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

As we enter into a season filled with gratitude and celebration, I am thrilled to address you for the first time in the Notre Damian, our treasured school magazine. This is indeed a time of new beginnings for Notre Dame Academy, a season of transition, and a moment to embrace the evolving legacy of our beloved NDA.

Stepping into the role of President at Notre Dame Academy is both an honor and a responsibility that I hold close to my heart. It is a pledge to uphold the mission of NDA and, more significantly, the enduring mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame. I am deeply committed to the protection and nurturing of our school, ensuring its continued success, and honoring the remarkable women who founded it, the Sisters of Notre Dame. Additionally, I am wholeheartedly dedicated to promoting an environment where collaboration, respect and compassion are nurtured - a place where every student can truly thrive and fulfill her potential using her God given gifts. With the dedication of our faculty and staff, the support of our parents and guardians and the resilience of our students, I know that we will continue to uphold the highest standards of education and character development at Notre Dame Academy.

In my brief time serving as the President of Notre Dame Academy, I have come to realize that this school is truly something exceptional. It stands as an academic powerhouse, second to none in our region. This achievement is not solely attributed to our dedicated faculty and staff, who are undoubtedly top-notch in their commitment, but to the spirit of NDA, which resides in the heart of our students. These young women, with their potential, energy and promise, inspire us to do what we do – to guide, support and empower them to become extraordinary leaders exemplifying faithfulness and moral integrity.

It is with a profound sense of responsibility that I undertake the task of moving forward the legacy of the Sisters of Notre Dame. This mission is not solely mine; it is a collective effort shared with our entire NDA community. We are joined by a remarkable community of alumnae, parents, past parents and friends who continually rally to support our school. Your contributions, whether in spirit, time or resources, are the foundation of NDA's success and are very much appreciated.

The path ahead is filled with promise and opportunity and I am excited to begin this journey with each and every one of you. This is a season of new beginnings, and I am confident that, together, we will write the next inspiring chapter in the rich history of Notre Dame Academy.

On behalf of the community of Notre Dame Academy, I extend warm wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving and a joyful Advent. As we await the birth of Christ, may His light shine brightly in our lives, illuminating our path and guiding us in our journey ahead.

Proclaiming God's goodness and provident care,

Irigh Miller



# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY INSTALLS 4TH PRESIDENT: LEADING WITH LEGACY AND VISION

It was a morning filled with hope, appreciation and celebration as the Notre Dame Academy community witnessed a significant milestone in its history - the installation of the institution's fourth president, Mrs. Trish Miller. The event, marked by spiritual devotion, shared vision and heartfelt gratitude. The installation of the fourth president of Notre Dame Academy was a testament to the school's enduring legacy and the promise of a bright future under Mrs. Miller's leadership.

The ceremony began with an opening address by NDA's Campus Minister, Mrs. Bridget Price. She expressed gratitude to all the esteemed guests, including Most Reverend John C. Iffert, Bishop of Covington, whose presence added a profound sense of importance to the occasion. Mrs. Price acknowledged the school's mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world, a mission that has been a guiding light for NDA since its inception.

The Pandatones then led the audience in a rendition of the *Hail Mary, Gentle Woman* reinforcing the spiritual foundation that NDA holds dear. Former Notre Dame Academy president, Sister Mary Lynette Shelton, SND delivered the invocation asking for divine guidance, not only for the new president but for the entire NDA community. She invoked heavenly blessings to ensure the institution's commitment to education, service and the values upheld by the Sisters of Notre Dame would endure.

Dr. Laura Koehl, Executive Director of SND National Sponsorship and Network Office and a former NDA president, warmly welcomed Mrs. Miller to the SND family of sponsored ministries and emphasized the transformative journey that NDA represents. Dr. Koehl celebrated the spirit of continuity and evolution, highlighting that Mrs. Miller's appointment reinforces the school's commitment to empowering young women. NDA Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Mark Hausfeld, followed by extending a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Mrs. Miller, emphasizing the commitment to advancing NDA's mission.

The transition phase at NDA was acknowledged with appreciation, as Mrs. Amy Quinn Dye took a moment to recognize Mr. Jack VonHandorf, who served as the principal and interim president over the past two years. His dedication and steadfast leadership during challenging times were celebrated, and the school community expressed its deep gratitude through a meaningful gift - a Crimson King Maple tree - symbolizing growth, strength and life.

Representing the faculty and staff, Sister Maria Francine Stacy recited a heartfelt poem; *Ode to a Leader*, reflecting on the qualities found in Mrs. Miller. Her words evoked the courage, vision and resilience that Mrs. Miller brings to the role of NDA's president, emphasizing her potential to inspire, guide and uplift the community.

The presentation of gifts was a touching moment, as the NDA community presented spiritual gifts, an inspiring quote, NDA spirit wear and a bouquet of sunflowers to Mrs. Miller. These gifts symbolized the values and spirit of NDA and were tokens of the warm welcome she received.



Bishop John C. Iffert delivered congratulatory remarks filled with hope, emphasizing the role of NDA in shaping the lives of its students and community. He praised the enduring spirit of NDA and the dedication of all involved.

The investiture of Mrs. Miller conducted by Mr. Mark Hausfeld symbolized the formal commitment to leadership at NDA. The presidential oath of office, pledging dedication to the mission and values of NDA, was recited with conviction.

In her inaugural address, Mrs. Miller expressed her deep gratitude and commitment to the legacy of NDA. She acknowledged the invaluable role played by the Sisters of Notre Dame, whose mission continues to inspire the NDA community. She recognized the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, emphasizing the need for adaptable solutions and innovative approaches in a dynamic world. She committed to fostering an environment of inclusivity, respect, and compassion, where every student can fulfill their potential saying,

"I am committed to promoting an environment where collaboration, respect and compassion are nurtured – a place where every student can truly thrive and fulfill her potential using her God given gifts. With the dedication of our faculty and staff, the support of our parents and guardians, and the resilience of our students, I know that we will continue to uphold the highest standards of education and character development at Notre Dame Academy."

The ceremony concluded with a benediction from Bishop Iffert, seeking divine blessings for Mrs. Miller and the NDA community in the days to come. The Pandatones led the audience in the NDA school song, evoking a sense of unity and pride among attendees.

The day's events were a heartfelt celebration of leadership, community and tradition. Mrs. Miller's installation as the fourth president of Notre Dame Academy was marked by a strong sense of continuity, with a strong commitment to the values and mission cherished by the Sisters of Notre Dame. As NDA embarks on this new chapter, the promise of excellence, empowerment, and positive change remains steadfast, guiding the institution forward into a bright and transformative future.







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# ADAY IN THE LIFE











# CELEBRATING 60 YEARS ON HILTON DRIVE

by Nancy Stratman, NDA Archivist

In 1992, the Disney feature film "Aladdin" opened in theaters inviting the public to take a ride on a magic carpet to see new sights and seek out new adventures. How apropos that song would have been in October of 1963, as 531 young ladies, 33 faculty members and 13 staff members turned from Dixie Highway onto the newly established Hilton Drive, crested the hill and caught their first sights of their new home at Notre Dame Academy.

The new building, "shining, shimmering, and splendid", beckoned to them as they drove down the newly paved road. "A dazzling place they never knew" invited them to explore new worlds of academic adventures, social interactions, religious growth and personal journeys: "a whole new world, with new horizons to pursue". ("A Whole New World", lyrics by Tim Rice) Grounded firmly on the solid foundation instituted by Sr. Mary Agnetis in 1906, a new generation of high school students began their journey on Hilton Drive based on the same spirit that had been an integral force in all students who walked through the doors on 5th. As Sr. Agnetis was fond of saying, "A new Notre Dame? Never! A new building? Yes!".

As the new home of Notre Dame Academy, the campus on Hilton Drive was designed to incorporate all of the most modern educational facilities needed to provide a first class learning environment for the young women who would walk through the doors every day: 17 standard classrooms decorated in bright colors, with a wall of windows on one side to allow for natural light; 3 fully equipped science labs; 2 modern business practice rooms; 3 home economic labs featuring dedicated spaces for food preparation, sewing and home management; facilities for athletic activities and studios for musical and artistic growth. However, continuing traditions from 5th Street would also be important. Thus, no matter which entrance you used to access the new building, a familiar statue of Mary, Our Mother still greeted each student, each faculty member, each alumna, each parent and every community guest.

Junior Kathy Gamm wrote of how the statue of Mother Mary helped to cross the bridge from old to new and bring the "spirit of Notre Dame" to its new residence. "In a way, this statue is very like the famous Notre Dame spirit. Its simple dignity is carried through in every detail. Each line of the statue is graceful in its simplicity, and in the same way, every aspect of our school spirit is esteemed for its unity. In another sense, however, this carving is very unlike our school spirit. As the years pass, Mary's statue may lose some of its beauty and elegance, but that could never happen to our Notre Dame Academy spirit. This wonderful spirit which started on Fifth Street with only six girls in the first class, has been carried on there for more than 50 years, growing more wonderful with age. And now it will continue, although our address has changed to Hilton Drive in Park Hills. And this spirit will be passed on by our present students with a deep sense of simple dignity and love of Mary." (The Gavel, November 1963)

During the summer of 1963, the 5th Street building had been emptied of all components needed to hold class. Desks, lab tables and cafeteria equipment had been sold, textbooks and supplies had been boxed and put into storage and student lockers had been dismantled. Although much anticipated by all members of the NDA community, unfortunately the new school building was not yet ready when the calendar turned to September 1963. A delayed start was unthinkable, so friends and students volunteered their services in order for the school year to open on time. Trips were made to the new school with boxes and articles that could be stored there so that the old classrooms could still be utilized. Folding chairs replaced desks, and "personalized" shopping bags replaced the locker for each student.

By September, the 5th Street classrooms had a decidedly "different look" than in the past, but everything was in readiness for the opening of school in the old building. When the school bell rang the morning of September 3, 1963, students could hardly wait to see what "school" would be like. The classrooms were furnished with chairs only; each student was given a shopping bag for her books. Because there were no facilities for lunch, the school day was split into two sessions: seniors and juniors met from 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and freshmen and sophomores from 12:30-5:00 p.m., with classes scheduled for 30-minute periods. Everyone was most cooperative. Only the plumbing system acted worse than usual; so that when one student unsuccessfully tried to drink from the fountain, we heard her comment "Don't tell me they've sold the water too!" On Friday, October 11, 1963, the last classes held on the 5th Street campus were dismissed for the "great exodus" to the new campus. A two-week home study period was declared in order to give the Sisters a chance to remove the remaining articles from 5th Street and to clean the new facility on Hilton Drive. "Cars, station wagons, small and large trucks were generously put at our disposal. Several Sisters took up 'modified' residence at the new school in order to be on the spot to receive deliveries and direct the unloading for various departments. Everything moved smoothly according to arrangements and the scheduling of morning-noon-and-night shifts. True, many of the workmen still on the job had to acquire a new skill – dodging the omnipresent Sisters. However, the men soon got used to us just as we got used to running into men just anywhere." (SND Christmas letter, 1963)

Members of the SND congregation gathered together on the new campus the night of October 27th to celebrate the first Mass on the new campus. The next day all students arrived to begin their academic life on the new campus. After the distribution of schedules and homeroom assignments, Sr. Mary Immacula (principal) led the entire student body on a complete tour of the new building, followed by Holy Mass which was celebrated in the gym/auditorium. "There followed dismissal for the day, with a reminder that full sessions would carry them through an entire day beginning the next day and thereafter." (SND Christmas Letter, 1963)

This article is continued on the Academy Archives blog on Notre Dame Academy's website along with several photos from NDA's early days on the Hilton Drive Campus at https://www.ndapandas.org/news/2023/10/23/a-day-in-the-life which can be accessed by scanning the QR code to the right.



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# The Twenty-third Annual Wormen Making A Difference

Three distinguished alumnae from Notre Dame Academy will be celebrated at the annual Women Making a Difference Recognition Award Luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024. The honorees for this year's event are Betty Baumann Verst (Class of 1951), Sandra Bayless Gleeson (Class of 1962), and Connie Noll (Class of 1985).

Now in its twenty-third year, the Women Making a Difference award program acknowledges the remarkable contributions of Notre Dame Academy alumnae to their families and communities through service, professional achievements, and philanthropic endeavors. It is a tribute to these women for embodying NDA's proud legacy and their continued impact on the world. Additionally, the luncheon plays a vital role in raising funds for tuition assistance at Notre Dame Academy.

The ceremony will take place at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, commencing with registration and networking at 11:00 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12:00 p.m. The Women Making A Difference luncheon warmly welcomes all alumnae, corporate representatives, parents, and friends of Notre Dame Academy.

Details, ticket information, and sponsorship opportunities can be found on page 49. For more information, please contact the Notre Dame Academy Advancement Department at 859.292.7729 or visit the NDA website at www.ndapandas.org.



## Betty Baumann Derst 1951

Betty Baumann Verst (Class of 1951) is a shining example of a dedicated and compassionate individual whose unwavering commitment to her community and the principles of Catholic education is nothing short of remarkable. It is with great pride that we honor Betty Verst with the Women Making A Difference award from NDA.

Betty's lifelong dedication to enhancing the spiritual and educational well-being of her local community is most evident in her philanthropic efforts. She has generously supported the construction of chapels at four local high schools: Notre Dame Academy, Covington Catholic, Bishop Brossart and Newport Central Catholic, in addition to one at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Betty's involvement in these projects extends beyond financial contributions; it reflects her deep connection to these institutions, which have played an essential role in the lives of her late husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty's visionary support has created spaces of solace and reflection, where students can partake in prayer and meditation within their schools. Her commitment to nurturing spirituality and offering students a place for personal growth demonstrates her profound understanding of the importance of faith in education.

Furthermore, Betty has continually prioritized Catholic education through her scholarships and monetary donations to schools within the diocese. Her contributions have enabled countless students to access a faith-based education that is often life-changing.

Betty Baumann Verst's dedication to her community and her commitment to the values of Catholic education make her a truly deserving recipient of the Women Making A Difference award. Her legacy of support and love for her local schools will continue to impact generations of students and uphold the spirit of Notre Dame Academy's mission. Betty's actions exemplify the values and principles we hold dear, and we are proud to recognize her for her exceptional contributions.

## Sandy Bayless Gleeson 1962



Sandy Bayless Gleeson (Class of 1962) exemplifies the qualities of selflessness, compassion and unwavering dedication to her community and faith. It is with the utmost respect and admiration that we celebrate Sandy Gleeson as a recipient of the Women Making A Difference award from NDA.

Sandy's journey is a testament to her lifelong commitment to the service of others. As a nurse, she has devoted her career to caring for the sick, infirm and dying, embodying the very essence of compassion and empathy. Her dedication to her faith has been a guiding light, inspiring her to serve not only within her profession but also in various volunteer roles that have touched the lives of many. The knowledge she gained from working on the Psychiatric Unit as a new graduate along with 21 years in the Emergency unit at Good Samaritan Hospital gave her an invaluable knowledge base in extending her care to family, friends and patients alike. For Sandy, nursing is not just her profession, it's her life's ministry.

Sandy's contributions extend far beyond the confines of nursing. She has been an invaluable member of the Children's Home Board, offering her expertise to improve the lives of children and families in need. Her work as a volunteer at the

Good Samaritan Hospital Free Health Center (FHC), supporting the most vulnerable in the community, underscores her commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most.

Sandy's compassionate leadership shines through her involvement in the arts, where she has volunteered at the Aronoff, Covedale and Incline Theatres. Her participation in the arts community adds a touch of warmth and creativity to her service efforts.

Her dedication to Catholicism and her devotion to her faith are unwavering. Sandy's work as a parish nurse, conducting blood pressure screenings and providing support to her church community, is a reflection of her strong connection to her faith and her commitment to its principles. Sandy also serves as a lector and Extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at the weekday and weekend liturgies at St. Agnes on a regular basis.

Notably, Sandy extends her service to homeless families through Family Promise, offering comfort and assistance to those facing some of life's most challenging circumstances.

Sandy Bayless Gleeson's life is a testament to the power of compassion and selfless service. Her dedication to the sick, the needy, her faith and her community is a shining example of the values Notre Dame Academy holds dear. We are proud to recognize her as a recipient of the Women Making A Difference award, and her legacy of kindness will continue to inspire generations to come.

#### Connie Noll 1985



Connie Noll (Class of 1985) is a shining example of unwavering commitment to her faith and community. It is with great honor and admiration that we recognize Connie Noll as a deserving recipient of the Woman Making A Difference award from NDA.

Connie's life has been a testament to the principles of service and compassion. As the Chair of the Catholic Charities Board's CASSBA event, she has played a pivotal role in supporting those in need and championing the values of Catholic charity. Her dedication to the DCCH (Diocesan Catholic Children's Home) is a testament to her devotion to the welfare and development of children and families.

A natural leader, Connie has been a guiding presence for high school retreats, offering spiritual guidance and mentorship to the next generation. She lives out Catholic and Christian values not just in her words but in her daily

actions, setting an example for all who have the privilege of knowing her.

As a parish volunteer and committed parishioner, Connie actively contributes to the well-being of her faith community. Her service extends beyond her personal beliefs, as she embodies the essence of a servant leader—selflessly dedicating her time and energy to the betterment of others.

Connie Noll's remarkable life is a testament to her unwavering commitment to Catholic and Christian values and her dedication to serving those in need. Her leadership, compassion, and commitment to her faith community make her a highly deserving recipient of the Women Making A Difference award from NDA. Her legacy of service and kindness will continue to inspire those who have the privilege of following in her footsteps.

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# From the Principal



Blessings Alumnae, Families, and Friends of NDA!

The 2023-24 school year has been graced with many exciting highlights, many of which you can read about in this issue of the Notre Damian. Most notably, we had the privilege of welcoming Mrs. Trish Miller as our new President.

During our opening school assembly in August, I had the honor of introducing Mrs. Miller to our student body, where she addressed our NDA community and shared her vision for her role. She emphasized the importance of advancing Notre Dame Academy's mission to provide our students with an exceptional experience and to ensure that NDA continues to thrive for generations to come. Mrs. Miller's message was met with much enthusiasm from our students, faculty and staff. Her dedication and expertise have already begun to make a positive impact, and we are excited to have Mrs. Miller as part of the NDA family.

Our theme for this academic year, "Radiating God's Goodness," is a beacon that guides our path and illuminates our shared journey. You can read more about our theme on the following page and discover how it is ingrained in the fabric of our NDA culture. On the following pages, you will also find countless examples of how our students are actively embracing this theme in their work at NDA this school year, both within and beyond the classroom. Their enthusiasm and commitment to their education and personal growth are truly inspiring.

We are blessed at Notre Dame Academy in so many ways. Our students, eager to learn, coupled with our dedicated faculty who strive for educational excellence, are a testament to the strength and commitment of our educational community. Our devoted staff works diligently behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation of our school. As we began our school year in August, we were reminded of the day in 1906 when Notre Dame Academy first opened its doors to the young women of our community. As we reflected on that day, we were humbled to be part of this profound legacy of Catholic education founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame. As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters, of Notre Dame, we are part of a larger network charged to be joyful, positive, humble, optimistic and kind to those around us. That is what it means to be a community influenced by the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame - sharing in a way of life that proclaims God's goodness and provident care

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a joyful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas season. May your homes be filled with love, laughter and the true spirit of the holidays.

In Notre Dame

Jack Van Handy







"Courageous souls are needed for the service of the good Sod."

St. Sulie Billiart

As we embark on the 118th year of Notre Dame Academy, we continue to carry forward the cherished tradition of educating our students in the spirit of the Sisters of Notre Dame. This year, we are centering our focus on the very first Educational Principle of the Sisters, "The Centrality of our Good and Provident God." We are thrilled to introduce this year's theme, which revolves around embracing and sharing the remarkable qualities bestowed upon us by God. Throughout this academic year, as we remain committed to our mission of empowering young women to make a positive impact on the world, we will be *Radiating God's Goodness!* 

Radiating God's Goodness means becoming servant leaders who exemplify compassion and kindness in our interactions with others. It entails going the extra mile to offer a helping hand, extending hope and words of encouragement, and practicing forgiveness when necessary.

By Radiating God's Goodness each and every day at Notre Dame Academy, we aspire to create an environment where kindness, love, acceptance, and support are not only expected but also deeply appreciated. Together, we can spread God's goodness and cultivate a culture characterized by compassion and collaboration at NDA.

Our commitment to *Radiating God's Goodness* isn't just a noble endeavor; it is a path to drawing closer to God, allowing His love to flow through us. By doing so, we become agents of transformation, casting light and love into a world in need.

In alignment with our theme this school year, we will also be embracing a quote from St. Julie Billiart: "Courageous souls are needed for the service of the good God." When we Radiate God's Goodness, we become the very courageous souls envisioned by St. Julie. We step outside our comfort zones to treat others with love and compassion. We stand up for what is just and extend to others the same kindness we wish to receive.

We invite our entire NDA community to embrace our theme of *Radiating God's Goodness* and take to heart the words of St. Julie, for within each of us lies the potential to be courageous souls who bring about positive change in the lives of others, all in the service of our good God.



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### November

22-24 Thanksgiving Break (No School)

#### December

Freshman Formal Dance

Cookies with Santa Alumnae Event

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (No School)

Silver Bells Dance

9 High School Placement Test and ACT at NDA

Christmas Band Concert

All School Advent MassChristmas Choral Concert

14 Alumnae Rosarv

13-15 NDA Quilt Show

15 Cookies with Santa Alumnae Family Event

18-20 Exams

College Welcome Back Night

21-Jan.2 Christmas Break (No School)

#### January

Classes Resume

New Year's Mass with Bishop Iffert

HSPT Results Meeting/Financial Aid Night

11 Alumnae Rosary

11-12 Ski Tri

15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

22 Prayer for Penance Prayer Service

26-28 NDA/CCH Showcase

29 Catholic Schools Week Begins

Mass with SNDs

31 CSW Diocesan Mass

NDA/CCH Volleyball Game

#### **February**

Talent Show

Father Daughter Dance

Alumnae Rosary

Sips and Stems Alumnae Event

14 Ash Wednesday Mass

19 No School: Presidents' Day

#### March

7 Women Making A Difference Career Fair/Luncheon

9 8th Grade Conferences

12 Sophomore Ring Ceremony

14 Alumnae Rosary

16 8th Grade Conferences

19 Panda Preview Night

22 Prom

5 Holy Week Prayer Service

28-29 Holy Thursday / Good Friday (No School)



# NDA STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM RECOGNITION



Notre Dame Academy is thrilled to announce that three of our accomplished seniors, Mia Kent, Clara Heberling and Lucy Bailey, have been named National Merit Semifinalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program. This prestigious recognition places them among the highest-achieving students in the nation.

Over 1.3 million juniors across approximately 21,000 high schools participated in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 PSAT. It is a rigorous competition that seeks to identify and honor the brightest young minds in the United States. To be named as a National Merit Semifinalist is a remarkable achievement in itself, as it represents an elite group, comprising less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors.

"We are very proud of the accomplishments of these three students," said NDA Principal Mr. Jack VonHandorf. "The selection of these young women as National Merit Semifinalist is evidence of their hard work and dedication to their education at Notre Dame Academy. We congratulate Mia, Clara, Lucy and their families as we celebrate these honors."

Being named National Merit Semifinalists not only recognizes the exceptional aptitude of these students but also opens doors to a range of scholarship opportunities and academic recognition. Their recognition as National Merit Semifinalists is not only a testament to their exceptional abilities but also a reflection of the comprehensive educational environment provided through a Notre Dame Academy education.



# STUDENTS ACHIEVE PERFECT ACT SCORES

In the world of standardized testing, scoring a perfect 36 on the ACT is a rare and exceptional feat. At Notre Dame Academy, two outstanding students, Anna Blair and Clara Heberling, have achieved this remarkable accomplishment, earning well-deserved recognition and accolades.

Anna Blair and Clara Heberling have demonstrated a strong commitment to their academic pursuits, a determination that culminated in their perfect ACT scores. Their remarkable achievement serves as a testament to their dedication, intelligence and the steadfast support of the NDA community.

The achievement of a perfect ACT score goes beyond mere numbers. It signifies the students' ability to think critically, solve complex problems, and apply their knowledge effectively. These two young scholars have displayed these skills with grace and precision and we wish them well in their future endeavors.



# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CONGRATULATIONS 2023 INDUCTEES

In October, we had the privilege of inducting several outstanding students into the National Honor Society at NDA, welcoming them into a community of scholars who have set their goals on making a positive impact in our world. This induction ceremony is significant because it not only recognizes the academic excellence of our students but also celebrates their strong commitment to the values of scholarship, leadership, service and character - the four pillars of the National Honor Society.

As we gathered with these dedicated students, we were privileged to witness the embodiment of our school's mission of educating young women to make a difference in the world. Through their Notre Dame Academy education, these students have learned to strive for excellence, lead with integrity, serve with compassion and uphold the highest moral character. These qualities are the essence of the National Honor Society. We congratulate our latest NHS inductees for exemplifying these ideals!

# NDA STUDENTS NAMED NAVIGO SCHOLARS

Kudos to our outstanding students who have been accepted into the NaviGo Scholars Program across diverse fields. This exciting opportunity opens doors to valuable career exploration and development experiences.

#### St. Elizabeth Healthcare:

MaryElle Reynolds Isabelle Bailey Carly Young

#### **Education:**

Alexis Mauller Georgia Kleman

**Duke Energy Engineering:** Anna Blair

#### Law:

Emma White

#### **Business/ Entrepreneur:**

Josie Bozeman Madeline Jansen Ella Nienaber Grace Summe Ella Weber





#### Sherlock Holmes Show: A THRILLING NDA/CCH PRODUCTION!

Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School recently collaborated to bring the classic tale of 'Sherlock Holmes: The Hounds of Baskerville' to life in an extraordinary theater production. The performance was a thrilling journey into the world of mystery and intrigue, captivating the audience from start to finish. With exceptional acting, detailed set design, and a suspenseful story line, the production transported viewers to the eerie moors of Baskerville.

The cast did a wonderful job portraying the iconic characters of Sherlock Holmes, Dr. Watson and the mysterious Hound. The set design and costumes beautifully captured the essence of Victorian England, immersing the audience in the time and place of the story.

Congratulations to all involved in this outstanding production!

Mark your calendar for the remaining NDA/CCH productions this school year:

Annual Showcase NYC: January 26-28, 2024

Spring Musical Sound of Music: April 19-21, 2024



## 2023 Fall Sports Update



The Freshman and Junior Varsity Volleyball Pandas ended their seasons in mid-October with records of 12-15 and 19-8, respectively. The Varsity Volleyball Pandas had a very successful regular season, including placing second at both the LIVT Tournament in Louisville and ASICS Challenge Tournament in Chicago where they competed against multiple nationally-ranked teams. They ended their season as the 35th District Champions, 9th Region Champions, and State Runner-Ups after falling to Assumption Saturday night in four sets. The Varsity squad finished with a final record of 33-6 and a national ranking of 22nd in the nation! A major highlight of the season was having a program sweep versus regional rival, St. Henry, at the annual Playing for a Purpose match! Congratulations to our Volleyball Pandas! Thank you for representing NDA so well!

NDA's Golf Pandas closed out an impressive season, with several standout performances. The hard work and dedication paid off as Didi Jiradamkerng not only secured a spot in the State tournament but also earned a spot in the prestigious All State Tournament. Joining her in the Girls Golf All-Region 7 first team were her fellow Pandas, further highlighting the team's achievements. This fall has been a testament to the talent and determination of Notre Dame Academy's golfers.





The 2023 Cross Country PaNDA's had a very successful and fun season! Summer practices were filled with fun themes like Hill Yeah Monday, Track Speed Tuesdays, Wayyy Long Wednesdays, Strength Through Prayer Thursdays where we attended mass after practice and Pacing to the Senior Theme Fridays. Our teams won the Panda Classic, Grant County, Southern Harrier Classic, Girls Night Out, JV Regionals and Freshman Regional meets. A notable finish was also fourth in the Midwest Catholic Championship in Cedarville, OH. Out of our 56 runners, 34 of them set individual person records! Notably, freshman Alex Burg ran the 8th fastest 5k time ever by a NDA runner with a time of 19:51 at the Midwest Catholic Championship. The average time of our top five runners was also the fastest average time since 2012. Senior team captain, Tess Lenihan, helped lead the girls and ran an amazing race at Regionals in Grant County finishing 2nd. It was their highest regional place since 2016! They wrapped up the year running State at the Horse Park as a team and finishing in 7th place. The future looks very bright for our running PaNDA's!

The Soccer Pandas have had a great season. All 3 teams won regional championships this fall! The Varsity team recently won the 35th district and 9th region tournament championships. The team finished the regular season with a 15-3-2 record and are headed to the KHSAA state tourney this week. We had several players recognized for their regular season performances. 1st team All region- Kimmie Woeste, Carly Tranter and Megan Mcgraw. Megan was also voted as the defensive player of the year for the 9th region. Kate Lenihan was awarded 2nd team and Hannah Renaker was voted to the 3rd team. The post season has been amazing so far. The soccer pandas won the district by beating Cov Latin and Beechwood. We turned around and won the 9th region by defeating some tough competition beating Conner and last year's 9th region



winner Highlands. Congrats to Hannah Knapke for winning the 9th region tournament MVP. Knapke scored the game winning goal against Highlands with 38 seconds left in the match. At State, the Pandas faced off and won against George Rogers Clark High School and South Laurel but lost to Sacred Heart in the State Semi-Finals. Overall their season was a tremendous success as they continued to showcase the talent that we have as a program today and did their best to build a strong foundation for many years to come.



The Cincinnati Bengals and USA Football have joined forces to introduce a new spring girls high school flag football league. To kick things off, they hosted a fantastic Jamboree this fall and some of our Pandas were right in the action!

This new league will feature Notre Dame Academy along with the five schools of the Girls Greater Catholic League: Mercy McAuley, Mount Notre Dame, Seton, St. Ursula, and Ursuline Academy.

Our very own NDA flag football team, led by Coach Patrick Strickley, had a blast participating in the Jamboree at Paycor Stadium. It was a day filled with teamwork, competition and loads of fun!

In a generous show of support, the Bengals have provided each of the six pilot schools, including NDA, with a startup grant. Additionally, they've contributed equipment and uniforms to help kick-start the teams.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates next spring about our NDA Flag Football team!

# PLAYING FOR A **PURPOSE**

The cheers were deafening as the NDA Pandas clashed with the St. Henry Crusaders in the 16th annual 'Playing for a Purpose' volleyball game on Friday, September 22. This time-honored rivalry between two passionate volleyball teams has a wonderful twist, it's all for a cause.

Since its first game in 2008, the 'Playing for a

Purpose' event has contributed its proceeds to support the *I Have Wings* Breast Cancer Foundation, founded by NDA alumna Janet Chambers (1977). The 'Playing for a Purpose' game exemplifies NDA's mission, showing that students can make a meaningful difference while having fun.



# BUILDING CHAMPIONS: The Legacy of Softball Coach

Joe Stephenson

After an incredible 12-year journey as the Head Softball Coach at Notre Dame Academy, Joe Stephenson is stepping down from his role as Head Coach. Coach Stephenson is not, however, bidding farewell to NDA - instead, he's taking on a new position as the unofficial Director of Softball Operations for NDA. As the Director of Softball Operations, he will continue to guide, advise and contribute his wealth of experience to ensure the ongoing success of our softball program at NDA.

Throughout his stellar career Coach Stephenson amassed 225 wins and also coached the Pandas to 10 District Titles and 3 Region Titles. Additionally, Coach Stephenson has inspired countless players, led the team to numerous victories and instilled values that extend far beyond the field. His dedication, passion and tremendous support of the softball program at NDA have been inspiring.

Please join us in celebrating Coach Joe Stephenson's remarkable career as Head Softball Coach at NDA!



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# 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

Loretta Scherder McKinley 1945 Joan Schmeing Boehmer 1947 Stella Schuette Konerman 1949 Mary Helen Schilling VonHandorf 1949 Sr. Kathleen Marie Anne Terlau. OLVM 1950 Joan Rawe Ernst 1954 Rose Knoeringer Schulte 1954 Roberta Koehler Williamson 1955 Margaret Stricker Eismann 1956 Barbara Gastauer Kilmer 1956 Cheryl Nunner Romer 1963 Linda Hugenberg 1967 Margaret Huth Peters 1968 Karen Scherder Ford 1971 Mary Ann Wolfert Brink 1977 Sarah Stephenson 2007

#### **Husband of:**

Stella Schuette Konerman 1949
Shirley Simon Krebs 1950
Frances Perkins Mauro 1953
Janice Glindmeyer Neltner 1958
Rosemary Kammerer Shea 1959
Barbara Suttmiller Matracia 1964
Mary Anne Halpin Gurnee 1966
Carolyn Doker Ewing 1968
Sandy Flynn VonHandorf 1972
Lesley Kennedy Wagner 1977

#### Mother of:

Cheryl McKinley Foltz 1970 Christine Boehmer Hils 1971 Paula Boehmer Adams 1972 Debbie VonHandorf Abeln 1973 Barbara Kraeling Rauen 1975 Lynne Boehmer Stewart 1975 Donna Goetz Villasuso-Spain 1975 Diane VonHandorf Grimes 1976 Beth Schuh Dempsey 1977 Meg Mando Haas 1978 Cheryl Schulte Warning 1978 Colleen McKinley Eldridge 1979 Janet Eismann Lentz 1979 Vicky Finke Thaman 1979 Cindy Kirkwood Thomas 1979 Peggy Schuh Hayes 1980

Julie Mando Heidrich 1980 Marti Gausepohl 1981 Kathleen Konerman 1981 Laura Konerman Frank 1983 Denise VonHandorf Coyle 1984 Jean Topmiller Roberts 1984 Loretta White Gilbert 1985 Julie Schulte Abeling 1986 Susan Schuh Leonardi 1986 Maureen Schuh Eckert 1987 Tricia Kirkwood Burgess Ebner 1988 Lori Gausepohl Wall 1990 Theresa Schuh Finlay 1991 Carey Haskamp 1992 Darlene Eismann Tierney 1992 Tina Wells Papp 1993 Jenny Ford Hemingway 1996 Vanessa Casey 2001

Sharon Lehmkuhl Hudson 1968

Lynn Ratermann Lambert 1975

#### Father of:

Julie Jacober Menner 1975 Rita Gerdes Garrett 1976 Nancy Lehmkuhl Henry 1976 Kim Ratermann Schmidt 1976 Mary Beth Jacober Scott 1976 Tammy Quinn Hendrixson 1978 Paula Ratermann 1978 Diane Kenkel Steffen 1978 Maria Resing Dowdee 1979 Barbara Jacober Knight 1979 Barbara Gerdes Koplyay 1979 Julie Schwanekamp 1979 Christy Noelker Ganshirt 1980 Lisa Resing Helmer 1980 Connie Kenkel Morgan 1980 Pam Schierer Schweiss 1980 Lisa Carr Stiles 1980 Kelly Quinn Hitter 1981 Kathleen Konerman 1981 Laura Schierer Newman 1981 Julie Carr Prindle 1981 Diane Schierer Bitter 1982 Chris Jacober 1982 Julie Quinn Ludwig 1982 Ann Resing 1982 Laura Konerman Frank 1983 Aurelia Rice Theissen 1983 Karen Rolf 1984 Michelle Hammond Storgion 1984 Monica Gerdes Littrell 1985 Kim Hammond Scharstein 1985 Jenny Quinn Straub 1985 Lori Gerdes Tenhundfeld 1987 Tricia Frohlich Schneider 1988 Jenny Carr Durstock 1989 Amy Quinn Dye 1990 Kristy Dunn Flesch 1990 Robin Kenkel Welch 1990

Kathleen Hammond Mahdasian 1991 Erin Mullikin Ruwe 1996 (step) Jennifer Kenkel 1998 Annelies Marx Seiter 2003

#### Sister of:

Judith Bland 1960
Mary Jo Lonnemann Day 1967
Donna Scherder Clifford 1969
Terri Hugenberg 1972
Nancy Hugenberg Price 1972
Terri Jackson Stricker 1974
Regina Huth Rosemire 1975
Helen Jackson Schwab 1976
Julie Wolfert Harrington 1979
Amy Scherder Kyle 1983
Kathleen Wolfert Schunder 1986

#### Brother of:

Carol Brue 1961 Margaret Schwer Monaco 1961 Susan Dyas McNally 1966 Margie VonHandorf Cross 1970 Jean Fasse Merz 1970 Lynn Frisch Haney 1971 Lynn Rice Toner 1971 Carolyn Powers 1982 Julie Powers Alig 1984

#### Daughter of:

Sandy Behle Schultz 1962

#### Son of:

Ruth Keller Neltner 1951 Rita Carlin Lynch 1961 Donna Placke Leer 1964 Anne Hackman Krallman 1965 Amy Adams Fischer 1996

#### Honorariums

In Honor of Sr. Mary Judith Averbeck, SND 1960's Diamond Jubilee

by: Michele Revell Johnson 1971 Brian and Laura Dickman Koehl 1975

In Honor of Sr. Mary Luann Bender, SND's Diamond Jubilee

by: Michele Revell Johnson 1971

In Honor of Betty Grote Engelman 1951's 90th Birthday

by: Leo and Laurel Greis Clarence and Rose Greis Kleier 1965 David Lohre

In Honor of Sr. Mary Shannon Kriege, SND 1960's Diamond Jubilee

by: Michele Revell Johnson 1971

In Honor of **Kara Read Marino 1985** by: Rick and Charlotte Read

In Honor of **Sr. Ann Marie Pflum, SND 1958** by: Mike and Sharon Petit

In Honor of **Lauri Read 1983** by: Rick and Charlotte Read

In Honor of Sr. Mary Evelynn Reinke, SND 1955's Iron Jubilee

by: Brian and Laura Dickman Koehl 1975 Colleen Read 1967

In Honor of **Aela Schewe** by: Mary Rolfes Schewe 1970

In Honor of Sr. Mary Magdelyn Strittholt, SND 1952

by: Mike and Sharon Petit

#### In Memoriam

In Memory of **Deceased Members of the Class of 1955** 

by: Mary Estelle Roesel 1955

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

In Memory of **Pat Fox Berlage 1957** by: Paul and Carol Wulfeck Ruwe 1957

In **Memory of Charles H. Berling**by: Mike and Rae Maier

In Memory of **Joan Schmeing Boehmer 1947** by: Amy Arlinghaus

Ethel Mae Bohman Brungs 1947
Gary and Linda Cogswell
William and Kathryn Dillhoff
Doug and Linda VonHandorf Fussinger 1974
Marian Schneider Hoffman 1950
Peggy Boehmer Kovarik 1977
Larry and Carol Holzderber Memering 1957
Sharon Redmond
Mark and Debbie Darpel Schaber 1974
Joanne Brungs Schuler 1946
Donna Schwartz Wessels 1979

In Memory of **JoAnn Bradford** by: Suzanne Kuhlman Olson 1979

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

In Memory of **Sue Butler**by: Margaret Butler
Julie Butler Moellering 1991

In Memory of **Chase and Cole Fischer** by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Doris Flesch** by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **William Gerdes**by: Mary Lynn Longshore Duncan 1979

In Memory of **Paula Hudson** by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In Memory of **Tom Jacober** by: Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler 1979

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

In Memory of **Mary Jo Kloeker Kiely 1949** by: Chris and Laura Kiely

In Memory of **Hogan Koehl** by: Martha Fielding Cicci 1973

In Memory of **Stella Schuette Konerman 1949** by: Ginny Vogelpohl Adams 1949 Jeanne Bitter 1946 Julian and Georgia Dodge

Darla Grimme Hehman 1981
Luke and Laura Petroze Hehman 1981
Dave and Jane Kennedy Kleier 1983
Edward and Catherine Rawe
Bob and Diane Wigger Wilson 1980

In Memory of **Jim and Stella Schuette Konerman 1949** 

by: Paul and Jo Ann Suchanek Arlinghaus 1948

In Memory of **Susan Soden Korfhagen 1953** by: Don and Kristi Korfhagen Goins 1986

In Memory of **Margot Kraeling** by: Bill and Rita Gerdes Garrett 1976

In Memory of **Betty Vonderheide Kuebbing 1928** by: Angela Knipper McCarthy 1968

In Memory of **Helen Pauly Lampke 1945** by: Tim and Linda Lampke Gormley 1970

In Memory of Loretta Scherder McKinley 1945

by: Anonymous

Mike Averdick
Steve and Ruth Appel Averdick 1969
Colleen McKinley Eldridge 1979
Sue Flach 1975
Doug and Linda VonHandorf Fussinger 1974
Mary Jane Adick Lucas 1954
Paula Tipton Meihaus 1975
NaviHealth Leadership Team
Paul and Connie McAtee Sorg 1967
Donna Schwartz Wessels 1979

In Memory of **Katherine Meyer 1969** by: Shelley Wills Goetz 1969

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

In Memory of **Marion Votel Munninghoff 1936** by: Robert and Carol Munninghoff

In Memory of **Neltner and Keller Families** by: Ruth Keller Neltner 1951

In Memory of **Len Quinn**by: Jayne Collins 1995
Judy Berger Collins 1968
Mark and Betsy Melching Hausfeld 1976
Carol Quinn

In Memory of **Dr. Donald Richter** by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967 In Memory of **Pat, Don, Gary and Ken Robbins** by: Suzanne Robbins Tegge 1964

In Memory of **Barb Getts Sanders 1958** by: Ann Knipper Farrell 1958

In Memory of **Betty Lantz Scherrer 1941** by: John and Sherri Wenderfer

In Memory of **Gene Sr. and Gene Jr. Schnurr** by: Ruth Scheve Schnurr 1946

In Memory of **Mary Ann Schuh** by: Paul and Carol Wulfeck Ruwe 1957

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

In Memory of Sandie Fried Toebbe 1964

by: 1985 Panda Patrol Ken and Peggy Armstrong Pat DeVore Augur 1961 Sue Kremer Bennings 1964 Gerald and Pat Dressman Rita Eilers

Julie Ficker
Robert and Sue Shoemaker Flick 1964
Jim and Jeanne Gerrety Gebhart 1978
Daniel Gerrety
Patty Kerns Hudepohl 1985

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Mike and Tammy Litzler
Jim and Mary Ann Egi Muck 1964
Jenny Andrew O'Connell 1988
Richard and Linda Bayless Ochs 1964
Joel and Meg McGinnis Piatt 1988
Sherrill Vocke Remke 1963
Judy Baumgartner Robinson 1964
Joseph and Michelle Sander

In Memory of **Joe and Doris Chappie Trimpe 1944**by: Alice Trimpe 1974

Ken and Kate Burke Williams 1964

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

In Memory of **Janice Terry Wenstrup 1957**by: David Wenstrup

In Memory of Roberta Koehler Williamson 1955

by: Carol Vogt Dragan 1955 Arlene Bergfeld Sullivan 1955

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

Please note that this compilation is from June 3, 2023 - October 13, 2023. We apologize for any omissions or inaccuracies. Our expression of sympathies relies on notification from family and friends. To send information to the Advancement Office, visit the Alumnae section of the website: www.ndapandas.org or email notredamian@ndapandas.org.

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# Advancing the Mission



#### Dear NDA Alumnae.

As the Director of Alumnae Relations, I have the opportunity to meet many our incredible alumnae at various community events. These gatherings bring us together for different reasons, but they all serve to strengthen the bonds we share as members of the Notre Dame Academy family. One such occasion that often brings us together is to bid farewell to an alumna at her funeral. In these deeply personal moments, I have been greatly moved by the warmth and kindness from the families of our alumnae and have had the privilege of hearing remarkable stories about the love and connection our graduates have for Notre Dame Academy.

One such story is that of Stella Schuette Konerman, Class of 1949. At her funeral, her daughters, Kathy Konerman (Class of 1981) and Laura Konerman Frank (Class of 1983), shared a touching tribute. Stella's love for NDA was so profound that she took on the role of coordinating alumnae events, even before such a position formally existed. She dedicated herself to bringing alumnae together and celebrating the sisterhood that unites us from our days at NDA.

Another touching account is that of Loretta Scherder McKinley, Class of 1945. Loretta's daughter, Colleen McKinley Eldridge (Class of 1979), shared her mother's deep affection for her NDA classmates and the Catholic education she received. Loretta's devotion to NDA's core values of Reverence, Service, Leadership and Community had a profound impact on her life and in raising her children. Colleen says, "These principles continue to guide and ground her family each and every day." Loretta also took great pride in her role as the Alumnae Coordinator from 1968 to 1987, leaving an enduring legacy for brining our alumnae together in support of NDA.

These stories are a testament to the enduring impact of Notre Dame Academy on the lives of our alumnae. They exemplify the values that shape us, the friendships that sustain us and the profound love we have for our alma mater.

Thank you for your support and dedication to Notre Dame Academy!

Lisa Willenbrink Mosley Lisa Willenbrink Mosley, 1995

## **WELCOME TO THE TEAM**

#### THE ADVANCEMENT DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS



#### Myanna Webster

Myanna Webster comes to the Advancement Department as the Associate Director of Advancement after serving as the Athletic Director at Notre Dame Academy for the last nine years. During her time as AD, NDA continued its strong athletic traditions, with multiple successes in regional and state championships while maintaining the academic priorities of our students. Prior to NDA, Myanna worked as a school based therapist and prior to that as an assistant volleyball coach at the University of Cincinnati for five seasons. She has a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Human Ecology and a Masters in Mental Health Counseling both from the University of Cincinnati. She lives with her husband, Matthew, 3 young children, dog and cats on the East side of Cincinnati



#### Fallon McAllister

Fallon McAllister, a 2019 graduate of Notre Dame Academy, has come back to her alma mater in her new role as the Advancement Associate. As the Advancement Associate, Fallon will play a pivotal role in supporting the functions of the Office of the President and the Advancement Department. Fallon brings a unique perspective as both an NDA alumna and a recent graduate of the University of Louisville where she earned a BS/BA in Marketing and Management. She is excited to be back on campus contributing to the growth and success of NDA.



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

We invite all businesses to explore partnering with NDA as a Corporate Partner. Our Corporate Partner 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. 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.





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A LEGACY SOCIETY
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In a testament to the enduring spirit of Notre Dame Academy, a generous gift from an NDA grandmother, was recently

received through the Catholic Order of Foresters, Fraternal legacy rider. Carolyn Ann Rennekamp, the grandmother of Danielle '16 and Tara '19 Rennekamp, was very impressed with the education her granddaughters received at Notre Dame Academy and fondly remembered NDA upon her passing. The thoughtful bequest will significantly benefit the Textiles Department at NDA, leaving a lasting legacy of support and inspiration for future generations of students.

#### 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."





#### **BRIDGING DREAMS:**

#### A MORNING OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND INSPIRATION

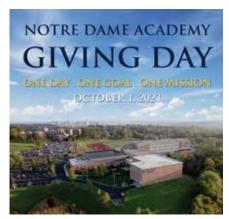
On September 27, 2023 we welcomed our scholarship benefactors to campus to share breakfast with their scholarship recipients. The morning was filled with meaningful stories, connections and a shared vision for a brighter future. It was a memorable and inspiring experience for all in attendance including Jasmine Barczak, Class of 2024, who shared a few words,

"Receiving these scholarships and attending these events has taught me a valuable trait that I will carry with me for the rest of my life, humility. Just the thought that someone out there saw something in me, and believed in me enough to grant me a scholarship, or as I see it, an opportunity to chase my dreams, is truly a humbling realization, one that I will never forget and forever be grateful for."

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous families, both near and far, who have supported our scholarship program. Your contributions have enabled us to create a lasting legacy for your loved ones, ensuring that their memory continues to inspire and positively impact the lives of our students.



To ensure that an NDA education is accessible to all young women, tuition is set at only 80% of the true cost of education. We rely on the partnership and generosity of our alumnae and others to help fill this gap. All contributions to the annual fund go directly to supporting programs, projects and teachers for the 2023-2024 operating budget while also shaping plans for future growth and programming. These funds help make a Notre Dame Academy education and experience possible!



Our annual Giving Day took place on October 1 in conjunction with the Sisters of Notre Dame Foundation Day. We had an incredible response and outpouring of support as many names made it to Sister Paul Ann's list! We raised over \$55,000 with 99% of our faculty and staff donating. This is truly a witness not only to the dedication of our faculty and staff to our students but also in their commitment to the mission of NDA. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students by donating. Your engagement has a meaningful impact on students' everyday experiences in academics, faith formation and co-curricular activities.

We invite you to join us in our mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world by donating to the 2023-24 annual fund at Notre Dame Academy.

Make a donation by scanning the QR code to the right or by using the remittance envelope provided in the centerfold of this issue.



# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2022-23 YEAR IN REVIEW

# Income Auxiliary (Athletics, Theatre, etc.): 9% Annual Appeal & Fundraising: 12% Endowment & Grants: 13% Tuition & Fees: 56% Other: 10% Endownent & Outreach Fund Raising: 1%

# 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 2022-23 school year, over 25% of our students received some form of tuition assistance. Your Annual Appeal dollars help make that possible.

Tuition Assistance	\$147,427
Work Study	\$209,190
Academic Scholarships	\$77,750
Endowed Tuition Grants	\$152,790
NDA/CCH and Multiple Daughter	\$66,200
Renewable Grants	\$58,500
Pass Through/Other Scholarships	\$105,236
TOTAL	\$817,093

## 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

Thank you to our families and friends who have created named scholarships at Notre Dame Academy:

Ruby F. Afterkirk Scholarship Sister Mary Agnetis Scholarship Alumnae Scholarship Art and Rita Arlinghaus Scholarship Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus Scholarship Sister Mary Shauna Bankemper Leadership Scholarship Saint Paul Scholarship. \* Thomas & Maydie Berger Scholarship

Herman "Boots" and Rosemary VonHandorf Boemker Scholarship

Dr. Carl and Carol Brueggemann Scholarship Clem and Ann McCabe Buenger Scholarship Mary Burroughs Scholarship

Butler Family Scholarship. \* Catholic Leadership Scholarship. \* Emily Sin Man Chun Scholarship Sister Mary Clareta Memorial Scholarship

Class of 1981 Empowerment of Women Scholarship. \* Elmer B. and Ruth C. Maschinot Cleves Scholarship

Sister Mary Virginia Ann Cleves Scholarship

Cindy Foltz Culbertson Scholarship Sara Tepe and Celia Deters Scholarship Lori Toebbe Doughty 1988 Scholarship. \* Ruth B. Earle "Elan" Scholarship

Eva G. Farris Scholarship

Gilbert and Dorothy Foltz Family Scholarship

John and Eva Goeke Scholarship Annie Gregory Scholarship

Molly Brennan Grosser Memorial Scholarship

Sue Gunkel Scholarship

Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler Family Scholarship

Guy Hollenkamp Scholarship I Have Wings Scholarship. \*

John Paul II Gospel of Life Scholarship Rosemary Kahmann Scholarship

The Kerl Family Scholarship

Dr. Robert T. and Jean Schmidt Longshore Scholarship

Lookout Heights Civic Club Scholarship. \* Annette T. Lucas Urban Education Scholarship

Melvin and Mary Lueke Family Scholarship Richard F. and Joan E. Maier Scholarship. \*

Vivian C. and Laverne Patsy Maschinot Scholarship

Katherine Lukey Melillo Scholarship

Gamel Otto Scholarship

Charles and Anna Bauereis Pulsfort Scholarship

Cheryl Rickey Scholarship

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Robinson Scholarship Brent and Judith Flick Rouse Scholarship

Maria Schaffstein Scholarship

Ed and Nancy Schellhaas Family Scholarship

Joe and Ginnie Schmidt Scholarship

Ruth Wehage Schroer Scholarship

Edward E. and Martha Cleves Schuh Scholarship Sisters Mary Ethel and Judith Science Research Fund

Kelsey Ann Sorrell Scholarship. \* Catherine Northcutt Stratman Scholarship

George and Maureen Thelen Scholarship Martha Mayer Tonnies Scholarship

Anne Roebker Van Kirk Scholarship Jean and Joe VonHandorf Scholarship

Richard A. and Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf Scholarship

Robert and Loraine VonHandorf Scholarship

VonLehman Family Scholarship Michele Sterling Williams Scholarship. \*

Zalla Scholarship

Dr. Jim and Marna Meier '58 Zalla Scholarship

\* denotes pass-through scholarship

### **Matching Gifts Companies**

The Baird Foundation, Inc. Bank of America Matching Gifts Duke Energy Eli Lilly & Company Fifth Third Bank Institutional Trust and Custody General Electric Foundation Program Illinois Tool Works Foundation Shell Oil Company - Foundation Matching Gifts **US Bank Foundation** Visa, Inc.

#### **Academics**

#### Class of 2023: 134 Graduates

- Graduation Rate: 100%
- Completed 8.985 hours of service

Enrolled in 4-year College/University: 130 (97%)

Enrolled in 2-year College: 1 (.7%)

Graduates enrolled in Kentucky colleges/universities: 68 (50%) Graduates enrolled in out-of-state colleges/universities: 62 (46%)

Offered \$18.8 million in the form of direct scholarships and grants

Accepted \$6,050,108 million in the form of direct scholarships and grants

Average ACT Composite: 24.8

Offered college scholarships: 134 (100%) \*includes scholarships from colleges, private scholarships, and Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships

Accepted/receiving college scholarships: 109 (81%)

Accepted/receiving college scholarships covering at least ½ the cost of their tuition: 80 (60%)

AP Scholar: 6 (Scored 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams)

AP Scholars with Honors: 3 (Received an average score of at least 3.25 or higher on all AP Exams taken, & scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams)

Kentucky Governor's Scholar Recipients: 7

Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts Recipients: 8

Kentucky Governor's School for Entrepreneurs Recipients: 5

#### Student Awards

- 6 Governor's Scholars Program Alumnae
- 7 Governor's Scholars Program Nominees
- 2 Commonwealth Honors Academy Accepted Students
- 2 Commonwealth Honors Academy Alumnae
- 5 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program Students
- 1 National Hispanic Recognition Award
- 5 AP Scholar Awards
- · 3 AP Scholars with Honor
- 2 Perfect Attendance All Four Years
- 7 Perfect Attendance

#### **World Language Department Awards:**

- 1 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Gold in Spanish I
- 4 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Silver in Spanish I
- 5 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Bronze in Spanish I
- 7 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Honorable Mention in Spanish I
- 2 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Gold in Spanish II
- 12 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Silver for Spanish II
- 14 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Bronze in Spanish II
- 1 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level. Bronze in Spanish II Bilingual
- 15 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Honorable Mention in Spanish II
- 2 Nat'l Spanish Exam, Gold in Spanish III
- 2 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Silver for Spanish III
- 1 Nat'l Spanish Exam Outside Experience bronze for Spanish III
- 5 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Bronze in Spanish III 8 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Honorable Mention in Spanish III
- 1 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Gold in Spanish IV
- 2 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Silver in Spanish IV
- 9 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Bronze in Spanish IV
- 4 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level. Honorable Mention in Spanish IV
- 1 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level. Silver in Spanish V
- 1 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Bronze in Spanish V
- 2 Nat'l Spanish Exam Nat'l Level, Honorable Mention in Spanish V 1 Nat'l French Exam Nat'l Level. Silver Award for French I
- 1 Nat'l French Exam Nat'l Level, Bronze Award for French I
- 4 Nat'l French Exam Nat'l Level. Certificate of Honor for French I
- 1 Nat'l French Exam Nat'l Level. Bronze Award for French II 3 Nat'l French Exam Nat'l Level, Certificate of Honor for French II
- 1 Nat'l French Exam Nat'l Level, Certificate of Honor for French III 1 Nat'l French Exam Nat'l Level. Certificate of Honor for French IV
- 4 Nat'l Latin Exam Nat'l Level, Silver Medal Maxima Cum Laude
- 3 Nat'l Latin Exam Nat'l Level, Magna Cum Laude
- 2 Nat'l Latin Exam Nat'l Level, Gold Medal Summa Cum Laude
- 7 Nat'l Latin Exam Nat'l Level, Cum Laude

#### **Science Department Awards**

- 1 SEFNK. 1st Place Animal Sciences
- 1 SEFNK, 1st Place Behavioral and Social Sciences
- · SEFNK, 1st Place, Biochemistry
- 1 SEFNK, 1st Place, Engineering and Mechanics
- 1 SEFNK, 1st Place, Environmental Science
- 1 SEFNK, 1st Place Overall in Life Sciences
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- 1 NKU Physical Science Department Best Senior Project SEFNK
- 1 Stockholm Junior Water Prize, State Award
- 1 Regeneron Biomedical Science Award
- 2 US Office of Naval Research Award SEFNK
- 1 Best Use of SI Units Award
- 1 Ricoh Corporation Sustainable Development Award

#### **English Department Awards**

- 2 Thomas More University Words Literary Journal Contest
- 2 Poetry
- Mount St. Joseph's Creative Writing Award
- 1 First Place for Personal Essay
- 1 First Place for Short Story Scholastic Writing Awards - 34 total
- 2 Gold Keys
- 14 Silver Kevs
- 31 Honorable Mentions

#### **History Department Awards**

- 1 Nat'l Catholic's Educational Assoc's Youth Virtues, Valor, & Vision Award
- · 9 Kentucky High School Mock Trial, 5th Place Team Region
- 7 Kentucky High School Mock Trial, 4th Place Team State
- 9 Kentucky High School Mock Trial, 9th Place Team State 1 Mock Trial Outstanding Attorney Award 1st Place at State
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#### **Business and Technology Department Awards**

- 6 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs, Alumna
- 1 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs, Nominee

#### Service

#### Served 50 agencies

(15 weekly through junior service program)

14,250 hours of service logged into Mobile Serve from June 1, 2022 - June 1, 2023 (All grade levels)

#### 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**

- Freshmen each completed 5+ hours of service. totaling 1,651 hours of service at local non-profit organizations.
- · Sophomores each completed 15+ hours of service, totaling 4,069 hours of service at local non-profit organizations.
- · Juniors took part in our Junior Service Program at 15 different agencies. Each Junior went out every week to the same agency during their scheduled service block serving approximately 30 hours in the community.
- · Seniors created their own service projects ranging from 2 hours to 25+ 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/
- Students collected over 17.500 items for donations to various local agencies.

#### Fine Arts

- 2 Connie O'Donnell Student Invitational
- · 2 Xavier University Juried High School Exhibition
- · 2 Governor's School for the Arts in Architecture and Design, Alumna
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Creative Writing, Nominee
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Creative Writing.
- 6 Governor's School for the Arts in Dance, Alumna
- 2 Governor's School for the Arts in Dance, Nominee
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Drama, Alumna
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Drama, Nominee
- 2 Governor's School for the Arts in Musical Theatre, Nominee
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Instrumental Mu-
- 2 Governor's School for the Arts in Visual Art. Alumna
- · 6 Thomas More College Juried High School Exhibi-
- 1 Thomas More College Juried High School Exhibition Award- Faculty Choice
- 1 Cincinnati Arts Association Overture Award in Theater, Recipient

#### Guidance

- · 50 President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- 68 President's Education Award Outstanding Academic Achievement
- · 45 Outstanding Behavior Recognition Award

#### **Athletics**

- 12 sports
- 363 Students participated in sports out of 496 students for a 73% participation rate
- 10 students continuing their athletic careers in college
- · 4 District Championships,
- 3 Regional Runners-Up
- 3 Regional Championships
- 1 State Champion Team
- Average Student Athlete GPA: 4.028

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Thank you to everyone who generously supported our 2022-23 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 \$2,483 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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Class with highest amount donated: 1964 with \$39,055.00

NDA received a donation from at least one member of every class from 1945 - 2022!

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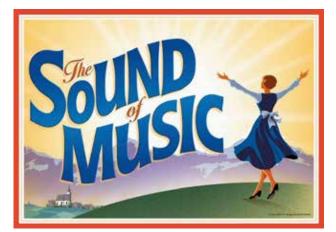
Check out the Alumnae items in the online Bambootique! This year NDA and alumnae spirit wear items will be on everyone's Christmas list! You can shop on the website at: https://bambootique.nda-pandas.org/collections/alumnae. Please note the items are not shipped but may be picked up at NDA.

# Alumnae PLEASE NOTE:

Effective January 1, 2023, all mailings and recognition for alumnae will be addressed to the alumna only and if you are an alumna as well as a past or current parent, you will be addressed with your spouse unless you notify the Advancement Department of your preference.

If you have any questions, please contact the Advancement Department at 859,292,7729.

# 2024 Alumnae **Dinner Theatre**



You're invited! Mark your calendars and gather a few NDA friends to attend this year's annual Alumnae Dinner Theatre on Thursday, April 18, 2024. NDA/CCH will perform the musical The Sound of Music and all alumnae and their guests are invited.

Alumnae Dinner Theatre includes a delicious catered dinner at 5:30 p.m. at NDA, followed by the Sound of Music performance in the NDA Theatre at 7:00 p.m. The event ticket includes dinner, drinks, dessert and a ticket to the Sound of Music performance for \$40.

Please complete the reservation form on page 48 and return the form with payment to the Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Office. The deadline for reservations is April 5, 2024. For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact the NDA Advancement Department at 859.292.7729.



A special thank you to our Alumnae Mentors for taking time out of your busy schedules to guide and mentor our pandas this past year. We are currently updating and improving the Alumnae Mentor Program based on feedback from the participants.

If you are an NDA alumna in the following career fields: Engineering, Psychology, Speech Pathology, Physician, Nurse, and Marketing/Public Relations or are interested in becoming a mentor in our program, please contact the Director of Alumnae Relations at MosleyL@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1852 as soon as possible.

A revised program will begin with a kickoff meeting for mentors and student mentees on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding the Alumnae Mentor Program, please contact the Director of Alumnae Relations, Lisa Willenbrink Mosley at MosleyL@ndapandas.org.



It was a very special morning at Notre Dame Academy on October 1, as over 100 NDA Alumnae that graduated 50 years ago or more celebrated with Mass and lunch together. The Class of 1973 was welcomed as the newest Golden Girls and the Class of 1948 celebrated their 75th year reunion together. It was an honor to celebrate all of these wonderful women!



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# Reunions

This fall has been full of great moments with the NDA classes celebrating reunions! The reunions started in August and will continue through the year at a variety of locations including a few reunions held at Notre Dame Academy that included tours of NDA and a prayer service in the Chapel. There were many laughs, memories shared, remembrance of classmates who have passed away and time spent reconnecting with each other.

#### The following classes celebrated reunions:

- Class of 1948 75 Year Reunion
- Class of 1958 65 Year Reunion
- Class of 1963 60 Year Reunion
- Class of 1968 55 Year Reunion
- Class of 1973 50 Year Reunion
- Class of 1978 45 Year Reunion
- Class of 1983 40 Year Reunion

For more information regarding NDA reunions, please visit www.ndapandas.org/alumnae or contact the Alumnae Relations Office at MosleyL@ndapandas.org or 859.292.1852.









Name: Gina Shipley Douthat Graduation Year: 1991 College Attended: Northern Kentucky University College Graduation Year: 1995 Job/Career: General Manager at TANK (Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky)

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

The idea of empowering women to make a difference was one that was shaped during my time at Notre Dame Academy. And the idea that women and girls are strong and fearless leaders was modeled every day in the classroom. With an NDA foundation, I have always believed that I can do anything I am willing to work for! As a mom, I have carried on the tradition - both of my daughters graduated from all-girls Catholic High Schools close to my home on the west side of Cincinnati.

How have you made a difference in your community through professional, family, or community service?

At TANK, we serve people in the community every day. We provide an essential service for people that need transportation and enable independence for people that need support. Transportation is a barrier for a lot of people in our community - once you take that barrier away, people can work, attain an education, take care of their health and do all kinds of things that make their life better. As the General Manager, it's my responsibility to make sure that we are serving the community in the most effective ways possible and educating our community about the service we provide.

> Gina Douthat Class of 1991



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

Absolutely! I'll tell anyone who will listen that I am the person I am today because of my time at NDA. Having such a supportive, safe, and fun environment throughout my high school years allowed me to find my voice and a confidence that I didn't have beforehand. I'll never be able to thank everyone at NDA enough for supporting me, pushing me where I needed it, and helping me walk out of NDA a better version of myself than I was walking in.

> Kelsey Sucher Class of 2016

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!

Name: Kelsey Sucher Graduation Year: 2016

College Attended: University of Cincinnati, BBA Operations Management College Graduation Year: 2020

Graduate School: University of Cincinnati, MS Business Analytics

Grad School Graduation Year: 2021

Job/Career: Management Consultant at AMEND!

What has been the biggest influence on your life and choices you have made?

I have two major motivators - I want to have a career that I love, and I want the world to be a better place because I'm here. Even past my time at NDA, being a woman making a difference has become a big part of who I want to be. I've been incredibly lucky that I'm able to do both through my job, involvement in the community, and day to day life. When I'm making big decisions about what's next, these are the things I'm thinking about!



### **PANDA**

**Entrepreneurial** Corner



We are proud to present this Q&A feature which focuses on NDA alumnae who are current business owners.



#### Please describe Rock Solid Families.

Rock Solid Families is a faith based coaching organization that helps to strengthen individuals, couples, and families through the power of God and His Word. We meet with people face to face in our St. Leon, Indiana office as well as via Zoom from all over the country. We not only work with clients who are struggling or in crisis, but we also work on the preventative side as well writing and speaking on marriage, family, and faith topics through our workshops, classes, retreats, blogs, and our two weekly podcasts-The Rock Solid Families Podcast and Strong Dads.

#### What prompted you to start Rock Solid Families and how has it grown/changed since you started?

After working in the Indiana public schools for 32 years as a teacher, coach, and counselor, my husband was approaching retirement back in 2017 and praying for what God was calling him to next. During that same time a friend approached us and asked us if we could do anything in ministry, what would it be? And we both said families. For my husband, his passion was to encourage and even challenge dads to be all that God has called them to be and for me it's always been the young moms. We opened our office doors in Oct 2018 and since then have worked with over 1,100 different families and over 5,000 coaching sessions. Be careful what you pray for!

#### What are the biggest rewards and the biggest challenges to your business?

I would say our biggest rewards come when we see God do what only He can do. When we know that it is His power not ours. The greatest blessings come when we get to see marriages restored, families healed, and individuals set free from the pain and mistakes of their past. The biggest challenge is remembering that there is a Savior of the World, and his name is Jesus; it's not Linda. It's hard when the people you are working with choose to stay stuck in their pain, anger, unforgivingness, or hopelessness and not receive the free gifts of peace, joy, and love Jesus Christ offers to us all. That's when I have to remember Proverbs 3:5-6 and trust in His way and His timing. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

#### How did your time at NDA influence you and help you make Rock Solid Families a reality?

We believe that Jesus Christ is the ROCK on which our lives and families should be built. All other ground is sinking sand. Matthew 7:24-27. My parents knew the importance of that faith foundation and made great sacrifices for my brothers and me to get a quality Catholic education. Notre Dame Academy reinforced that same faith foundation and challenged me to do my own building. I will never forget my Senior religion class with Sr. Mary Lea and the personal relationship she taught us to have with our Heavenly Father through journaling and walks with the Lord. We want other individuals, couples, and families to experience that same intimacy with their Heavenly Father. And have a strong faith foundation. It's a legacy worth building on and continuing to the next generation.

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

God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called. The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. Proverbs 16:9. My husband and I had worked in the non-profit world our whole careers as teachers, coaches, and counselors, but we had never launched a non profit. We knew nothing about fundraising and running a 501c3 organization. It was a huge leap of faith and not one we took lightly. We both felt a profound calling on our lives that we just could not shake. My husband and I had been praying about the idea of a faith based organization for marriages and families for 7 years BEFORE our friend approached us to make it happen. I even feel adopting our youngest three children and experiencing the foster care system first hand was all part of his plan to equip us in working with under-resourced families.

#### Other information you would like to share regarding your entrepreneurial endeavors!

We also learned early on that when you are starting a new entrepreneurial endeavor, you have to surround yourself with people who have strengths you don't. You have to humble yourself and ask for help. We didn't have to know how to do everything, but we definitely had to connect with others who did. We knew how to coach and counsel people, but we didn't know how to run payroll or pay taxes. So we hired a bookkeeper who did. We knew how to teach classes and write curriculum but we didn't know how to market ourselves. So we connected with some great volunteers who offered to help. We knew how to lead workshops and write podcasts, but we weren't very good at the technology piece. So we connected with people who showed us how.

We are so grateful for the hundreds of families, businesses, churches, schools, and other non profits over the past five years who have come alongside our mission of strong and healthy families. We know it's God working through all of them to accomplish His goals. To God be all the glory!



Alumnae Rosary



We have been blessed to share time together monthly to pray with the Sisters, alumnae, students, faculty, staff and friends of NDA.

Join us for our next Alumnae Rosary on December 7, 2023 at 12:50 p.m. in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel at Notre Dame Academy. If vou are unable to join us in person, please join us in prayer wherever you may be.

Our monthly rosary is also planned for the following upcoming dates:

> January 11, 2024 February 8, 2024 March 14, 2024



Please join your fellow NDA alumnae and The Sisters of Notre Dame in daily prayer. To join our prayer group or to submit your personal prayer intention, please visit www. ndapandas.org/alumnae. prayer intentions are included by

our Sisters in their daily prayers, in the prayer intention book in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel at Notre Dame Academy as well as prayed for at our monthly Alumnae Rosary.



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**Ash Wednesday Day of Recollection** Wednesday February 14, 2024 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The fee will be \$20.



#### **Engagements**

Natalie Kleier 2016 to Oscar Ramirez

Maleah Rolfsen 2016 to Jeremy Hill

#### Marriages

Mary List 2011 married David Brueggeman September 23, 2023

Rebecca Nelter 2011 married Michael Momper July 22, 2023

Alyssa Kennedy 2012 married Austin Taylor June 3, 2023

Stephanie Hacker 2014 married Tyler Regan June 10, 2023

Sammie Kleier 2018 married Andrew Bezold September 30, 2023

#### Births

Leonardo "Leo" Romeo to Michelle Curtin Weigold 2005

Sophia Stephanie to Danielle Connor Cunningham 2005

Cora Jean to Rachel Fussinger Kelly 2006

Caius Stanford to Courtney Krallman 2007

Sadie Ann to Sarah Robinson Lewis 2008

Henry Michael to Kelly Kleier Ahern 2011

Louis William to Allison Kiefer Dooley 2011

Archie Mayer to Erin Mayer Stanley 2013

Parker Joseph to Abby Lukey Kaelin 2013

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# Class Updates

Sr. Marie Rose Messingschlager, CDP is once again ministering among the Sioux Indians in South Dakota. This time, however, she is ministering on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation.

#### 1967

At their bi-monthly lunch in July, the Class of 1967 celebrated the 65th Jubilee of their favorite teacher, Sr. Evelynn Reinke! Seated around the table: Ollie Buckley, Beth Ruttle Rose, Sr. Evelynn. Peg Baker Wernersbach, Kathy McGovern Menne, Sue Talbert. Standing: Judy Saalfeld Cahill, Colleen Read, Janet Gamm Wolking, Susan Zerhusen Kesselring, Ann Green Bickel, Susan Albers Barth, Jeanine Klaene Marschner.



Friends from the Class of 1971 gathered together for a sleepover and had a great time at Cathy Hebbler's 100 acre farm in Carroll County near Perry Park! Marilyn Russell, Cathy Hebbler, Jennie Nordman, Colleen Collins, Cindy Pence, Mary Catherine Brooks and Lynn Haney.



#### 1971 cont.

Most members of the Class of 1971 turn 70 years old this year and to mark their milestone, four members of the class (I-r), Linda Clark Setters, Marcia McAtee, Peggy Schmidt Bogenschutz and Susan Sweet Papucci, celebrated by going to the Lake in the Sky in Tallassee, Tennessee. It was a great trip!



A group of friends from the Class of 1981 celebrated their 60th birthdays at the spaceship house in West Covington. Teri Elfers Wehry, Jan Schuler Voss, Rose Arlinghaus Noetzel, Martha Arnold, Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus, Karen Wulfeck Schrantz and Janet Moster.



Jayne Dillon Murphy is excited to share that she has co-authored a recently released book titled Holy Chow Hospitality. Through delicious recipes, Biblically inspired meditations, and practical tips on hospitality, she and her friend, Giovanna, invite our readers to welcome others and form Christ-centered relationships. The book was featured in the June issue of the Catholic Telegraph. https://www. thecatholictelegraph.com/sharing-theart-of-food-hospitality/91400 and is currently available on Amazon and at https://holychowbooks.com. In a world



filled with multiple divisions, she feels blessed to be part of a project that strives to bring people together. She states, "One thing everyone can agree on is a good meal lovingly prepared and beautifully served!"

Michele Burwinkel Martin is the proud mom of Henry, Jack and Hannah and Lily Beth.



Jen France Lemmons and her husband Derek were so excited to welcome their first child and future panda, Callie Campi Lemmons on August 23, 2023!



#### 2007

2009

loves her Alum Cub bib!

Courtney Krallman and Chris Stanford are the proud parents and beyond joyful for Caius Stanford, born on July 10, 2023. Six year old Aubrey loves being a big sister to Caius!

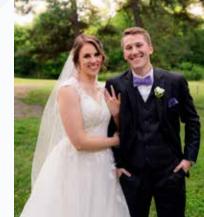


2008 Sarah Robinson Lewis welcomed future NDA panda, Sadie Ann on June 1, 2023.



Rebecca Neltner married Michael Momper at Mother of God Church in Covington, KY on July 22, 2023.





Kelly Kleier Ahern and her husband Corey are overjoyed and bursting with pride as they welcome their son, Henry Michael, who made his grand entrance into the world on September 6, 2023.



Allison Kiefer Dooley and her husband Kyle welcomed their baby boy in July 2023.

# Class Updates Cont.

#### 2012

Alyssa Kennedy married Austin Taylor on June 3, 2023. The couple embarked on their new journey with the support of family, friends and many NDA alumnae.



Abby Lukey Kaelin and her husband Alec welcomed their son Parker Joseph on August 8, 2023.

Avery Henderson Merten, is a 3rd year medical student rotating at The Christ Hospital. She is seen here with her brother, Dr. Jake Henderson, CCH class of 2012.



2014 cont.

Baby Aurelia Marie was born to Sandra Steiber Davis and her husband, Trevor, on August 5, 2023.



Kelly Kathman married Bryan Rosenhagen on September 2, 2023.



Dr. Kylie Colvin married Nick Salmen on May 6, 2023 and celebrated with these 2014 NDA alumnae! Jessie Lankheit Tomlin, Tessa Farrar Tomlin, Kylie Vonhandorf, Hannah Dietz, Jacqueline Schuh Rafferty, Dr. Kylie Colvin Salmen (Bride), Leah Gerding Braun, Olivia Kuykendall, Molly Talkers Wessels. Rachael Victoria and Kristen Schneider.



Clare Cerimele married Grayson Farrell on May 27, 2023 at St. Clare Chapel in Wyoming, Cincinnati that is connected to Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. Clare's Dad (Greg) and two of her brothers (Joel and Michael) are current NDA faculty members!



#### 2018 Samantha Kleier married Andrew Bezold on September 30, 2023, Samantha is also now a member



2016 Cont. Malea Rolfsen is excited to announce her engagement to Jeremy Hill. The two are busy planning their wedding for May



#### 2020

Grace Woodcock graduated with a Bachelors in Communication from the University of Cincinnati Cum Laude in August 2023. Grace credited NDA with preparing her for the challenges of starting her college experience in the midst of Covid and worked hard to be able to graduate with her bachelors degree in 3 years!



In August 2023, several retired NDA faculty members including a



# **Faculty**

few who are also NDA alumnae met for a wonderful lunch together! Standing: Connie Kaelin Roenker 1968, Ron Greife, Mary Ann Greife, Nancy Stratman, Barb Hahn, Linda Scully Bricking 1965, Tom Richmond. Seated: Barb Benkert, Pat Brennan, Terri







Hannah Bradley is marrying Brandon Spaeth in November 2023 and Brandon's mom is an NDA alumna, Bridgette Stark Spaeth, Class of 1984.



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Twenty-five members of the Class of 1971 went on a bus trip to The Glitz for a wonderful lunch to celebrate '71 turns 70! Then we went to the Boone Creek Creamery, a cheese factory, where we got samples of cheese and fudge. We also were able to purchase any of the cheeses, which almost everyone did. It was a great day!



Lynn Deering Horstkamp 1974 and Laura Groene Barbian 1975 visited Volcanoes National Park on the big island of Hawaii in January 2023. They both recently retired from the office at Saint Joseph School in Crescent Springs.



Karen Hanneken Thoss 1970, Landra Flynn Szekeres 1966, and Donna Sims Harris 1964 traveled to Ireland for 10 days of fun and family. Karen's husband, Ralph, did a wonderful job driving and escorting the ladies on their trip.



Check out these Pandas on a mini summer girls' weekend of shopping and fun in Lexington!

Michelle Williams Schulte 1985, Tessa Schulte 2024, Jane McGrath Sora 1987, Maddie Sora 2023, Kristin Hummel Coppage 1990, Claire Coppage 2024, Jillian Seither 2019, Brynne Seither 2023 and Maeve Seither 2029 (future Panda!)



Denise Gehring Schickling 1965 and Mary Lou Luckman Hasselbeck 1965 enjoyed their travels to Ireland.



Mindy Trimpe Liebetrau 1973 on a recent trip to Iceland.



Mary Beth Lucas O'Gorman 1981 and her husband, Joe, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with her sister Melanie Lucas Reinersman 1983 and her husband, Andy, who also celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary! They took a 14 day Alaskan cruise and land tour. Mary Beth and Melanie brought their Notre Damian for a spectacular view of Denali, the highest peak in North America!



Terri Millay Swikert 1980, Karen Millay Faust 1979, Diane Tobergte Tuemler 1979 and Susan Tobergte Kolkmeier 1981 visited the Blarney Castle on their trip to Ireland!



Barb Fritz 1968 and Sheila Fritz Topmiller 1969 visited Fatima as part of their trip to Portugal.



Sally Kerl Tatarowicz 1967 and Jeanine Kerl Mount 1974 visited the LBJ Presidential Library and shared the impressive Notre Damian on a recent trip to Austin, Texas.



Terrie Meier Lonneman 1974 and Mary Ellen Greene Meier 1971 recently returned from a tour of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Along with the stunning sheep laden green landscapes of Scotland and Ireland, the Ring of Kerry, Giant's Causeway, and other memorable sites, they visited the beautiful Cliffs of Moher.



Sally Wagner Hronek 1969 cruised with Viking on the Rhine River. Their first stop was Lucerne Switzerland. They took their Notre Damian to the top of Mt. Stanserhorn with breathing views of the Alps and Mt. Pilatus. They stopped at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Strasbourg, France where they lit candles for their families and special intentions.



Jenn Case Capek, Christina Koplyay, Krista Waugaman, Megan Wurzbacher Sutter, honorary panda friend Ally Seitz, Becca Wuestefeld Morris, Kelsey Cummings Chandler, and Sara Mize Sgantas from the class of 2011 celebrated their 30th birthdays with a girls trip to Tybee Island, Georgia.



Sr. Mary Judith Averbeck, SND 1960, Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott, SND 1964 and Suzanne Koester 1987 visited the The House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus, Turkey.



Lorie Schneider 1988 visited three special places in Spain including The Royal Palace of Madrid.

# 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

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