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From the Interim President/CCO



Blessings Alumnae, Families and Friends of NDA!

One of the greatest blessings of serving as Interim President this year has been witnessing, every single day, the quiet and bold ways our NDA students are growing into leaders. Their growth isn't by chance—it's the result of a purposeful, transformative education rooted in the mission of Notre Dame Academy and the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

The cover of this issue of *The Notre Damian* captures that spirit beautifully. More than just a science experiment, the image reflects what happens here every day. We spark curiosity. We ignite confidence. We illuminate minds and hearts with knowledge, faith and purpose.

This school year has been extraordinary. We've accomplished so much together and stayed deeply rooted in our identity as a Catholic school in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame. At every turn, we've been guided by the values that have shaped NDA for nearly 120 years: the goodness of God, the dignity of each person and the call to serve.

We saw the fruits of that mission come to life this spring at our Women Making a Difference luncheon. Our honorees spoke with strength and humility about how their time at NDA shaped them into women of purpose and faith. Today, they are leading in boardrooms, classrooms, hospitals, nonprofits—and yes, in their homes—with compassion and courage. Their witness is a powerful reminder: an NDA education doesn't just prepare students for college, it prepares them for life.

This kind of extraordinary formation is why Notre Dame Academy has again been named a finalist for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's 2025 Business Impact Awards. It's a recognition not just of what our students achieve while they're here, but of the lasting impact they make in the greater Cincinnati region and beyond. The broader community sees what we know to be true: our graduates lead with courage, take responsibility for their choices and commit to doing what's right—even when it's difficult.

I was reminded of that message in a powerful way recently at the Diocesan Senior Mass where Bishop Foys spoke powerfully about leadership grounded in faith, courage and integrity. His homily echoed a truth we emphasize at NDA: true leadership often means making hard choices and choosing what's right—not necessarily what's popular.

That's what we ask of our students every day. At NDA, we don't just teach leadership, we form leaders, women who speak up, step forward and serve others with conviction and compassion. Women who understand that making a difference doesn't always come with applause, but it does come with purpose. That's the vision that drives our five-year strategic plan, *Rooted in Faith, Leading with Vision*, created throughout this year. This bold and hopeful roadmap focuses on what matters most: the spiritual, academic and personal formation of young women who are prepared to lead in the world our Church and communities need.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome Ms. Lauren Hitron NDA's next president on July 1. Lauren brings with her a deep love for Catholic education and a strong commitment to girls' leadership. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside her in my role as Chief Communications Officer.

We also take time to thank and celebrate our longtime principal, Mr. Jack VonHandorf, as he prepares to retire at the end of the school year. Jack has been a steady presence at NDA and helped guide the school through seasons of growth and transition. We are grateful for his years of service.

As we approach the close of this remarkable year, there is still much to celebrate—and much to look forward to. Thank you for supporting our students and believing in the mission of Notre Dame Academy.

Together, we are sparking curiosity, illuminating minds and shaping the hearts of young women ready to lead with love.

In Notre Dame,

Jane Kennedy Kleier '83

Celebrating 50 Years

of Notre Dame Academy's Junior Service Program

1975 - 2025

The legacy of the Sisters of Notre Dame has always centered on four ideals: the goodness of God, the worth of each individual, providing witness to God's love, and the need for education that promotes goodness and growth in students. In 2017, the Sisters of Notre Dame formally adopted these ideals as four educational principles to help guide Notre Dame Academy teachers and students in their mission for transformative education.



establishment of NDA's Junior Service Program, which responded to community needs by building connections in the neighborhoods where students lived. For the past 50 years, every junior at NDA has had the opportunity to participate in this transformative program.

In 1974, Sr. Bernadette (Sr. Lea Paolucci) and Sr. Edwinita (Sr. Mary Rita Geoppinger), in cooperation with Principal Sr. Virginia Ann Cleves, established a pilot program in one junior religion class that paired two to five students with a community agency or educational facility within driving distance of NDA. Students would leave campus during a combination of their religion class and study hall to report to their assigned service agency and offer assistance in whatever form was needed.



The philosophy of NDA's service program is based on the belief that religion is to be lived, not just learned. One of the simplest precepts of Jesus' teaching is to love one's neighbor and to reach out to others, especially in times of need. Notre Dame Academy incorporated into its religion curriculum a regular opportunity to do just that. In the simpler, less complicated world in which Jesus lived, the needy were often obvious and accessible. In today's world of technology, rapid development and modern convenience, it can be easier to isolate ourselves. Reaching out to one's neighbor now requires an active and deliberate effort. Notre Dame's Junior Service Program is designed to give students the support, encouragement and opportunity to hear Jesus' words, apply them to the real world, and respond with love, compassion and generosity.

The growth of this unique and highly successful service program can be attributed to three groups who were instrumental in its creation and remain essential to its continuation. It is their vision, dedication and commitment to serving the local community and our students that have carried the program forward.



First, without the vision of teachers and administrators, the Junior Service Program would never have grown from a cocoon of ideas into a hands-on service opportunity that provides powerful witness to the teachings of Christ through acts of care and concern. Leading the initial group of 30 juniors, Sr. Edwinita brought the program to life. From 1974 until 1982, she served as the program's primary administrator, overseeing student placements and conducting reflection sessions at the end of each year. Following in her footsteps as service coordinators were Sr. Mary Renee Nienaber (1982–1986), Sr. Mary Margene Koester (1986–1988),

Ms. Shelly Zeiser (1988–1995), Sr. Marla Monohan (1995–1997), Ms. Lynn Dickman (1996–2012), and Mrs. Bridget Price (2012–present).



Also vital was the support of the school's administrative team through the years. These leaders ensured that schedules remained consistent, worked with insurance groups to maintain safety, and supported faculty coordinators and students year after year. Sr. Virginia Ann Cleves (1971–1986) gave the program its first leap of support. Each principal who followed recognized the value of the service program and helped it grow. These principals include Sr. Rita Geoppinger (1986–2001), Sr. Elaine Marie Winter (2001–2011), Dr. Laura Koehl (2011–2015), and Mr. Jack VonHandorf (2015–present).

Second, this program would not be possible without the partnership of local agencies and schools. Their willingness to host and support our students each week has provided opportunities for students to truly become the hands and feet of Christ in our communities. In 1974, Easter Seals, Redwood, Prince of Peace and St. Agnes agreed to partner with NDA in this experimental program. Fifty years later, the number of partner agencies has grown from four to more than 20. Current partners include Be Concerned, Blessed Sacrament School, Covington Community Montessori, Immanuel Sonshine Preschool, James E. Biggs Preschool, John G. Carlisle Elementary, Julie Learning Center, Madonna Manor, St. Augustine School, St. Charles Community and St. Vincent de Paul.



Finally, we thank our Notre Dame students for their openness and willingness to embrace the service program. Many service placements have challenged students to step outside their comfort zones, opening their eyes to the worth and dignity of every person they encounter and showing them how they can promote God's word and love to all. NDA students are engaged in many forms of service throughout the community, providing care, assistance and support to those most in need. They also serve as ambassadors and advocates for agencies in need of support.

In January 2025, the NDA community gathered for a schoolwide assembly to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Junior Service Program and to bless the juniors who will participate this year. Before students left the auditorium, campus minister Mrs. Bridget Price asked the junior class to stand and respond to four questions:

- Will you promise to give all you can to the people you are about to meet?
- Will you promise to put others' needs ahead of your own?
- Will you promise to be gentle and respectful with each person you help?
- Will you be willing to learn as much from them as they can from you?

Then, she asked them to bow their heads and accept the following blessing:

May your hands be guided with kindness, your heart filled with compassion, and your spirit strengthened with purpose as you embark on this service. May your time and dedication inspire others to join in the work of service. Go forth with grace and humility, knowing that your acts of care will bring light to others, remembering that you are Christ's hands and feet in this world. Amen.



With this simple blessing, the cocoon of ideas envisioned in 1974 continues to guide NDA students in bearing witness to the teachings of Christ through acts of care, compassion and service to those in need.

To discover more fascinating stories from Notre Dame Academy's history, visit the Academy Archives on NDA's website. Explore the archives at www.ndapandas.org by clicking on News, then Academy Archives.



Women Making A Difference

Congratulations to the following 2025 Women Making A Difference honorees: Marianne Cohen Fieger '62, Sharon Stahl Harris '75, Lauren Simendinger Wang '02, and Jerry and Sue Arnold Von Handorf '66, who received the Sr. Mary Reina Arlinghaus, SND Service Award. The annual award luncheon was held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at the St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center in Erlanger, Kentucky.



The Women Making A Difference award program, now in its twenty-fourth year, recognizes Notre Dame Academy alumnae who have made significant contributions to their families and 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 program also honors non-alumnae who exemplify the mission of Notre Dame Academy through their service to the community with the Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus Award.

The luncheon was a memorable event, where the NDA community gathered to celebrate our honorees and inspire everyone in attendance to make a difference in each of our corners of the world. Fr. Conor Kunath, NDA Chaplain began with the opening prayer and blessing and NDA Interim President and Chief Communications Officer Mrs. Jane Kleier, thanked the Sisters of Notre Dame for developing a culture of embracing God's goodness and servant leadership at NDA. Past honorees, alumnae, faculty and staff, corporate sponsors and other distinguished guests were also recognized. Sister Mary Ethel Parrott, SND, offered a closing prayer.

Also during the luncheon, Josie Stallard, an NDA senior, was invited to give a reflection on the value of service in her life and shared a particular story of how she realized she was the one blessed in her service work.

It's a reminder that the most simple things in life can be some of the most meaningful, if we use the gifts and talents that we have been blessed with. We all have gifts to offer and a purpose to fulfill - to use our collective experiences and strengths to improve the human condition wherever possible.

Being able to serve my community and incorporate the lessons that I have learned at NDA are things that I will never take for granted. I am so blessed to have a unique school in this way, promoting the importance of service and seeing NDA alumnae do the same...I believe God places opportunities in our lives for a reason. By answering the call to help others, we gain more than we ever expect—more understanding, more compassion, and more perspective. It's through these connections that we truly grow.

If you would like to nominate a Notre Dame Academy alumna who has made significant contributions to her community and family through service, professional, and philanthropic efforts, please visit www.ndapandas.org/alumnae for more information including the nomination form and requirements or use the form on page 32.



Pictured above are the current and past Women Making A Difference honorees in attendance at this year's luncheon.

Past Women Making A Difference Recipients

2002

Mary Lee Stegman Aldemeyer '35
Ann McCabe Buenger '44
Judi Webster Gerding '58
Judy Fisk Schneider '63
Trinett Foote '72
Lisa Cooney Henderson '82

2003

Fran Harden Carlisle '58
Virginia "Tep" Witemyre McCafferty '48
Denise Gehring Schickling '65

2004

Sister Mary Laurence Budde, SND '47
Sally McGinnis Monahan '75
Patricia Summe '71

2005

Jean Schmidt Longshore '50
Patricia Rust Kovacs '71
Deborah Ann Borchers, M.D. '75

2006

Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf '44
Mary Theis Bunning '50
Sister Jean Marie Hoffman, SND '65

2007

Catherine Kay Laske '34
Elizabeth Riche Read '39
Lieutenant Colonel Amy McGrath-Henderson '93

2008

Carol Schmidt Mullen '53
Janet Annear Chambers '77
Michelle Dixon Eckerle '94

2009

Sister Georgia Marie Messingschlager, CDP '56
Ruth Appel Averdick '69
Mary Kay Sommerkamp Woodruff '81

2010

Lynn Dietz Schworer '74
Carol Steltenkamp, M.D. '79
Amy Quinn '90

2011

Sister Ann Rene McConn, SND de Namur '56
Marilyn Willenbrink '60
Amy Brake Barnes '92

2012

Sister Mary Sebastien Schmidt, SND '45
Cathy Toebe Ficke '69
Debbie Moore Shaner '79

2013

Kathy Talbert Thamann '69
Janet VonHandorf Schmidt '81
Kara Middendorf '96

2014

Mary Ann Blewett Robinson '55
Marcia Adick Klaene '61
Joan Kluemper, D.M.D. '69
Gabrielle Summe, '84

2015

Wendy Kohlhepp Vonderhaar '86
Julia Meister '87
Meghan Scherder Olson '91

2016

Lisa Davis Loudon '97
Sister Mary Ethel Parrott, SND '64
Gina Tuemler Wulfeck '76

2017

Penelope Bayless Rogers '60
Linda Scully Bricking '65
Katrina Wagner Brown '86

2018

Barbara Fritz '68
Jan Steffen Hanser '76
Amy Wurtenberger Beck '78
Martha Wurtenberger Barnes '78

2019

Rosa Hollis-Bird '62
Julie Prewitt Schneider '84
Karen Bieger Finan '77
Julie Mullen Bruns '87

2020

Connie Kaelin Roenker '68
Peggy Murphy Barker '84
Holly Graziani Danneman '92

2021

Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, SND '50
Sister Mary Rachel Nerone, SND '54
Sister Mary Janet Stamm, SND '58
Annie Faragher Bennett '66
Sharon Bosch Foster '83

2022

Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus '81
Jo Ruwe Terry '81
Kristy Franxman Dailey '01

2023

Sr. Marie Rose Messingschlager, CDP '62
Emily Melching Michels '88
Erin Kern Timmerding '90

2024

Betty Baumann Verst '51
Sandy Bayless Gleeson '62
Connie Noll '85

Past Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus, SND Service Award Recipients

2010 Mr. Robert Stevens

2013 Mr. Richard and Dr. Jeanne-Marie Tapke

2016 Mr. and Mrs. William and Sue Butler

2017 Sister Mary Rita Geopinger, SND

2018 Mrs. Mary Brown

2020 Mr. & Mrs. Mike and Beth Schuh '77 Dempsey

2023 Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Diane Hoffer



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY Names New President

Following a thoughtful and prayerful search process, Notre Dame Academy is excited to announce the appointment of Lauren Hitron as the school's next president, effective July 1, 2025.

Ms. Hitron, a lifelong Catholic and passionate advocate for girls' education, currently serves as the founding director of the Jean Frazier Leadership Institute at Sacred Heart Schools in Louisville. With nearly 20 years of experience in Catholic, all-girls education, she brings to NDA a deep understanding of mission-driven leadership, faith formation and student empowerment.

"Lauren Hitron is a visionary leader with a deep passion for Catholic education and the formation of young women," said NDA Board Chair Jessica Rawe. "Her experience, energy and strong faith will serve our school community well as we continue to honor the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame and prepare students to be transformative leaders."

At Sacred Heart, Ms. Hitron designed and implemented leadership programs that span preschool through high school. Her work in enrollment management, strategic planning and community engagement has strengthened Catholic education in meaningful ways. She is currently completing a master's degree in organizational leadership with a focus on servant leadership at Gonzaga University.

In accepting the role, Ms. Hitron shared, "I am incredibly honored to be named president of Notre Dame Academy. As a fellow Kentuckian, I have always admired NDA's strong academic reputation and the deep faith that anchors its community. I am inspired by the school's vision of developing transformative women leaders who embrace God's goodness in the world. I look forward to working alongside the Board of Directors, faculty, staff and the entire NDA community to build upon the rich legacy established by the Sisters of Notre Dame."

Ms. Hitron's appointment marks an exciting new chapter for Notre Dame Academy. Her joyful spirit, strategic insight and deep commitment to Catholic, all-girls education align beautifully with the school's mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world.

NDA looks forward to welcoming Lauren Hitron this summer and beginning this next chapter with confidence, gratitude and hope.

NDA NAMED FINALIST Northern Kentucky Chamber Business Impact Awards

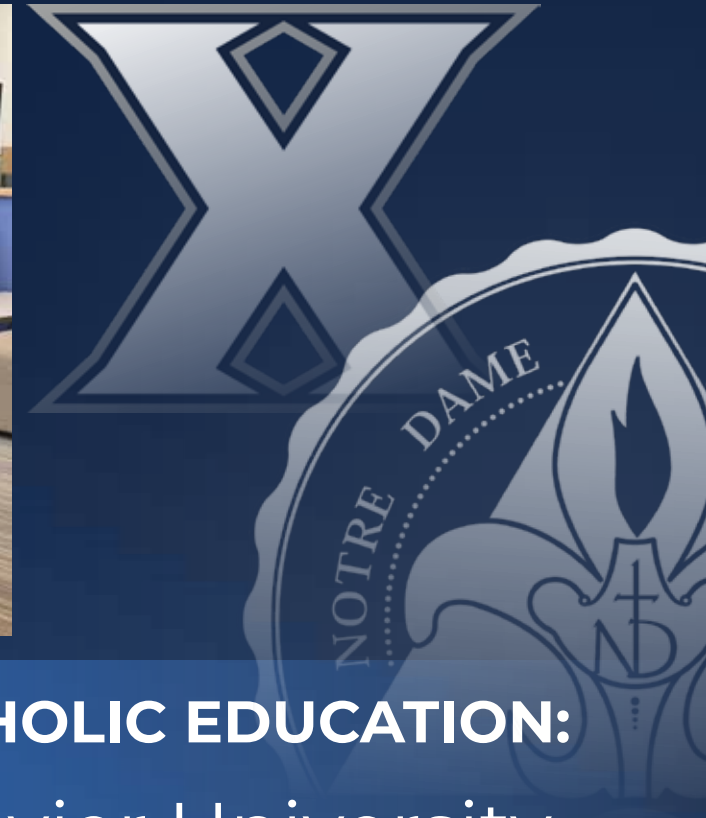


Notre Dame Academy has been selected as a finalist for the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Business Impact Awards in the large business category. Being recognized as an impactful business in the Northern Kentucky region with such a prestigious accolade is truly an honor for NDA.

Notre Dame Academy's legacy spans over 119 years during which over 10,000 young women have graduated from NDA and have gone on to become catalysts for positive change in our region, our country and around the globe. A Notre Dame Academy education equips students with the skills and values needed to excel not only academically but also as leaders and advocates for justice and innovation. NDA graduates make up a large portion of the workforce in the Greater Cincinnati region and this honor affirms the school's commitment to graduating future generations of empowered individuals who will continue to shape our community and make it a better place for all.

"At Notre Dame Academy, we are deeply committed to providing a transformative education—one that shapes not only the minds but also the hearts of our students," said NDA Interim President/CCO Jane Kleier. "As an alumna and a proud parent of two NDA graduates, I've experienced firsthand the powerful impact of an NDA education. Our students are challenged to grow academically, spiritually and personally, discovering their God-given gifts and learning how to use them to make a meaningful difference in the world. From rigorous academics to service, leadership and faith formation, NDA lives out its mission in every classroom, every encounter and every opportunity."

The Business Impact Awards will be held on May 1 at Drees Pavilion. NDA extends its heartfelt congratulations to all our fellow finalists. Together, let's continue to make Northern Kentucky a thriving and vibrant community for all!



LEADING THE WAY IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION: NDA Partners with Xavier University On Direct Admission Program

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce a transformative new partnership with Xavier University that will open doors and create powerful new opportunities for our students. Beginning with the Class of 2025, NDA graduates who meet Xavier's admission criteria will be guaranteed direct admission to the university—making NDA the first high school in Northern Kentucky to establish this type of agreement with Xavier.

This unique collaboration reflects the shared mission and values of both institutions: a commitment to faith, service, leadership and the development of the whole person. In recognition of this new partnership, qualifying NDA students will also receive a \$1,831 stackable scholarship honoring the founding year of Xavier University. This scholarship is awarded in addition to any merit-based aid offered by Xavier.

"This partnership between Notre Dame Academy and Xavier University speaks to our shared mission of providing students with a foundation rooted in faith, service and leadership," said Jane Kleier, Interim President and Chief Communications Officer of NDA. "We are proud to offer our students a pathway to a university that values holistic education and a commitment to making a meaningful difference in the world through servant leadership."

Rooted in the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Ignatian tradition of Xavier University, this agreement offers NDA students an unparalleled opportunity to continue their education in a Catholic environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth and spiritual development.

Building on NDA's recent direct admission agreement with Thomas More University, this new partnership solidifies Notre Dame Academy's leadership in developing innovative educational pathways that help young women thrive. It also affirms the school's continued commitment to preparing students to lead with purpose, integrity and faith—now and in the future.

From the Principal



Blessings Alumnae, Families, and Friends of NDA!

As we enter the joyful season of Eastertide, we are reminded of the profound message of renewal and hope that lies at the heart of our faith. At Notre Dame Academy, this season reflects the spirit of growth and transformation we see in our students each day.

This spring has brought a meaningful milestone in our journey. We recently completed and presented our reaccreditation work to Cognia—an intensive, yearlong process that invited us to examine every aspect of our school. While the work was demanding, it was also deeply affirming. It allowed us to see with fresh eyes how vibrant our mission is and how faithfully we are living it. Being recognized last fall for 100 years of continuous accreditation was a tremendous honor, and this spring's work further confirmed the strength of our Catholic identity, academic excellence and enduring commitment to our students.

As we look ahead to the final stretch of the school year, I am reminded of something I often say to our students: finish strong. Whether it's academics, athletics, service or leadership, our students continually rise to the challenge and give their best—and I plan to do the same. The world of education, especially Catholic education, grows more complex by the year, but I firmly believe Notre Dame Academy is one of the best schools around. The character, faith and resilience of our students inspire me daily.

I remain grateful for the opportunity to serve this community during this transitional year. It has not been without its challenges, but it has also brought great purpose and pride. I'm thankful for the strong dedication of our faculty and staff, who make NDA a place where young women grow in wisdom, faith and confidence.

As we move through these final months together, know that I'm committed to leading with energy and gratitude. There will be time for goodbyes in the summer. For now, let's celebrate what we've achieved—and keep moving forward with purpose.

Wishing you and your families a joyful Easter season filled with peace, renewal and hope.

In Notre Dame,

Jack VonHandorf

NDA OFFERS \$37,400 in Scholarships to Future Pandas



Notre Dame Academy has offered academic scholarships totaling \$37,400 to 18 incoming freshmen based on their outstanding performance on NDA's High School Placement Test (HSPT), which they took in December 2024.

Due to the generosity of the Sisters of Notre Dame and other benefactors, Notre Dame Academy awards several academic scholarships to the top HSPT performers each year. The scholarships range from \$500 to \$9,000. This year, NDA offered 5 renewable academic excellence scholarships to students who scored in the 97th, 98th, and 99th percentiles on the HSPT, and 13 benefactor scholarships based on academic performance.

Notre Dame Academy is committed to its mission of educating women to make a difference in the world and offers a comprehensive tuition-assistance program available to prospective and current NDA families. Notre Dame Academy provided nearly \$1 million in financial assistance during the 2023-24 school year.

"At Notre Dame Academy, we remain steadfast in our mission to provide an inclusive, empowering education for every young woman," said Mrs. Jane Kleier, Interim President and Chief Communications Officer of Notre Dame Academy. "Rooted in the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame, we are deeply committed to forming women of faith, purpose and compassion. Through generous scholarships, need-based grants, our unique work-study program and a strong focus on accessibility, we are ensuring that the transformative power of an NDA education is available to students from all walks of life."

Notre Dame Academy congratulates the following Class of 2029 Pandas, all of whom accepted academic scholarships for the 2025-26 school year:

Kelsey Crisler	Elle Barrett
Samantha Lawrence	Kaia Fritz
Abigail Young	Charlotte Breetz
Cora Hammersmith	Michaeyla Sciamanna
Meredith Scroggins	Catherine Coutsoftides
Maggie Lamb	Elise Grout
Iris Deters	Allison Copeland
Sophia Woods	Reese Brown
Darcy Jones	Lucy Kokocinski

Upcoming Events

April

- 17 No School - Holy Thursday
- 18 No School - Good Friday
- 21-25 Easter Break
- 27 Orange and White Game
- 28 Classes Resume

May

- 2 May Crowning
- 3 Algebra and Language Testing
Flag Football at NDA
- 4 Spring Band Concert
- 5-7 Girls' Schools Unite Giving Campaign
- 8 Alumnae Rosary
- 8 Sips and Stems
- 10 Senior Dinner Dance
- 13 Academic Awards
- 14 Senior Luncheon
- 14 Senior Send-Off
- 15 Arts Festival
- 22 Cleaning Day
- 22 Baccalaureate Mass
- 23 Senior Breakfast
- 23 Graduation

June

- 7 Annual Golf Outing
- 12 Alumnae Rosary & Panda Perk Coffee
- 20 Athletic Dead Period Begins



WOMEN IN STEM

NDA Recognized with AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award

Notre Dame Academy has been honored with the prestigious AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award, recognizing the school's outstanding commitment to advancing gender equity in STEM education. NDA is one of only 847 schools nationwide to receive this distinction.

This award celebrates schools that are expanding young women's access to AP Computer Science courses and fostering a more inclusive environment in one of today's most in-demand fields. At NDA, that effort is led by computer science teacher Ms. Meghan Dooling, whose dedication has helped cultivate a program where students gain both technical skills and the confidence to pursue future careers in STEM.

By earning this award, Notre Dame Academy reinforces its mission to empower young women to lead, innovate and solve complex challenges facing the world today. Through a strong and supportive computer science curriculum, students are not only learning code—they're learning to think critically, collaborate effectively and create meaningful change.

NDA proudly congratulates Ms. Dooling and her AP Computer Science students for this well-deserved recognition and for continuing to break barriers in STEM.



FEEDING HOPE: NDA SURPASSES GOAL

Notre Dame Academy once again demonstrated the power of community and compassion during the 2024 Canned Food Drive, collecting an impressive 13,899 items to support St. Vincent de Paul—surpassing both the school's goal of 10,000 items and last year's total of 13,469.

While NDA successfully "Canned the Cru" from St. Henry District High School—averaging more than double their per-student total (29 items per NDA student, compared to 13 at St. Henry)—the Pandas came up just short in their quest to "Beat the Breds." Newport Central Catholic claimed the top spot with a remarkable 33 items per person. Still, one thing is certain: NDA students lived out the school's mission to make a meaningful difference.

The real victory lies in the impact of the drive. Thanks to the dedication of NDA's students and the leadership of its Family System, thousands of individuals throughout the Greater Cincinnati area will benefit from the generosity shown during this initiative.



PANDAS IMPRESS At Entrepreneurship Competition

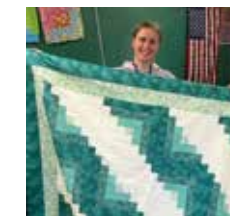
Notre Dame Academy students recently demonstrated their creativity, confidence and business savvy at a regional entrepreneurship competition hosted by St. Xavier High School. Competing alongside students from high schools and colleges across Northern Kentucky and Ohio, NDA's young entrepreneurs stood out for their innovation and professionalism.

Participants were divided into two categories—students enrolled in entrepreneurship courses and those involved in school clubs. Representing NDA for the first time as a team, Ruth Maier, Lorna Knarr, Olivia Eibel and Audra Schneider received high praise from the judges for their originality, collaborative spirit and poise under pressure.

Josie Bozeman, a returning competitor, advanced to the final round and earned second place overall, winning a \$500 prize for her outstanding presentation and well-developed business idea.

The competition gave students a real-world platform to pitch their innovative concepts and gain valuable feedback from business professionals and educators. The NDA community looks forward to seeing what these future leaders and innovators will achieve next.

Congratulations to all of our student participants for representing Notre Dame Academy with excellence and entrepreneurial spirit.



THREADS OF TRADITION

Annual Quilt Show sets the stage for NDA's Inaugural Art Fest this May

Notre Dame Academy's annual Quilt Show was once again a beautiful display of student talent, tradition and creativity. Hosted in Alumnae Hall, the show highlighted the incredible work of students in NDA's Textiles class, who spent the semester designing and constructing unique quilts that reflected both their personal style and technical skill.

This long-standing tradition at NDA continues to be a favorite among students, families and alumnae. The Quilt Show took place alongside other beloved December events, giving guests multiple opportunities to view the stunning array of quilts on display. Under the guidance of Textiles teacher Stephanie Ammerman—a graduate of the University of Cincinnati's prestigious DAAP program—students brought their ideas to life with color, pattern and purpose.

Building on the success of the Quilt Show, NDA is excited to announce a new celebration of student expression: the NDA Art Fest. Scheduled for May 15, this event will showcase a wide variety of student artwork, including quilts, dress forms, photography, drawings and paintings. The evening will also feature a performance by the NDA Jazz Band at 5:30 p.m., followed by the spring choral concert and a performance by the Dance Pandas at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

Art Fest will be free and open to the public and is being planned in collaboration with NDA's Art and Music Departments. For event planning purposes, please register using the QR code below.



FREE EVENT. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE REGISTER.

STEM SUCCESS: NDA Students Shine at Regional and State Science Fairs

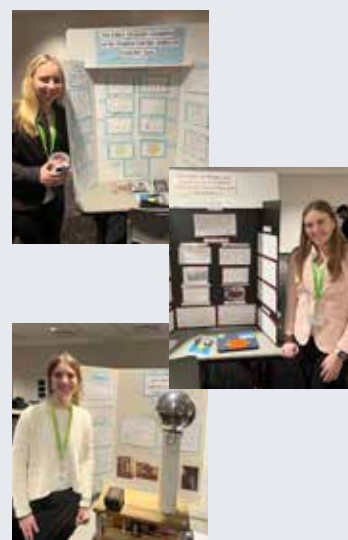
Notre Dame Academy continues its long-standing tradition of excellence in science research as three students earned top honors at the 2025 Louisville Regional Science and Engineering Fair, held at the University of Louisville. Their hard work and innovative thinking earned them spots in the Kentucky State Science Fair.

- Abby Turnpugh earned 1st Place in Translational Medical Science
- Anna Blair received 2nd Place in Energy and multiple special awards
- Michelle Ross won 2nd Place in Animal Science

These accomplishments reflect NDA's continued commitment to academic rigor and hands-on exploration in STEM education. The Science Research Program empowers students to pursue original research, think critically and present their findings with confidence and professionalism.

At the state level, Michelle Ross continued to shine—earning 3rd place in Animal Science at the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair. Her achievement is a testament to the quality of NDA's science program and the dedication of its students.

Congratulations to Michelle, Abby and Anna as they represent Notre Dame Academy with excellence and curiosity. Their accomplishments are a source of pride for the entire NDA community.



2025 Winter Sports Update



The Notre Dame Academy Swim and Dive team wrapped up an incredible season as state runners-up, marking one of the most successful finishes in program history. Freshman Clare Herfel led the AquaPandas with a state title in the 500 freestyle and a fourth-place finish in the 200 freestyle, earning All-State honors alongside senior Sadie Hartig, who finished second in the 500 freestyle and third in the 200 freestyle. Sophomore Savannah Bien placed third in 1-meter diving, while juniors Liv Wallace and Danaka Tucker and sophomore Abby Carnes also posted top-eight finishes. The AquaPandas also placed second in both the 200 and 400 freestyle relays and fourth in the 200 medley relay. Earlier in the season, the team captured its third consecutive Region 7 title. Herfel was named Outstanding Female Swimmer of the Meet, and Coach Jamie was honored as Region 7 Women's Coach of the Year. The team also earned the Region 7 Team Sportsmanship Award. With strong performances across the board, this season proved to be a shining example of NDA's excellence in the pool.

The Notre Dame Academy Archery Team had a standout season, filled with growth, accomplishments and exciting firsts. Under the guidance of first-year coaches Craig Hoerst and Chip Boertlein, the Pandas earned top-three team finishes at multiple tournaments: first at Covington Catholic, second at Mary Queen of Heaven, and third at both Dixie Heights and Scott High School. Junior Ava Boertlein led the way with a sixth-place finish at the Region 6 Tournament, qualifying as an individual for the KHSAA State Tournament. Ava also achieved two perfect scoring ends this season. Teammates Reagan Carman and Sarah Beckham also earned medals for top-five finishes, with Sarah claiming top overall scorer at the Mary Queen of Heaven tournament. More than half of the team achieved career-best scores this year, and several archers consistently placed in the top ten. The team concluded its season on April 17 with Ava representing NDA at the state level. Congratulations to the entire team and a special thank-you to our seniors—your leadership helped make this season a success. We are so proud of our Archery Pandas!



Notre Dame Academy's Bowling Team had a fun and rewarding season as the program continues to grow. With 15 bowlers, the Pandas finished 7-2 in conference play and placed sixth out of 12 teams in the division. Sophomore Hayley Pelstring was a standout, earning All-Conference honors and representing NDA on the all-star tournament team. She made three consecutive all-tournament teams and set a new school record with a 178 average. At the NKAC Conference Tournament, the team narrowly missed a title by just four pins. NDA entered the Team Regional Tournament as the fourth seed and was represented in the KHSAA Regional Singles Tournament by junior Cami Norris, junior Ella Weber, sophomore Hayley Pelstring, and freshman Clare Pelstring. Senior Maddie Janszen was one of only four bowlers in the NKAC to win scholarship money from the Northern Kentucky Bowling Proprietors. End-of-season awards went to Hayley Pelstring (MVP), Norah Pilgrim (Most Improved), and Cami Norris (Panda Spirit). With continued growth and impressive performances, NDA Bowling is quickly becoming a regional powerhouse.

The Notre Dame Academy Basketball Program wrapped up a highly successful season with a combined record of 52 wins and 15 losses across all levels. The freshman team went 15-4, and the junior varsity team captured the Northern Kentucky Regional Tournament Championship, finishing 15-3. The varsity squad remained ranked in the state's top 15 throughout the season and finished with a 22-8 record. After claiming the 6th District Championship—NDA's sixth in the last seven years—the team advanced to the Regional Championship, falling to Cooper. Individual honors were plentiful. Riley Eberhard and Ali Mauller earned JV All-Tournament recognition, while Sarah Young was named JV Tournament MVP. Megan McGraw and Amelia Stallard made the District All-Tournament Team, and Sophia Gibson was named District MVP. Gibson and Maya Lawrie were named to the Regional All-Tournament Team. Lawrie also broke the school record for field goal percentage in a season at 57.4%. Gibson joined NDA's 1,000 Point Club. Several Pandas received All-Conference and All-Region honors. It was an outstanding season, marked by team success and individual excellence.



Notre Dame Academy's indoor track and field team made history this season with record-breaking performances and a sixth-place finish at the KHSAA Indoor State Championship—the highest in NDA Class AAA history. Nearly 50 athletes participated in meets beginning in January, and eight indoor school records were set, including two overall school records. At state, the 4x800 meter relay team of Norah Barker, Maggie Durrett, Cam Kirtley, and Kate Blettner placed third and set an overall school record. Maggie Durrett also claimed second in the 3200 meter, another overall school record. Other standout finishes included Kate Resing, fourth in the 55-meter hurdles; Barker and Kirtley, seventh and eighth in the 800 meter; and a third-place finish in the 4x400 meter relay by Addi Frondorf, Ella Long, Barker, and Blettner. The 4x200 meter relay team also made a strong showing. With a deep and dedicated roster, the Pandas used their momentum from a historic indoor season to launch into outdoor competition with high hopes and great energy. This team is one to watch!



LEGENDS OF THE GAME

Celebrating NDA's 2025 Athletic Hall of Fame

In March, Notre Dame Academy proudly celebrated the induction of a remarkable group of athletes into the 2025 NDA Athletic Hall of Fame. The event was a powerful tribute to the strength, resilience and excellence of NDA athletes past and present.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees include Sophie Skinner '18, Elly Ogle Billings '14, Casey Jackson Young '09, Sue Wehrman '81 and beloved golf coach Karen Henderson (honored posthumously). In addition, the 2004 Soccer State Championship Team and the 1994 Volleyball State Championship Team were recognized as our 2025 Team Honorees.

The evening was filled with heartfelt reflections and deep gratitude. One especially moving moment came from inductee Sue Wehrman '81, whose words captured the spirit of the evening and the values instilled in every Notre Dame Academy athlete.

"First, I would like to thank you for being here to celebrate women in sports," Wehrman said. "This is a pivotal and exciting time, as viewership and sponsorship have increased to levels we have never seen. I can't wait to see what the future holds for our young women in every sport."


She went on to express her appreciation to the Sisters of Notre Dame, NDA faculty and coaches, and especially her family and classmates—many of whom shaped her competitive spirit and lifelong commitment to servant leadership. Reflecting on the lessons learned through sports at NDA, Wehrman said, "Sports translate to life. We learn to win graciously and use adversity as a growth opportunity. We learn to be team players and servant leaders. We learn to be strong, independent women ready to make a difference in the world."

One of the evening's most touching moments came when Karen Henderson's son, Kyle Sutherland, accepted her award. In true Karen Henderson fashion, he delivered a message that was part tribute, part challenge—urging everyone in attendance to build leaders for the future. His words were a perfect reflection of his mother's fierce spirit and unwavering commitment to empowering others.

The event, organized under the leadership of NDA Athletic Director Janet Carl, was a beautiful celebration of legacy and leadership. Her thoughtful coordination helped ensure that the night honored not only the past but also the future of Notre Dame Athletics.

The Hall of Fame celebration was more than a recognition of achievement—it was a powerful reminder of the legacy built by Panda athletes and the bright future ahead. To all our student-athletes—past, present and future—thank you for leading with strength, spirit and sisterhood.

Once a Panda, always a Panda.




Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT

GOLF OUTING




KENTON COUNTY GOLF COURSE

6 JUNE, 2025

18 HOLES - 8AM - \$150

9 HOLES - 10AM - \$90



Scan the QR to register!

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:
Ruth Geisen Otto 1940
Ariana M. Hauer 1947
Joan Deye Wurtenberger 1948
Joan Evers Farmer 1949
Dorothy Doehman Decker 1950
Iris Cromer Green 1950
Pamela Kentrup Jones 1957
Nancy Sue Black Kuchle 1952
Norma Kohl Frede 1955
Marilyn Fassel Lamping 1955
Sr. Georgia Marie Messingschlager, CDP 1956
Sister Mary Jana Foltz,SND 1962
Jane Grote May 1964
Doloures Boh Ryan 1968
Shellie Werff 1969
Mary Runda Meyrose 1974
Marlene Cahill 1981
Gina Ehlman Curl 1981
Stefanie Dickhaus Smith 1983
Jenny L. Hellman 1987

Husband of:
Kathleen McMahon Quentin 1968
Barbara Kramer Pohlman 1969
Donna Stamm Eilerman 1972
Joan Schuler Arlinghaus 1979

Mother of:
Janet Schwartz Fulton 1970
Donna Decker Arlinghaus 1973
Judy Schwartz Pieper 1973
Tina Decker Miller 1974
Amy Wurtenberger Beck 1978
Martha Wurtenberger Barnes 1978
Judy Decker Crist 1979
Joanne Schwartz Flanagan 1979
Terri Sucher Rinear 1980
Lisa Lamping Simon 1980
Lisa Knipper Dorger 1982
Judy Martin Finch 1983
Maria Lamping Rovito 1983
Terri Nolan Thomas 1983
Patti Decker Watters 1983
Mary Therese Knipper Holten 1984
Mary Nguyen Aregoni 1985

Kristy Nolan Moeves 1985
Sharon Becker Berk 1986
Jenny Knipper Moser 1986
Theresa Nguyen 1986
Julie Butler Moellering 1991
Robin Decker Wehrley 1992
Amy Chapmon 1993
Rachelle Bramlage-Schomburg 1995
Catherine Chapmon 1996
Sarah Talbert 2006
Maggie Hackman 2014

Father of:
Terry Eisenman 1971
Linda Staub Darin 1977
Donna Staub Grady 1978
Paula Kohrs Lampe 1980
Theresa Lampke 1980
Shannon Quinn Zimmerman 1980
Carolyn Fugazzi 1985
Patricia Eisenman 1986
Kelly Adams Gaiser 1986
Kristy Spivey Kabakoff 1986
Jane Lampke Bracken 1987
Amy Fugazzi 1987
Krista Hovel Brooks 1991
Maria Maile 1995
Christine Tandrup Mefford 1996
Stephanie Vocke Rentschler 1996
Jamie D'Ambrosio Dawson 2000
Jennifer Vocke 2000
Laura Arlinghaus 2005
Nevaeh Carpenter 2027

Sister of:
Betty Grote Engelman 1951
Sr. Marie Rose Messingschlager, CDP 1962
Mary Jo Kentrup Muehlenkamp 1969
Mary Catherine Foltz Quittter 1962
Martha Boh Kirby 1964
Rose Marie Foltz Burch 1966
Betty Messingschlager Hummel 1966
Margie Grote Jonavic 1968
Mary Boh Brady 1974
Rita Boh Christy 1975
Elaine Dickhaus Najmola 1976
Eileen Daly 1977
Sally Cahill Durrett 1977
Sandy Ehlman 1985
Lynn Ehlman Timmerding 1989

Brother of:
Sharon Quinn Vreeland 1957
Mary Carol Collins Koch 1959
Sherrill Vocke Remke 1963
Linda Zerhusen Bohart 1965
Mary Lee Carney Thomas 1966
Carol Zerhusen Holthaus 1967
Mary Lou Baute Kordenbrock 1967
Kathleen McMahon Quentin 1968

Denise Vocke 1968
Theresa Braun Schaar 1970
Maureen Schuler Tierney 1974
Nina Vocke Hinkel 1975
Nancy McMahon 1976
Julie Wolnitzek Spaulding 1978
Jill Wolnitzek 1981
Becky Wolnitzek Jones 1985
Lindsey Brossart Feinauer 2017

Daughter of:
Jean Lubbers Marshall 1958

Son of:
Anita Gesling Schuler 1956
Carol Reisenback Karew 1965
Julia Nienaber Hurst Brossart 1986

Special Intentions

For A Special Intention
by: Janice Wolf Gormley 1968

For A Special Intention
by: Susan Watters Von Hoene 1967

For A Special Intention
by: Martha Yancey 1972

Honorariums

In Honor of **Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947**
by: Rick and Kim Brungs

In Honor of **Pat & Kathryn Holt**
by: Karen Holt Kempf 1965

In Honor of **John and Ellen Lonneman**
by: Mary Lonneman

In Honor of the **Class of 1955**
by: Mary Estelle Roesel 1955

In Honor of **Sue McCormack Shumate 1959**
by: Bill Shumate

In Memoriam

In Memory of **Helen Harvey Barbara 1940**
By: Fran Barbara Nieporte 1968

In Memory of **Thomas and Maydie Steltenkamp Berger 1943**
By: Richard Berger

In Memory of **Carolyn Glockner Bessler 1982**
By: Therese Bessler Middendorf 1979

In Memory of **Rosemary and Robert Borchers**
By: Kevin and Jodi Vance

In Memory of **Angelo Bruno**
By: Sylvia Beiting Bruno 1955

In Memoriam Cont.

In Memory of **Ann Weisenberger Cheevers 1947**
By: Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947

In Memory of **Cindy Foltz Culbertson 1971**
By: Christine Foltz Middendorf 1966

In Memory of **The Deceased Classmates from the Class of 1969**
By: The Class of 1969

In Memory of **Dot Doehman Decker 1950**
By: Elaine Bauereis 1950

In Memory of **Mary Holzderber DiLillo 1955**
By: Carol Holzderber Memering 1957

In Memory of **Rich Dorning**
By: Debbie Dorning 1982

In Memory of **Deborah Thelen Ellis 1968**
By: Ronald Ellis

In Memory of **Virginia Bergman Elsener 1940**
By: Linda Elsener Schneider 1969

In Memory of **Joan Evers Farmer 1949**
By: Virginia Vogelpohl Adams 1949

In Memory of **The Frohlich Family**
By: Donna Bresser 1967

In Memory of **Mary Ann Brake Goettke 1955**
By: Michael and Lonita Williams

In Memory of **Chuck and Thelma Hanneken**
By: Mary Pat Hanneken Carter 1969

In Memory of **Ariana Hauer 1947**
By: Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947

In Memory of **Jenny Hellmann 1987**
By: Jennifer Guenther Lenihan 1987
Jennifer Wainscott Murray 1986

In Memory of **Joanne Keitz Hoh 1947**
By: Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947

In Memory of **Scott Imray**
By: Rose Kues Imray 1974

In Memory of **Sister Mary Josette Wager, SND**
By: Gretchen Young

In Memory of **Margie Frommeyer Kaufman 1958**
By: Joe and Kim Kaufman

In Memory of **Sara Fischer Kennedy 1959**
By: Thomas Kennedy

In Memory of **Therese Kindoll**
By: Dona and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Margie Meyers Knipper 1949**
By: Virginia Vogelpohl Adams 1949

In Memory of **Martha Kircher Kuebbing 1944**
By: Carol Kuebbing McClure 1974

In Memory of **Marilyn Fassel Lamping 1955**
By: Carol Vogt Dragan 1955
Arlene Bergfeld Sullivan 1955

In Memory of **Martha “Mickey” Martin**
By: Mick and Dawn Bloemer
Joan Buckley 1973
Alexander and Ava Ehrlich
Maxwell Freedman
Adam and Sherri Feinauer
Celeste Gallenstein
Mike and Kerin Hentz
Lookout Heights Ladies Golf League
Elizabeth Jensen
Brad and Ann Kelly
Daniel Kennedy
Jane Kennedy Kleier 1983
Sue Lombardo Kramer
Carol Steltenkamp 1979
Charlene Zembrodt 1970

In Memory of **Irene Juelg McAndrews 1937**
By: Colleen Wood

In Memory of **Alice McManus**
By: Don & Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Sr. Georgia Marie Messingschlager 1956, SND**
By: Elizabeth Messingschlager Hummel 1966

In Memory of **Mary Runda Meyrose 1974**
By: Linda VonHandorf Fussinger 1974

In Memory of **Bettie Tuemler Moser 1934**
By: Dan and Therese Moser

In Memory of **Jim Neubacher**
By: Paul and Connie McAtee Sorg 1967

In Memory of **David Rakel**
By: Joan Wind Rakel 1970

In Memory of **Recent Family Deaths**
By: Carol Holzderber Memering 1957

In Memory of **Judy Hanneken Rechtin 1971**
By: Peggy Burke Fritz 1971

In Memory of **Mary Lee Doehman Rechtin 1948**
By: Dave and Linda Rechtin

In Memory of **Shirley Beiting Sayers 1958**
By: Sylvia Beiting Bruno 1955

In Memory of **Judy Sazenbacker**
By: Sylvia Beiting Bruno 1955

In Memory of **Betty Lantz Scherrer 1941**
By: John & Sherri Wenderfer

In Memory of **Rachel Schroeder 1991**
By: Eileen Wiegand Schroeder 1970

In Memory of **Patricia Flanagan Schwierjohann 1969**
By: Shelley Wills Goetz 1969

In Memory of **Gena Spaulding 1999**
By: Jane Lockhorn Spaulding 1971

In Memory of **Karen Henderson**
By: Dave and Nancy Rosing Pugliano 1980

In Memory of **Judy Dressman Stahl 1955**
By: Amy Stetter Leininger 1977

In Memory of **Dani Eldridge Steinmetz 1993**
By: Angela Eldridge

In Memory of My Mom, **Ruth Middendorf Thorburn 1944**
By: Kathleen Thorburn Rosing 1981

In Memory of **Joe and Doris Chappie Trimpe 1944**
By: Jack and Carol Trimpe Bogaczyk 1969

In Memory of **Patti Moser Walters 1967**
By: Dan and Therese Moser

In Memory of **Sr. Mary Ann Catherine Wehry 1947, SND**
By: Mary Wehry Dyas 1973

In Memory of **Shellie Werff 1969**
By: Shelley Wills Goetz 1969

In Memory of **Lori Winter**
By: Sylvia Beiting Bruno 1955

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From the Board Chair



Dear Friends of Notre Dame Academy,

In the words of Helen Keller, "Spring is when life is alive in everything." As I brush away the lingering chill of March, I find myself yearning for the smell of fresh flowers and the sight of green grass. Through the clouds, I look for those rays of elusive sunlight that warm my shoulders and my heart. But as I eagerly await these sure signs of spring, I'm also reminded of the nurturing required to bring about this beauty. For it is only with the rain, the planting and the cultivating that we can fully experience spring's rebirth.

With this understanding of the need to nurture and cultivate, the Board of Directors has been working hand in hand with NDA's faculty, staff, parents, alumnae and other stakeholders to create a strategic plan that will provide direction and guide our efforts for the next five years. This has been an incredibly collaborative multi-month process and I am deeply grateful to everyone who took the time to be involved. This is not the Board of Director's strategic plan, it is Notre Dame Academy's strategic plan, and I believe it is truly a product of the diverse perspectives and insights gained throughout the process. The final draft of the strategic plan is nearly complete and the Board intends to ratify it at its May meeting. At that point, it will be shared with the community and updates on our progress towards key initiatives will be tracked on our website. I encourage you to become familiar with the plan's objectives once posted, and to assist us in accomplishing our mutually-established goals so that we may continue to further our mission.

With its spirit of new beginnings, spring is also an appropriate time to welcome our next President of Notre Dame Academy, Ms. Lauren Hitron. I am so happy to introduce you to Ms. Hitron and to welcome her to our Notre Dame Academy community. Lauren joins us from Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville, Kentucky where she most recently served as Director of the Jean Frazier Leadership Institute. It's been a pleasure getting to know Lauren over the past few months. She is a genuine, faith-filled leader who understands and appreciates the benefits of an all-girl Catholic school, as well as the importance of the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame and its influence on all we do at NDA. Lauren's term will begin July 1st.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Jane Kleier for her service as Interim President. Jane selflessly answered a call to serve Notre Dame Academy in a great time of need and has provided exceptional leadership during her tenure. She has not shied away from addressing difficult tasks and has continued to move NDA forward. Her decisions have always been guided by the mission of NDA and our Catholic values. Jane has been a wonderful partner to the Board of Directors and I am forever grateful for all she has done and will continue to do for NDA as she resumes her role as Chief Communications Officer.

At the end of this school year we will celebrate the retirement of Jack VonHandorf after a most impressive ten-year term as Principal of NDA. During this time, Jack has worked diligently to strengthen and solidify NDA's academic prowess while serving as a tireless advocate for our students. His dedication to our mission has been a constant guidepost, even during challenging times. On behalf of the Board, I want to express our sincere gratitude to Jack for all he has done for NDA, and for helping to make it the institution it is today. He will forever be a formative part of our legacy. We look forward to celebrating with Jack more in the coming months and wish him all the best as he embarks on the next chapter in his life.

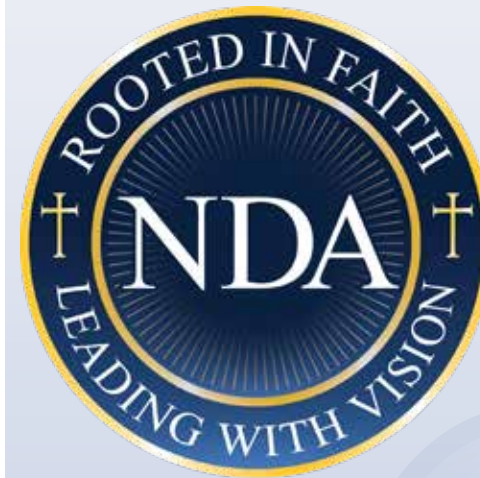
While her term will not officially start until July 1, Lauren will be an active participant in the search committee tasked with finding the next principal of Notre Dame Academy. We hope to have this position filled by July 1 so Lauren and the new principal can craft a collaborative vision for next school year.

With Jane Kleier's return to her former role, NDA's senior leadership team promises to be anchored in experience while energized with new ideas and perspectives next year. As with the coming of spring, I look forward to this next chapter in Notre Dame Academy's distinguished history. As Miss Keller stated, everything is truly alive in spring, and I believe the spirit at NDA is also alive and thriving.

With sincere gratitude for the ever-present providence of our Lord, I thank all members of our NDA community for their commitment to our mission and assure you of the Board's dedication to ensuring the strength and vitality of Notre Dame Academy for many years to come.

In partnership,

Jessica Birkenhauer Rawe 1999



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
—STRATEGIC PLAN—
2025-2030



STRATEGIC PLANNING Builds a Strong Future for NDA

This school year, Notre Dame Academy launched a bold and mission-driven initiative: a five-year Strategic Plan titled *Rooted in Faith, Leading with Vision*. Designed to strengthen every facet of school life, the plan reflects NDA's deep commitment to its Catholic identity, its legacy of excellence in all-girls education, and its mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world.

The planning process formally began on October 1, Foundation Day of the Sisters of Notre Dame—a meaningful moment to honor the legacy that continues to guide our work. Led by Interim President and Chief Communications Officer Jane Kleier, with support from the Board of Directors and guidance from strategic consultant Mary Claire Kasunic of Partners in Mission, the plan is centered on eight key domains: Academics and Technology, Advancement, Catholic Identity, Enrollment, Facilities, Finances, Governance and Student Life.

In February 2025, a diverse group of stakeholders—faculty, staff, students, parents, alumnae, board and committee members, came together for a Strategic Planning Workshop that was both energizing and unifying. Together, they explored the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead and shared their hopes for NDA's future. Listening sessions are now underway, ensuring the plan is informed by the voices of the full NDA community.

"This Strategic Plan is a vital step in ensuring NDA remains true to its mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world," said Jane Kleier. "It allows us to reflect on our progress, assess our needs and set clear goals that align with the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame."

The initiative is co-chaired by NDA Board Chair Jessica Rawe and Mission Integration Committee Chair Betsy Weber, who are working with a passionate team of Domain Chairs and Staff Liaisons. Each team is responsible for gathering data, facilitating discussion and developing targeted objectives that reflect NDA's mission and long-term sustainability.

The Board of Directors is expected to ratify the Strategic Plan in May 2025, positioning newly appointed President Lauren Hitron to begin her tenure with a clearly defined path forward. The plan will serve as a blueprint for the next five years, providing direction rooted in the values of faith, leadership, service and academic excellence.

Through *Rooted in Faith, Leading with Vision*, Notre Dame Academy honors its rich history while preparing confidently for the future. Together—with strength in community—we move forward, ready to shape the next generation of women who will lead with compassion, courage and purpose.

Advancing the Mission



THE CLASS OF 1974 Weaves a Legacy of Compassion: The Tapestry of Hope Endowment Fund

The Class of 1974 recently celebrated its 50th reunion—a milestone that inspired its members to create something truly meaningful for the Notre Dame Academy community. As they reconnected, they reflected on the challenges many families face when tragedy strikes—the loss of a parent to cancer or critical illness, or the financial strain that can follow a life-altering diagnosis. They thought of their own NDA classmates who were widowed with young children and asked themselves: What more could schools do to help in such moments of crisis?

In collaboration with the Office of Institutional Advancement at Notre Dame Academy, they discovered a gap in emergency financial assistance. While existing scholarships provide vital support, there was no dedicated fund to help students facing sudden financial hardship due to a parent's passing, serious illness or other unexpected life changes. From this realization, the Tapestry of Hope Fund was born.

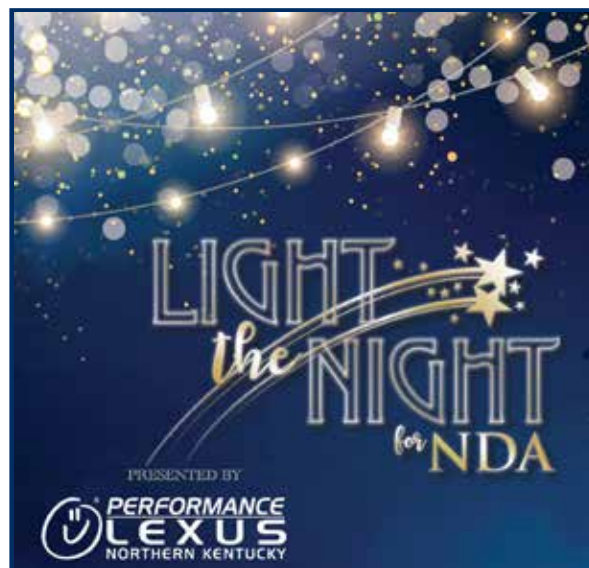
This fund is designed to offer compassionate support to NDA students when their families face unforeseen financial distress. It ensures that, even in the darkest times, these students can remain a part of the NDA family—continuing their education without additional worry.

The vision extends beyond the Class of 1974. They hope the Tapestry of Hope Fund will become a legacy embraced by other NDA classes—a lasting gift that grows through collective generosity, safeguarding the future of students in need for generations to come.

If you would like to support the Tapestry of Hope Fund, scan the QR code on the right to make a donation.



Together, we can all weave a safety net of hope and support—one that reflects the very best of the NDA spirit.



Save the Date
October 04, 2025

6:00-10:00 PM | The Madison Event Center

We look forward to seeing you on October 4th for our largest fundraiser of the year as we come together to celebrate the transformative power of Catholic education and the excellence that defines Notre Dame Academy. Your support ensures that NDA continues to provide an exceptional all-girls Catholic education, fostering the development of future leaders who will impact our community and beyond. Join us for this fun celebration of our mission, and let's Light the Night for NDA together!



Because of you, an NDA education is possible. Each day, our students grow academically, lead with confidence, deepen their faith, and develop their God-given talents.

The Annual Fund provides vital unrestricted gifts, directly supporting campus ministry, outstanding educators, and tuition assistance. These gifts fund retreats, service opportunities, spiritual growth, engaging learning experiences, and ensure every young woman who desires an NDA education can access it.

A gift to the Annual Fund is a powerful way to support our mission and impact our students.

Partner with us in educating the leaders of tomorrow by making a donation.




A little each month adds up to a big impact!

By becoming a monthly donor, you provide steady, reliable support for our students, ensuring they have the resources, mentorship, and faith-filled Catholic experiences that makes an NDA education transformative.

Scan the QR code to give a one-time gift online or join our monthly giving program.





Forever NDA


PLANNED GIVING
FOR NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

A planned gift to Notre Dame Academy is a profound investment in the future of quality Catholic education for generations of Pandas to come. By including NDA in your will, IRA/401k, or trust, you are securing a legacy that echoes the vision of the Sisters of Notre Dame when they founded NDA in 1906.

Your thoughtful contribution ensures that the tradition of excellence and faith instilled by the Sisters continues to thrive, empowering future generations of young women to excel academically, spiritually, and socially.

We invite you to join us in preserving and advancing this noble mission by partnering with NDA through planned giving. For more information on how you can make a lasting impact, please scan the QR code to the right. Together, we can continue to nurture the growth and success of Notre Dame Academy!

Plant seeds in a garden that will flourish for generations to come!





Become a Notre Dame Academy CORPORATE PARTNER

We invite all businesses to explore partnering with NDA as a Corporate Partner. Our Corporate Program is a great way to support and align with the mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. Your corporate partnership supports the growth of the next generation of female leaders in our community.

Our Corporate Program works alongside you to customize a partnership that fits your goals while supporting NDA. Levels start at \$1,500. We showcase your company for the calendar year at our three fundraising events: Women Making a Difference Luncheon, Annual Golf Outing and Light the Night for NDA.

We would love to have a conversation about how your business can engage with us as we strive for excellence in all we teach and do. Please reach out to Myanna Webster at websterm@ndapandas.org or 859-292-1851.

Diamond Corporate Partner



Platinum Corporate Partners



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Justin Dammell
tapke@bairdandcompany.com



Gold Corporate Partners



Silver Corporate Partners



CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT

*NDA would like to extend a warm thank you
to Fischer Homes for the ongoing
support and partnership.*

Fischer Homes began their corporate partner journey with NDA back in 2010 and has been generous with their support.

Henry and Elaine Flick Fischer '65 founded Fischer Homes in Northern Kentucky with the philosophy of offering the best total new home solution. "Promise only what you can deliver, and deliver what you promise." - Henry Fischer

A special thank you to Henry, Elaine and Fischer Homes for their partnership and support of our mission.

SIPS & STEMS

An Evening to Create and Connect

You're invited to an evening of creativity, connection and joy at our upcoming Sips & Stems event! Join us on Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in NDA's Alumnae Hall for one of our most-loved alumnae gatherings—an evening of floral design, friendship and fun.

Back by popular demand, this fan-favorite event will be led by alumna Emily Ryan 2013, founder of *Petal and Stem*. Emily's love for floral design blossomed from a deeply personal journey through health challenges and healing. Today, she brings that same joy and sense of purpose to every arrangement she creates. With her creativity and warmth, Emily makes floral design approachable, meaningful and a whole lot of fun.

Whether you're a seasoned flower arranger or just in it for the good vibes and wine, Emily will guide us step-by-step in designing your own beautiful arrangement to take home. Enjoy sips, light bites and the chance to reconnect with fellow Pandas in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

Space is limited, so don't wait to reserve your spot! RSVP by scanning the QR code on the invitation or visit www.ndapandas.org/alumnae. If you have any questions, contact the Alumnae Office at 859.292.7729.

Come sip, stem and socialize—we can't wait to see you there!

you're invited

Sips & Stems

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
NDA ALUMNAE HALL

Join us for a fun alumnae evening filled with flowers, drinks and friendship!

RSVP? Space is limited!



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News for Alumnae



Save the Date

Notre Dame Academy will celebrate the Class of 1975 as the new Golden Girls this October. Our Golden Girls event celebrates and honors all NDA alumnae who graduated fifty years ago or more including the classes of 1975 and prior.

The Golden Girls celebration will take place on Sunday, October 5, 2025. The celebration will begin with Mass, followed by brunch at Notre Dame Academy. More information including a reservation form will be available in the summer edition of the Notre Damian and the Class of 1975 will receive formal invitations this summer.

Please contact:
NDA Director of Alumnae Relations
Lisa Willenbrink Mosley 1995
at MosleyL@ndapandas.org or
859.292.7729 with any questions.



SWEET SMILES & HOLIDAY MAGIC at COOKIES WITH SANTA

Our NDA Alumnae and their families enjoyed a fun evening together in December at our second annual Cookies with Santa event! Ornaments were made, cookies and candy canes were enjoyed and big smiles were shared when we were visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus!

A special thank you to all the wonderful alumnae and their children and grandchildren who joined us for our Cookies with Santa alumnae family event! We loved seeing our alumnae return to campus and sharing the magic of the season with their little ones. From Santa's visit, to the sweet smiles, it was an evening to remember!



NDA Sung Throughout History

Throughout the 119-year history of Notre Dame Academy, students have praised its academics, sports and student life activities through a variety of school songs. Even though you find a variety of tempos in each song, from slow and majestic to a spirited cheer, the words of each song leave no doubt of the depth of affection and loyalty each student has held deep in her heart for her alma mater.

Students were introduced to the first school song in December of 1930. The song, entitled "N.D. Loyalty", was composed by a faculty member of the Notre Dame School of Music and was first performed by the school orchestra under the direction of Garner Reyburn Rowell. Described as receiving a standing ovation by the student body for its premier performance, an article in *The Gavel* states, "Perhaps the best test of the song's worth is the gusto with which the student body sings the chorus. It will certainly become a permanent tradition sung throughout the halls of Notre Dame." (December, 1930)

N.D. Loyalty

*"We, the girls of Notre Dame, would her honor now proclaim,
For the truth which she has taught, in every word and thought.*

Our loyalty will show, wherever we may go –

And may the years prolong, the spirit of our song.

*Chorus: O Alma Mater hear our praise to thee,
We sing your glory and laud your victory!
O Alma Mater, Hail to thy great name!
And may we add more fame,
To dear old Notre Dame.*

Through our years at Notre Dame may we reach her lofty aim,

With a purpose strong and true in all we have to do.

Our obedience stands the test in fulfilling life's behest;

And may it ever be, our proof of loyalty."

By the late 1930s, weighed down by the devastating effects of the Great Depression, many of the Academy's school events were cancelled or minimized and the school song was no longer used on a regular basis, and eventually faded into the annals of history.

By the 1940s, several changes had occurred which permanently changed the makeup of the student body at Notre Dame Academy. In 1934, the Commercial Division of the High School was discontinued due to a lack of enrollment and in 1937, the grade school was closed, and all elementary students were relocated to Mother of God grade school. Thus, the building on 5th Street became strictly an all-girls high school and a new spirit of identity began to grow. At the fall Honor Day celebration, students at Notre Dame Academy were introduced to what was announced as "our first school song." Entitled "The Heart of Notre Dame", the song was written by an NDA faculty member and found favor with the student body. When questioned as to why they liked the song, students often replied that they liked the music (because it was very moving) and the lyrics (because they sounded almost patriotic), but most thought that having a song written just for their own school made it "tops!" (*The Gavel*, November 1944)

You can read the rest of this story on NDA's website at www.ndapandas.org>News>Academy Archives or by scanning the QR code to the right:



NDA, We Honor Thee

"NDA, we honor thee!

With our voices, our

hearts, our songs.

NDA, we sing to thee!

In a melody clear and

strong.

NDA, we're all for thee!

Through the years as

they roll along.

Alma Mater, glory today,

forever! NDA!"

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You can double your impact with a Matching Gift...

You can make an even greater difference for NDA students—at no extra cost to you! Many employers offer matching gift programs that can double or even triple your donation, amplifying your support for educational excellence, faith formation, and student growth.

Check if your company participates in a matching gift program by scanning the QR code here:



You can invest in NDA by Giving Stock...

Donating appreciated stock is a simple, impactful way to support Notre Dame Academy—and it may offer you valuable tax benefits. Your stock gift helps fund transformative Catholic experiences, from leadership development to spiritual and academic growth.

To learn more, contact Myanna Webster in the Institutional Advancement Office at websterm@ndapandas.org.

ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER



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Educating Women to Make a Difference in the World

Dear NDA Alumnae,

As we continue to improve our communication and stay connected with our alumnae, we want to make sure you continue receiving all the latest updates, news, and events from Notre Dame Academy's Alumnae Office. If your email address has changed recently, or you do not receive our monthly email newsletter, please take a moment to update it with us so you don't miss any important alumnae communications!

You can easily update your information by scanning the QR code which is provided below, visiting www.ndapandas.org/alumnae or email notredamian@ndapandas.org.

Thank you for helping us stay in touch and continue fostering the strong community that makes the Notre Dame Academy sisterhood so special. Hope to see you soon!

Warm regards,

Lisa Willenbrink Mosley 1995
Director of Alumnae Relations

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ALUMNAE MENTORING

As we prepare to launch an enhanced Alumnae Mentor Program this fall in collaboration with NDA students, we invite your feedback to help us create even more meaningful and impactful connections between alumnae and students. Our Alumnae Mentor Program will combine both one-on-one mentoring between alumnae and NDA students as well as provide an opportunity for alumnae to provide group mentoring and panel discussions in their specific career fields.

If you are an NDA alumna interested in becoming a mentor or would like more information, please contact Lisa Mosley, Director of Alumnae Relations, at MosleyL@ndapandas.org.

Join us in nurturing a supportive community that continues NDA's tradition of service, leadership, and growth, and help us shape a brighter future for our students!



NDA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS Kicks Off In Style

The Notre Dame Academy Young Professionals (YP) group is officially up and running—and the launch party was a total success! Young alumnae from classes 2003-2021 came together for a fun and relaxed evening, reconnecting with old friends, meeting new ones and celebrating the start of something meaningful.

Led by Kelsey Sucher 2016 and Fallon McAllister 2019, NDA YP is all about building community, growing your network and having a little fun along the way. Whether you're looking to make new connections, explore professional opportunities, or just stay more involved with NDA, this group is designed for you.

There's more to come—think happy hours, networking nights, career workshops and events that speak to who we are as young professionals with Panda roots. The future is bright, and we'd love for you to be a part of it.

Interested? Scan the QR code to fill out the interest form or email Fallon at mcallisterf@ndapandas.org to get plugged in. Let's build something great—and make a difference together!





PANDA PERK COFFEE

6/12
7/10

THURSDAY, JUNE 12 &
THURSDAY, JULY 10
8:00AM - 9:30AM
NDA ALUMNAE HALL

Join us this summer for coffee and connections! Kickstart your day with a complimentary cup at our Panda Perk coffee shop just before our Alumnae Rosary gatherings this June and July.

It's the perfect opportunity to connect and network with fellow NDA alumnae over your morning brew. Feel free to bring your laptop and stay awhile — Alumnae Hall will be open for those who want to work remotely in a peaceful and inspiring setting. We can't wait to see you there!

KICKSTART YOUR MORNING WITH FRIENDS
AT PANDA PERK COFFEE BEFORE ALUMNAE ROSARY THIS SUMMER!

Girls' Schools Unite!



NDA is once again coming together with the all-girls schools in Cincinnati to support all-girls Catholic education and showcase the strength of sisterhood!

Each school will look to get the highest percentage of alumnae participation and we will wait to see which NDA classes make the final leader board. Last year, 1995 defended their title and won first place again.

To get your class on the leader board and have some fun with your classmates:

1. Make a donation to NDA's annual fund between May 5-7.
2. Text a classmate to say hi and encourage them to join in.
3. Leave a comment on the NDA's Girls' Schools Unite competition page. This is a great way to interact with fellow Pandas.



venmo

Gifts may be made online, through NDA's Venmo—please be sure to note that your gift is for GSU, by scanning the QR code to the right or by using the remittance envelope in the centerfold of this issue.



2024 Leaderboard



Alumnae Rosary



In March, we were especially blessed to gather for our monthly Alumnae Rosary in the Chapel at St. Joseph Heights—one last opportunity to pray in that sacred space before it closed. It was a beautiful moment of reflection, community and gratitude for the Sisters of Notre Dame and their legacy of faith.



Notre Dame Academy invites all alumnae to join us each month for the Alumnae Rosary. We typically gather on the second Thursday of each month at 12:50 p.m. on school days and 9:30 a.m. during summer months. Weather permitting, we meet outdoors in the Marian Circle. In the event of inclement weather, we move inside to the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel at NDA.

If you're unable to join us in person, we invite you to unite with us in prayer wherever you may be.

Upcoming Rosary Dates:

- April 10, 2025 – 12:50 p.m.
- May 8, 2025 – 12:50 p.m.
- June 12, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
- July 10, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Engagements

- Katelyn Egbers 2017 to Andrew Bushman
- Annie Gronotte 2019 to Keaton Meyerratken
- Ashton House 2019 to Nick Thelen
- Colleen Spellman 2019 to Walker Powell
- Megan Bezold 2019 to Cole Davis
- Laney Raab 2019 to Howard Watkins
- Emily Egbers 2019 to Corbin Kirksey
- Emily Thaman 2019 to Daniel Stevens

Marriages

- Bridget Neltner 2016 to Louis Hunt

Births

- Sadie Jude to Kirsten Leiningner Smith 2004
- John Peter (JP) to Natalie Barbian Brockmeier 2006
- Sophia Grace to Natalie Arlinghaus Egan 2007
- Dominic to Nikol Kathman Ellison 2008
- Leon to Michele Kirn Tibbs 2008
- Stella Jo to Stefanie Arlinghaus Oberschlake 2009
- Elena Rose to Suzi Smith Otte 2010
- Addy Elizabeth to Erin Stoeckle Knauf 2011
- John Thomas to Jacqueline Schuh Rafferty 2014
- Baker Marcus to Molly Kirn Rolfsen 2014
- Corinne Louise to Olivia Reinert Schenz 2014

Class Updates

1956

In October, four classmates reunited to reminisce and celebrate their 68th class reunion at the Golden Girls Luncheon. "We had a wonderful day and cherished our time together. Sister Georgia was thrilled to meet a current NDA student whose family member was taught by Sr. Georgia at CCH and he now works for NASA!" Pictured from left to right are **Sr. Georgia Marie Messingschlager, CDP, Nancy Murphy, Sr. Mary Joell Overman, SND and Joan Blenke Borne.**



1995

Laura Scherder Thomas has been appointed Chief Marketing Officer for Pace, North America's largest woman-owned independent content marketing agency. With over 25 years of experience in strategic marketing and brand development, she has worked with prominent brands such as Dr. Teal's, IBM, Brooks Running, Kennedy Space Center, and Pantene. Thomas previously served as Senior Vice President of Strategy at PETERMAYER, where she led

award-winning initiatives that expanded the company's reach. She has also held senior roles at Curiosity, Deskey, and LPK.

1999

Shannon Winn Berry was honored with The Ion Center for Violence Prevention's (formerly the Women's Crisis Center) Icon Award for her outstanding service as a Hospital Advocate and Court Advocate for the victims and survivors, as the longest-serving volunteer in the center's history. The award recognizes individuals who have made a significant impact through their dedication to the agency and its survivors.



2006

Natalie Barbian Brockmeier and her husband John welcomed their baby boy JP in October 2024.



2007/2009

Natalie Arlinghaus Egan '07 and **Stefanie Arlinghaus Oberschlake '09** together joyfully celebrated the baptisms of their newborn daughters, Sophia Grace Egan and Stella Jo Oberschlake.

2008/2014

Nikol Kathman Ellison '08, Michele Kirn Tibbs '08, and Molly Kirn Rolfson '14, cousins and proud NDA graduates, each welcomed a baby within a month of one another. Pictured L-R: Dominic Ellison, born November 2024, Leon Tibbs, born October 2024, Baker Rolfson, born October 2024



2010

Suzi Smith Otte 2010 and her husband Stephen welcomed their second child, Elena Rose, in August. Big brother Levi is already being a great helper with his baby sister.



2010

Jenna Sommerkamp Stewart was honored with the prestigious Milken Educator Award, established by philanthropist Lowell Milken to recognize excellence in education. This year, Jenna was the only recipient from Kentucky to receive this esteemed recognition.



2011

Kelly Kleier Ahern received her Ed.D. in December, following the successful defense of her dissertation, "Access to Healthcare Services for Homeless and Displaced Youth in the Greater Cincinnati Region: A Phenomenology from the Healthcare Professional's Perspective." Her important research amplifies the voices of healthcare professionals and highlights the barriers faced by vulnerable youth in our community. Kelly was also recently promoted to Director of Strategic Planning at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where she continues to lead with compassion, insight and purpose.

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2011

Erin Stoeckle Knauf and her husband Tyler, welcomed their daughter Addy Elizabeth in July of 2024.



2014

Amanda Macke graduated from the University of Cincinnati in April 2024 with a PhD in Chemistry, specializing in computational chemistry and computer modeling of protein behavior. She is now conducting postdoctoral research at the University of Delaware, focusing on the structure of HIV, with the potential to contribute to new treatments or vaccines in the future.



2014

After two years of marriage, **Jacqueline Schuh Rafferty** and her husband Jack joyfully welcomed their son, John Thomas, on December 16. The couple recently moved back to Lakeside Park after spending the last six years in Chicago.



2016

Bridget Neltner earned her Physician Assistant (PA) degree from Kettering College in 2023 and is currently practicing in the Cardiac Electrophysiology department at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Edgewood. In September 2024, she married Louis Hunt at St. Augustine Church in Covington, Kentucky.



Would you like to see your picture in *The Notre Damian*? Take *The Notre Damian* with you on your next vacation, and have someone take your photo with it. Simply e-mail your .jpg formatted photos to *The Notre Damian* at notredamian@ndapandas.org or send prints (they will not be returned) to NDA Advancement at 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY, 41011. The photos will be published in the order in which they are received. If you don't see your photo immediately, keep looking in future issues.

WHERE IN THE WORLD!
The Notre Damian On The Road
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The Hartzel sisters Sylvia Hartzel Sweeney 1963, Diane Hartzel McCormick 1966, Marcia Hartzel Roy 1970, Maureen Hartzel Schwarber 1983 enjoyed a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico in January!



The White sisters—Jo Ann White Davy 1972, Jane White Woodruff 1974, and Patty White Yost 1970 kicked off the new year together with a visit to Jo Ann's home in Houston, Texas!



Joan Arnold 1985, Joann Flaig Issenmann 1969, Paula Arlinghaus Shainley 1974, Nina Vocke Henkel 1975, and Martha Arnold 1981 had an enjoyable trip together to Cumberland Falls with St. Augustine's Pathfinders.

Reunion Information



CLASS OF 1959 Celebrates 65th Reunion

The Class of 1959 had a wonderful time reconnecting and reminiscing at their 65th reunion in October 2024. The joyful gathering took place at Fort Mitchell Country Club, where classmates shared memories, laughter, and the enduring spirit of Notre Dame Academy.

2025 REUNIONS

Planning is now underway for the 2025 reunions, specifically for the classes graduating in years ending in 0 or 5. For the most up-to-date information regarding your reunion, please visit www.ndapandas.org/alumnae.

To ensure that your class captains and reunion planning committees can keep you informed of all reunion activities, please update your contact information by visiting www.ndapandas.org/alumnae.

If you are interested in helping plan a reunion for your class, please contact the Director of Alumnae Relations at MosleyL@ndapandas.org.

The following classes are also scheduled to celebrate their reunions this year:

Class of 1950 - 75th Year	Class of 2000 - 25th Year
Class of 1955 - 70th Year	Class of 2005 - 20th Year
Class of 1965 - 60th Year	Class of 2015 - 10th Year
Class of 1970 - 55th Year	Class of 2020 - 5th Year
Class of 1990 - 35th Year	

1960

65th Reunion

Save the date for Friday, August 29, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. for lunch at Summit Country Club. Reunion contact: Gale Ossenbeck.

1975

50th Reunion

The reunion committee is in the beginning stages of planning. If you are interested in helping plan the reunion, please contact Kathy Summe.

1980

45th Reunion

Save the date for July 3, 2025 with the time and location to be determined. Please ensure your contact information is up to date for communication about the class reunion activities. Reunion contact: Jean Mize

1985

40th Reunion

The reunion date will be provided soon. Check the website for updated information. If you are interested in helping plan the reunion, please contact JoAnn Roth at candidjo@me.com. More information for the reunion will be provided at a later date.

1995

30th Reunion

If you are interested in being on the 1995 class reunion planning committee, please contact Lisa Willenbrink Mosley at MosleyL@ndapandas.org. More information for the reunion will be provided at a later date.

2010

15th Reunion

Save the date: May 10, 2025
More information will be provided.
Reunion contacts: Hillary Keller and Emily Cooney

If you are interested in planning your class reunion or have updated information to share, please email MosleyL@ndapandas.org or call (859) 292-7729.

Please complete this form to nominate an NDA alumna for the Women Making A Difference award. The nominee should be someone who has made significant contributions to their families and their communities through service, professional and philanthropic efforts.

In order for the nomination to be evaluated, please include at least three letters in support of the nomination to give the selection committee a better understanding of who the nominee is and how she lives her life making a difference in the world. The letters can be from non-profits/charities in which she is involved, families and friends, as well as from others whose lives have been significantly impacted by the nominee's actions.

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Company/Position: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number (Home and/or Mobile): _____

Please describe why the individual nominated should be considered for this award.

List any significant contributions to the service of others and philanthropic efforts.

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone Number (Home and/or Mobile): _____

Email: _____

All nomination forms including letters of support must be received no later than September 5, 2025 and can be submitted via email to MosleyL@ndapandas.org or by mail to the NDA Alumnae Department Attn: Women Making A Difference at 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011.

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 Alumnae Department, 1699 Hilton Drive, Park Hills, KY 41011.

First Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Married Name (if applicable): _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____
 Street Address _____
 Apartment/Building/Suite # _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal _____
 Country _____

News to Share: (professional news, engaged, newly married, new child, recent death of alumna, spouse, parent, child)



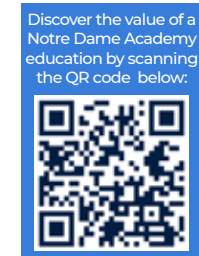
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OCTOBER 4, 2025



NDA ART FEST



JOIN US!

Celebrate the creativity and talent of our students at Arts Fest on May 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m. at NDA! Enjoy an evening filled with music, movement, and visual artistry. Don't miss this showcase of artistic excellence at NDA. This is a free event. For planning purposes, please register here.



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