2011, Allison Kiefer Dooley 2011, Jenna Sommerkamp Stewart 2010, Alex Bishop Levinson 2011, Melissa Arlinghaus 2011, and Alisa Arlinghaus 2014.





### 2013

Faith Hoffman was featured in Voyage LA online magazine March 26, 2019 for inspiring young artists. Photo courtesy Jeremy Stewart and Jeffery Mosier



#### 2014

Congratulations to Alli Darpel who married Colin Cummings on July 30, 2022.

Congratulations to Tessa Farrar who married Jacob Tomlin on May 21, 2022.



### 2015

Caroline Cooney Delph and husband Ryan welcomed baby Carson on May 31, 2022.





Congratulations to Annalise Stegman who married Luke Tobergte on April 2, 2022.







#### 2020

Maddie Prospero studied abroad for 7 weeks in Scandinavia this summer which included a 3-week food class in Copenhagen, a 3-week Viking class in Stockholm, and 5 days in Iceland. She continues her studies at Purdue University where she majors in Psychology, Spanish, and Law & Society (criminology). She was also named Rookie Official of the Year in April for her Intramural referee position and is now an Intramural supervisor.



### Natalie Bain recently won the All-USA Today HSSA

2022

Girls Soccer Player of the Year! She was named MVP of the district, regional and state tournaments last season. She is now playing for Xavier University.

Photo courtesy of Katie Stratman 2014 for The Enquirer



### How has NDA helped shape you to be where you are today?

During my student days at NDA we were all taught that there are no limits to who we can be and what we can accomplish. Work hard, help others along the way, and you can't help but succeed.

### What advice or wisdom do you have for the current students of NDA?

The best advice I can give to all students no matter what their career choices are is to nurture and build relationships. Stay in contact with classmates, friends, and business associates. Success is a team effort. You never know who can suddenly offer an opportunity that will change your life for the better. Be that person that everyone thinks of so highly, one who is thoughtful and always wants to be of help to others. When you see an opportunity to help someone else, do it! Do it! If you hear of a job or opportunity and it makes you think of someone specifically, recommend them, and reach out to them to let them know about the opportunity. Send cards and notes to keep in touch. Saying happy birthday or congratulations on the new job, success, baby, grandbaby, whatever. This will put you at the top of others' minds and you will be amazed to see it flowing back to you from a totally different source, perhaps not even the same person you helped. It will seem like magic the more you do it. Experiment and see what happens.

Kathleen" Kat" McEntee Class of 1986

> The Alumnae Storyboard is a feature which captures the everyday happenings of our alumnae. Each story is posted in the main hallway just outside the cafeteria so that students can see how our alumnae are truly continuing to make a difference in the world!



### **ALUM CUBS**, Show Your Panda Pride!



Alumnae moms, would you like to see your baby's photo in the Notre Damian? If so, just send a picture of your baby mugging for the camera in his or her Panda Alum Cub bib and email it to notredamian@ndapandas.org. Please send a jpeg or eps file.



Savannah Grooms. daughter of Jilian Brake Grooms 2007 is sporting her sunflowers and her alum cub bib!





### Oliver Couch, son of Emily Cooney Couch 2010 models his new alum cub bib!

The NDA Alumnae Office sends alum cub baby bibs to alumnae moms soon after the office is notified of the births of the new babies.

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Maeve Walker, daughter of Allison Burden Walker 2012 is happy to have her new alum cub bib!



### Engagements

Rebecca Neltner 2011 to Michael Momper Michela Barnes 2015 to Mark Johnson

### Marriages

Ashley Estes 2008 to Paul Pryor Ashley Robinson 2010 to Zachary Zimbler Allison Kiefer 2011 to Kyle Dooley Alli Darpel 2014 to Colin Cummings Tessa Farrar 2014 to Jacob Tomlin Claire Cooney 2015 to Max Boyle Annalise Stegman 2015 to Luke Tobergte

### **Births**

Margaret Abigail to Allison Roenker Jones 2002 Maeve Pauline to Lara Greife Heidrich 2005 Savannah Leigh to Jilian Brake Grooms 2007 Ruby June to Audrey Young Duggan 2009 Oliver Paul to Emily Cooney Couch 2010 Ada Theresa to Erin Pemberton Gartrell 2011 Maeve Eloise to Allison Burden Walker 2012 Carson Ryan to Caroline Cooney Delph 2015

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Martine Hue Grandmother: Ruth Heidrich Dahlenburg 1942 Great-Grandmother: Agnes VonHandorf Heidrich 1914

Our apologies for the use of an incorrect legacy photo in the Summer 2022 Notre Damian.



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Kristina Kaufman Bihl 1977 and Denise Darpel Baker 1978, cousins, daughters of Marietta Feldmann Kaufman1949 and Rosella Feldman Darpel 1951, traveled throughout Italy in May 2022. They are pictured in front of Saint Peter's Basilica and in Pompeii.



Pat Lohr Garver 1970 spent some time in Alaska this August with her grandkids Emily, Ryan and Kristen.



Debbie Ahr Turner 1971 and her sister Leah Ahr Britt 1981 visited Victoria, British Columbia this past summer with their husbands.



Martha Fielding Cicci 1973 enjoyed her tour of Italy with her daughters and granddaughters visiting Venice, Florence, Rome and Sorrento especially seeing St. Peter's Basilica Dome in Vatican City.



Michelle Donoghue Burden 1994 and her daughter Ryan Burden 2025 were lucky enough to visit Stonehenge this past summer.



The McAtee sisters traveled to Memphis this summer to visit Marcia's son Patrick. Pictured in front of the Elvis statue are (L to R): Connie McAtee Sorg 1967, Cindy McAtee Berns 1970, Monica McAtee Finke 1974, Marcia McAtee 1971 and Linda McAtee Pieper 1964.



Sue Daly Neumark 1965 enjoyed a recent trip to the UK and Southern Ireland. She is pictured here in front of a sculpture of Oscar Wilde, just around the corner from Trinity College which allowed women in 1904.



All five Dietrich sisters and NDA alumnae enjoyed a summer trip together to the West Baden Springs Hotel in French Lick, Indiana. Pictured are (L to R): Carol Dietrich Vogel 1966, Kathy Dietrich Schumer 1969, Peggy Dietrich Wilkerson 1970, Joanne Dietrich Beiting 1976 and Mary Ann Dietrich Fedders 1965.

Kuhlman family alumnae vacationed this year with all 35 members of their family. They enjoyed the small Lake Michigan coastal town of Saugatuck, Michigan. Pictured (L to R): Sheri Kuhlman 1973, Betty Toebbe Kuhlman 1949, Karen Kuhlman Wecker 1976, Delaney Kuhlman 2018, and Lori Kuhlman Buechel 1977 (missing: Laurie Schroder Kuhlman 1977).



These alumnae didn't take a Notre Damian to Winchester, KY - they decided to hold up a State Championship trophy instead! Introducing...NDA's State Championship Coaching Staff (L to R) Madison Salkowski 2016, Leslie Schellhaas Litmer 2010, Jenna Schreiver Leistner 2009, Hannah Colvin 2016



Friends from the class of 1970 celebrated their 70th birthdays together in Gatlinburg, TN. Pictured are: (front row, L to R) Joan Wind Rakel, Sue Biehl Schroeder, Sandy Twaddell Flanagan, (middle row, L to R) Peggy Dietrich Wilkerson, Eileen Weigand Schroeder, Elaine Weigand Groneck, Kathy Yancey Schutte, (back row, L to R) Margie VonHandorf Cross, Mary Trimpe Arlinghaus, Jean Fasse Merz, Linda Lampke Gormley. Missing are Margie Meyer Black and Diane Radamacher Payne.





This 1984 gang took on Park City fun celebrating lifelong friendship with hikes, bikes and lots of laughs! (L to R) Caroline Kuhlman Hollaran, Teri Hentz Ries, Lisa Knuckles Luiso, Kathy Rosing Crowe, Lisa Stamm (Bessler), Sharon Haney Gettelfinger and Jacquie Busald Kuykendall.

### Do you have any news to share?

Share your news with the Notre Dame Academy community! We rely on you to supply information about happenings, updates and news. Please send your general news, announcements of engagements, marriages, births and deaths for inclusion in The Notre Damian. Please email notredamian@ndapandas.org or send your news to Notre Dame Academy Advancement Department, 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011.

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