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*A continuing testament to faith, leadership, and  
excellence at Notre Dame Academy.*



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Our Student Council kicked off the year with Panda pride, welcoming everyone back in true NDA spirit!

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## From the President



### Dear NDA community,

What a joy and honor it is to be serving in my first year as President of Notre Dame Academy. I am filled with gratitude for the warm welcome I have received from the entire community since arriving on July 1. I have had the pleasure of meeting so many individuals who have shared stories of their connection to the NDA community. From fourth-generation alumnae to first-time Catholic school families, one common thread that runs through all these stories is a deep love and respect for NDA and its mission.

I was drawn to NDA's deep-rooted commitment to educating young women in a Catholic, academically rigorous environment while empowering them to be strong leaders who make a difference. I have experienced firsthand the warmth, spirit, and dedication that define this remarkable community. NDA is indeed a school devoted to Mary, inspiring young women to lead lives of purpose and vision.

I am blessed to serve alongside a dedicated Board of Directors and a dynamic Administrative Team. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97 serves in her first year as Principal at NDA after having served as Assistant Principal for two years. We also welcome Stacey Gilliam Turner '97 as Assistant Principal. Cliff Ludwig, past NDA parent and current grandparent, joined us this summer as Chief Financial Officer. NDA was blessed by Jane Kennedy Kleier's '83 leadership last year as Interim President. She remains an important part of the Leadership Team as Chief Communications Officer.

This fall we introduced the new strategic plan, *Rooted in Faith, Leading with Vision*. This plan is a culmination of a year of collaborative work with the Board, faculty, staff, parents, and alumnae, and honors the rich heritage of NDA and the Sisters of Notre Dame while looking boldly towards future opportunities for growth and excellence.

We once again earned national recognition for academic excellence and Catholic education. After meeting all requirements for Blue Ribbon School of Excellence recognition, the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) nominated NDA as a 2025 National Blue Ribbon School. This marks the fourth time in our history we have received this distinction, making NDA the only Catholic high school in the Diocese of Covington to be nominated four times and one of only two private schools in Kentucky to receive this prestigious honor this year.

As I embark on this journey as President of Notre Dame Academy, I do so with an open heart and a steadfast commitment to honoring our rich heritage while guiding our school into a vibrant future. At the core of my responsibility is ensuring that Notre Dame Academy not only endures but thrives as Northern Kentucky's only all-girls Catholic school. It is a meaningful calling to safeguard and advance this mission so that generations of young women may continue to be formed by our vision — **transformative women leaders, embracing God's goodness in the world.**

In Notre Dame,

Lauren Hitron  
President

Three distinguished alumnae from Notre Dame Academy will be celebrated at the annual Women Making a Difference Recognition Award Luncheon, scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026. This year's honorees are Sister Mary Lynette Shelton, SND (Class of 1959), Donna Bloemer (Class of 1987), and Christine Dunn Whelan (Class of 1990).

Now in its twenty-fifth year, the Women Making a Difference award program recognizes the remarkable contributions of Notre Dame Academy alumnae to their families, professions, and communities through leadership, service, and philanthropy. Each honoree exemplifies the mission and values of Notre Dame Academy — living lives rooted in faith and dedicated to making a positive impact in the world.

The luncheon will take place at the St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center (SETEC) in Erlanger, beginning with registration and networking at 11:00 a.m., followed by the luncheon and award presentation at 12:00 p.m. Proceeds from the Women Making a Difference Luncheon benefit tuition assistance at Notre Dame Academy, ensuring that young women continue to receive the transformative education that has shaped generations of Pandas.

All alumnae, corporate representatives, parents, and friends of Notre Dame Academy are warmly invited to attend. Additional details, ticket information, and sponsorship opportunities can be found on page 45. For more information, please contact the Notre Dame Academy Advancement Department at 859.292.7729 or visit [www.ndapandas.org](http://www.ndapandas.org).



*Sr. Mary Lynette Shelton, SND 1959*

Sr. Mary Lynette Shelton, SND 1959 exemplifies the heart of a true servant leader - humble, dedicated, and quietly transformative in every ministry she embraces. For over five decades, she has served as an educator and administrator at institutions including Notre Dame Academy, St. Agnes School, St. Joseph School - Crescent Springs, St. Augustine School and Thomas More College, where her visionary leadership inspired innovation and lasting change. As co-founder of the Notre Dame Urban Education Center, she helped expand educational opportunities for children, while her work with the Emergency Cold Shelter, St. Elizabeth Hospital, the Rose Garden Mission, and Lourdes Hall reflect her deep compassion for those in need. Whether mentoring teachers and fellow Sisters, driving families to food pantries, or organizing blessing bags and blanket drives, Sr. Lynette continues to live the Notre Dame Academy mission daily - serving God and others with quiet strength and unwavering love.




*Donna Bloemer 1987*

Donna Bloemer 1987 embodies the spirit of compassionate service and justice that defines a Notre Dame Academy alumna. A dedicated attorney focused on family law and a respected Guardian ad Litem, Donna has devoted her career to advocating for children and families in need with empathy, integrity, and grace. Her quiet strength and humble leadership extend far beyond the courtroom - she generously volunteers her time at organizations including Family Nurturing Center, Redwood, St. Charles, the Notre Dame Urban Education Center, and the Children's Home, offering both practical support and heartfelt care to those she serves. Known for her gentle presence and joyful spirit, Donna brings light to every community she touches, living out the mission of Notre Dame Academy through her steadfast commitment to faith, family, and service.




*Christine Dunn Whelan 1990*

Christine Dunn Whelan 1990 exemplifies resilience, compassion, and the power of transforming pain into purpose. Following the heartbreaking loss of her son, Christine has become a dedicated advocate for mental health awareness, suicide prevention, and trauma-informed care - using her voice and empathy to bring healing and hope to others. As a medical massage therapist, she cares for the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of her clients. Through her quiet yet deeply impactful service, she mentors grieving mothers and volunteers with families in crisis, offering comfort and understanding born from her own experience. Her leadership and kindness, evident since her days at NDA, continue to inspire and uplift all who know her. Christine's life is a testament to courage, compassion, and the enduring spirit of a Notre Dame Academy alumna.



**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY**  
*Educating Women to Make A Difference*

**4X BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**



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# *Celebrating a Legacy of Excellence*

*Notre Dame Academy earns its fourth National Blue Ribbon  
— A strong testament to faith, leadership, and learning*

This fall, Notre Dame Academy joined an elite circle of schools nationwide, earning its fourth National Blue Ribbon recognition, a distinction that few can claim and one that reflects the enduring strength of its mission.

Selected through the Council for American Private Education (CAPE), NDA was one of fewer than 60 private schools across the nation and just two in Kentucky recognized in 2025. This honor places Notre Dame Academy among the top 15 percent of schools in the country for academic excellence and faith-based education and stands as a historic achievement for the only Catholic high school in the Diocese of Covington to be honored four times.

"This recognition reaffirms what we already know — that Notre Dame Academy is a place where faith, excellence, and leadership thrive," said President Lauren Hitron. "It's a tribute to our students, faculty, families, and the generations of Pandas who make this community so special."

To mark the milestone, the NDA community came together for a Blue Ribbon Day celebration that embodied the joy and spirit of Panda Nation. The day was filled with music, prayer, and laughter as well as blue shirts and necklaces, sweet treats, and the sound of confetti cannons echoing through the halls. "This day is about celebrating who we are," said Principal Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97. "Excellence isn't a moment at NDA, it's a mindset, a mission, and a way of life."

Founded in 1906 by the Sisters of Notre Dame, the Academy has spent more than 120 years preparing young women to lead with faith, courage, and compassion. With four National Blue Ribbon honors — 1996, 2012, 2019, and now 2025 — NDA continues to set the standard for Catholic education in Kentucky and beyond.

"This recognition belongs to everyone — our students, faculty, staff, and alumnae," Hitron said. "It celebrates not just what we've accomplished, but who we are and what we value."

At Notre Dame Academy, excellence is never defined by a single moment or accolade. It's woven into every classroom discussion, every act of service, every prayer, and every performance. It's the product of faith that inspires, leadership that endures, and a legacy that continues to shine.

# 50 Years of PaNDA Power



by Nancy Stratman, NDA Archivist

Cincinnati and Louisville are blessed with an abundance of educational opportunities for girls who want to experience high academic standards, a richness of spiritual traditions, and well-rounded opportunities to play sports and participate in clubs and extracurricular activities. But none of these educational opportunities—from St. Ursula Academy, north of Cincinnati, to Mercy Academy, south of Louisville—can claim a mascot as unique as the Notre Dame Academy PANDA. What do the cougar, the wolf, the bulldog, the lion, or the jaguar suggest about the unique spirit of the school, much less the Valkyries or Bailey and Saint Bernard or Tippy the Dog?

Certainly, our Pandas are just as fiercely competitive as any of the other mascots. Pandas are known for their physical strength and prowess, especially when defending their cubs (aka school spirit, athletic titles, and fundraising events). None of the other school mascots hold a bamboo branch to the special essence of our Panda, known far and wide as a nurturer of spirit, a protector of others, and a peaceful and calming presence among all. And our Pandas hold the rare honor of defining the school identity within its own name—PANDA. In fact, the NDA Panda mascot is so distinctive that it was honored by USA TODAY High School Sports as one of the “most unique mascots” in the country.



The NDA Panda mascot was officially “born” in February of 1976 and was primarily a mascot for the athletic teams. As the school’s sports teams became more involved with other schools outside our immediate region, it was decided that a mascot was needed to make us more recognizable. At the start of the 1975–76 academic year, Student Council, in conjunction with GAA, sponsored a schoolwide contest to pick a mascot. Sophomore Beverly Rosing thought to write down every stuffed animal that she had in her bedroom and, at a loss for which would provide a mascot that would be unique to the school, submitted the entire list for consideration. Luckily, she added her newest addition, a stuffed panda that she had just received for her birthday. Among the hundreds of entries submitted, the judges saw on Beverly’s list the only name that stood out as uniquely identifiable to our school, for it included the initials of the school—the PANDA.

The new mascot was announced at a schoolwide assembly in February of 1976. Immediately afterward, stuffed panda bears began popping up at every basketball game. However, it wasn’t until the 1977 basketball season that a real-live panda appeared on the NDA courts. Dressed in a full-size panda costume, junior Colleen McDermott appeared on the NDA scene, bouncing and cartwheeling across the court. Originally a cheerleader for Newport Catholic, Colleen abandoned the all-boys school in favor of her own teams.



During an interview for *The Gavel*, Colleen said that she would rather cheer for girls because “you don’t have to be so phony and serious like you do for guys.” As a senior, Colleen exhibited her Panda spirit at almost all of the home games for the volleyball and basketball teams, leading the cheering Panda fans in ways described as “unique, chaotic, and unreal fun.” She claimed that the purpose behind her “madness” was to psyche up the players so that they were mentally prepared to play their best game. Senior volleyball player Mary Lorenz said that “Colleen gets us all in a great mood for every game.”

She also added two sidekicks to her routine: junior Mary Jo Schutzman, who contributed to the fun by “banging a cymbal with her red whiffle bat,” and her sister, sophomore Jenny McDermott, who led most of the cheers. Colleen’s “cheer squad” expanded during the 1977–78 school year to include cheering for all volleyball, basketball, and softball home games and many of the track home meets.

Over the years, the NDA Panda has undergone many changes to capture the essence of its unique spirit. The first characterizations included a pennant-waving panda and a cheerleader panda used primarily for sporting events.



It didn’t take long, however, for the Panda mascot to begin showing up in a variety of depictions, such as a “how do you do” panda, a “shy, contented” panda, or just a panda paw.



Today, the Panda can be found everywhere throughout the school, as well as a participant at almost all events—welcoming students the first day of classes, club assemblies, pep rallies, class-level competitions, and club events—and featured especially on all spirit wear. So be careful where you tread at NDA—the Panda is a powerful force that brings joy to all who raise a Panda paw!

**WE are the PANDAS, Mighty, Mighty Pandas!**

**Everywhere we go, People want to know**

**Who we are So we tell them,**

**WE are the PANDAS, Mighty,**

**Mighty Pandas...**



# From the Principal



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

It is with great joy and profound humility that I write to you for the first time as Principal of Notre Dame Academy. As a proud member of the Class of 1997, I have always carried the spirit of Notre Dame in my heart. To now serve in this role and to address you in these pages of the Notre Damian, a publication that has connected generations of Pandas for decades, is both a tremendous honor and a deeply personal milestone.

Notre Dame Academy formed me into the woman I am today, rooted in faith, empowered through education, and inspired to lead with grace. I have never forgotten what it meant to walk these halls as a student. Now I walk them again with a commitment to ensuring that each young woman who enters here encounters the same transformative experience that shaped my life. Each day I am reminded of the incredible spirit that defines NDA: a spirit rooted in faith, strengthened by community and guided by the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

This year has been one of growth, reflection and grace. Our community experienced a deep loss with the passing of Sr. Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, SND, a woman whose joyful heart and strong faith touched generations of Pandas. Sr. Paul Ann had a rare gift for making everyone feel seen and loved. Her laughter, her quiet encouragement and her faith-filled presence brought light to our halls and hope to so many. While we deeply miss her, her legacy continues in the kindness shared among our students, the camaraderie of our faculty and the incredible sense of family that defines our school. At our recent Remembrance Mass, Father Hennigan, our guest celebrant, spoke about those who have gone before us becoming our greatest cheerleaders and encouraging us toward the goal of entering heaven. This image warmed my heart as I pictured one of the greatest Panda fans cheering for all of us as we continue her mission. I pray that one day we will be reunited with her in the arms of our Lord.

Our teachers and staff have carried that same spirit of service into this year's curriculum work. They have thoughtfully refined our academic programs to meet the needs of today's learners while remaining rooted in our Catholic mission. I continue to be inspired by their dedication, creativity, professionalism and faith. Whether guiding students through complex problem solving in the classroom or through moments of prayer and reflection, they are shaping young women who think critically, act courageously and lead with heart.

And our students are truly extraordinary. Their enthusiasm for learning, their compassion for one another and their willingness to put faith into action reflect the very best of Notre Dame Academy. From their achievements in academics and the arts to their success on the field and their generosity in service, they remind us every day that our mission is alive and thriving. It is an honor to walk these halls with these young ladies. Working with them is one of the greatest blessings in my life, and they make each day enjoyable.

The laughter that echoes through our halls and the visible signs of faith in action are a beautiful testament to who we are as a community. As we continue this school year, may we all find joy in serving others and courage in following God's call, just as Sister Paul Ann did. As we build upon our rich heritage and look with hope to the future, I am grateful for the ongoing support of our alumnae, parents, friends and the Sisters of Notre Dame. Together we will carry forward the mission entrusted to us: walking humbly, serving boldly and shining with grace.

Thank you for welcoming me home in this new way. I look forward to the journey ahead, united as Pandas across generations.

With gratitude,

*Mrs. Lisa Timmerding*

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97  
Principal

# The Heart of a Panda

## Remembering Sister Paul Ann Hanneken, SND '50

When you think of Notre Dame Academy, you think of faith, family and joy. Few people embodied all three more beautifully than Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, SND.

For more than 43 years, Sister Paul Ann was a steady and joyful presence at NDA. She began her ministry as a guidance counselor, later helped lead enrollment alongside her dear friend Sister Mary Rachel Nerone and for 25 years co-directed the school's beloved work-study program, a signature initiative that made Catholic education accessible for countless families.

Sister Paul Ann's real ministry, however, was people. She had a gift for connection. Whether she was sitting with a nervous freshman, laughing with a faculty member in the hallway or cheering on the Pandas from her favorite spot in the gym, she radiated kindness and faith. She carried herself with a gentle grace, the kind that made others feel instantly at ease. There was always a twinkle in her eye that seemed to say, you matter, and I'm glad you're here.

Her devotion to Notre Dame Academy ran deep. A proud member of the Class of 1950, she carried the school's mission in her heart for a lifetime. Her days were spent ensuring that young women could receive an NDA education, often working quietly behind the scenes to make it possible. She understood the transformative power of opportunity and made it her life's work to open those doors for others.

In true Panda spirit, Sister Paul Ann was known to have a little fun, too. Rumor has it, and there is photographic evidence to prove it, that she donned the Panda mascot suit a time or two. It is easy to imagine her under that costume, grinning from ear to ear and spreading joy in her own perfectly Sister Paul Ann way.

When Sister Paul Ann passed away this fall after 73 years of religious life, the NDA community came together in the way she would have loved most: in prayer, gratitude and joy. Faculty and staff prayed the rosary together in her honor. Students offered daily decades for her intention. A prayer service celebrated her life, and a schoolwide living rosary filled the field on the Blessed Mother's birthday, hundreds of voices rising together and thanking God for the gift of Sister Paul Ann.

Sister Paul Ann's spirit lives on in the heart of every Panda, in the laughter echoing through the halls, in the compassion shown to a classmate and in the pride that fills the stands on game day. She taught us that faith could be joyful, that hard work was a prayer and that kindness was a powerful legacy.

Her light continues to shine brightly at Notre Dame Academy, a reminder that to serve with joy is to reflect God's goodness.





## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT NDA THREE SENIORS EARN NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION



National Merit Semifinalists  
Jane Schuh and Jacie Hail

National Merit Commended Student  
Olivia Wallace

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce that three outstanding seniors, Jane Schuh, Jacie Hail, and Olivia Wallace, have earned recognition in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program for their exceptional academic achievement, dedication, and hard work.

Seniors Jane Schuh and Jacie Hail have been named National Merit Semifinalists, placing them among the top one percent of high school seniors nationwide. This prestigious honor reflects years of academic excellence and intellectual curiosity. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recognized approximately 16,000 students across the United States as Semifinalists, making Jane and Jacie part of an elite group representing the nation's top academic performers. These students now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for nearly 7,000 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$25 million, which will be awarded next spring.

To advance to Finalist standing, Jane and Jacie must fulfill additional rigorous academic and application requirements. Historically, about 95 percent of Semifinalists advance to become Finalists, reflecting their sustained academic distinction and strong leadership qualities.

In addition, senior Olivia Wallace has been recognized as a National Merit Commended Student, placing her among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.3 million students who entered the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program. This commendation honors Olivia's outstanding performance on the PSAT and her consistent dedication to academic excellence throughout her years at Notre Dame Academy.

"We are incredibly proud of Jane, Jacie, and Olivia," said NDA Principal Mrs. Lisa Timmerding. "Their recognition as National Merit Semifinalists and a Commended Student reflects not only their intellect and perseverance, but also the commitment of our faculty and the supportive environment that encourages our students to achieve their personal best. These young women exemplify the academic excellence, integrity, and leadership that define the Notre Dame Academy experience."

At Notre Dame Academy, we are dedicated to providing a transformative education that empowers young women to lead with confidence, faith, and compassion. The accomplishments of Jane, Jacie, and Olivia are a testament to that mission — and a reflection of the bright futures that await them beyond NDA.



## NDA AND CCH PRESENT: *Pride & Prejudice*

Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School recently delighted audiences with their fall production of *Pride and Prejudice*, a witty and elegant adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel. Based on the acclaimed 1995 television screenplay by Andrew Davies, the performance brought Austen's world to life with humor, heart and the unmistakable charm of Regency-era England.

Under the direction of NDA Theatre Director Peyton Leonard, the talented cast and crew delivered a production that balanced authenticity with fresh energy. From lively ballroom scenes to the sharp exchanges between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy, the students' performances captured the wit and nuance of Austen's characters while celebrating timeless themes of love, pride and self-discovery.

Every detail, from the refined costumes and graceful choreography to the clever staging and crisp dialogue, reflected the students' creativity, collaboration and months of preparation. The result was a captivating performance that earned enthusiastic applause and glowing reviews from audiences.

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew on an unforgettable production that showcased the exceptional talent and teamwork of our NDA and CCH theatre programs.

Make plans now to join us for these upcoming performances:

**Roadtrip Showcase – January 16–18, 2026**

**Cinderella the Musical – March 27–29, 2026**



## A HISTORIC AND JOY-FILLED FOUNDATION DAY AT NDA

Notre Dame Academy celebrated a momentous occasion on Foundation Day, honoring 175 years of the Sisters of Notre Dame and their enduring legacy of faith, service and education. The celebration began with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop John Iffert, who joined the NDA community in gratitude for the Sisters' steadfast mission and charisma that continue to guide the school today.



Following the liturgy, NDA marked another historic milestone with the installation of Lauren Hitron as the fifth President of Notre Dame Academy. Surrounded by students, faculty, staff, alumnae, families and friends, President Hitron pledged to carry forward the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame with faith, courage and grace.

It was a day filled with joy and gratitude, a celebration of past, present and future, as the NDA community renewed its commitment to educating young women to make a difference in the world.



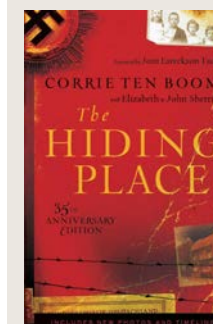
## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CONGRATULATIONS 2025 INDUCTEES

Notre Dame Academy proudly inducted 96 students into the National Honor Society (NHS) this October, celebrating their exceptional dedication, hard work and academic excellence. This induction marks a meaningful milestone as these young women join a prestigious community built upon the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service and character.

Membership in NHS is an honor that goes beyond high academic achievement; it recognizes students who embody personal integrity, a commitment to serving others and a dedication to making a positive impact. The 96 new members reflect these values, striving to lead by example, uplift their peers and contribute to both NDA and the wider community with a spirit of generosity and compassion.

The induction ceremony was guided by NHS moderator Mrs. Lara Heidrich, whose dedication continues to inspire and support students as they uphold the ideals of NHS in their daily lives. Her leadership is instrumental in encouraging these young women to live out the values of scholarship, leadership, service and character within their academic and personal journeys.

Congratulations to all of our new inductees. We look forward to seeing the continued impact they will make within NDA and beyond as part of this esteemed society.



## 2025 COMMON READER DAY

Notre Dame Academy's annual Common Reader Day invited students, faculty and staff to pause, reflect and grow together in faith through this year's book, *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom. The powerful memoir tells the story of a Dutch family whose deep faith and courage led them to shelter Jews during World War II, reminding readers that even in the darkest times, God's light endures.

Since 2014, NDA's Common Reader Initiative has fostered shared academic and spiritual experiences across campus, encouraging critical thinking, meaningful discussion and faith in action. This year's program beautifully reflected NDA's mission and the charisma of the Sisters of Notre Dame — guiding students to live with hope, humility, boldness and grace.

Throughout the afternoon, students engaged in activities inspired by *The Hiding Place*. Each homeroom created quilt squares symbolizing faith and courage, which will be joined together into a larger "quilt of hope." In a trust activity, students learned the importance of relying on others, and in a forgiveness session, they reflected on Corrie ten Boom's powerful example of grace, creating flowers that represented the strengths they bring to the world.

The day concluded with a schoolwide prayer service centered on the verse, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). It was a moving reminder that God's presence is constant, even when circumstances seem uncertain.

Through the Common Reader program, NDA continues to provide meaningful opportunities for students to connect faith, intellect and compassion — empowering them to become women who make a difference in the world.

# 2025 Fall Sports Update



VOLLEYBALL

The NDA Volleyball Pandas capped off an amazing season at the KHSAA State Tournament, placing 2nd with a final record of 32-8. Throughout the season, they showed grit, determination and lots of heart. They traveled to Gainesville, FL, and Chicago, IL, to take on teams from around the country. They only lost to one team in Kentucky the whole season and often kept the Kentucky teams at bay with a 3-0 win. The Pandas showed up at their annual Playing for a Purpose event where they had a forceful victory over a local rival. The Pandas added another historic victory to their season when they defeated Ursuline Academy for the first time in 10 years.

The Pandas will graduate four seniors, who are all taking their talents to the collegiate level: Audrey Dyas, Gracie Portwood, Lizzy Larkins and Katie Zwick. Through their four years at NDA, they have four District titles, four Regional titles and have placed in the top three in the state every year. The Pandas will return next season with many returners, hopeful to make a lasting impact throughout the regular season and postseason.

The Panda Golf Team saw a sizable increase in participation this year, bringing new energy and enthusiasm to the program. The team was recognized by the coaches for both their impressive results and their positive team spirit. Throughout the year, the golfers showed steady improvement, competing with determination and representing their school with pride.

From early practices to final tournaments, each player contributed to the team's success and growth. This season, the team earned 2nd place in both the Conference and Regional tournaments, showcasing consistent performance throughout. Their hard work paid off as the team qualified for Round 1 of the State Tournament, and one player went on to advance to Round 2 as an individual, marking a proud moment for both the athlete and the program.

The team's dedication, sportsmanship and support for each other were truly outstanding throughout the season. The entire school community is proud of their accomplishments and excited about the bright future of Panda Golf!



GOLF

The soccer team continued its incredible winning tradition with a phenomenal season. NDA powered through the year with a 15-5-2 record, highlighted by an electrifying 11-game winning streak to close out the regular season. Their only setback during that run came in the Region 9 Championship game against Highlands. Along the way, the Pandas captured the Division 35 title and dominated Region 9 with a 12-1-0 record, falling only in the regional final.

The postseason honors poured in for this exceptional group. Superstars Sadie Yapp and Julia Stegman earned well-deserved First Team All-State recognition, while Joelle Hentz was named Honorable Mention All-State. In Region 9, Sadie Yapp was crowned Offensive Player of the Year. Julia Stegman secured a spot on the Region 9 First Team, and Megan Johns, Peyton Quinn and Joelle Hentz all earned Region 9 Second Team honors.

What an extraordinary season for NDA soccer, full of grit, excellence and Panda pride!



SOCCER

The NDA Cross Country team had a historic 2025 season, breaking multiple school records and achieving unprecedented success. The Pandas captured the NKAC Championship, placed 2nd at Regionals with the fastest team average time in school history at 19:54.68, and went on to finish 7th at the State Meet, also setting a new school record for the fastest state team performance at 20:19.45.

Beyond the results, this season was defined by the team's belief in themselves, their unbreakable unity and a commitment to pushing each other to be their best every day. The girls trusted in their training, leaned on one another through every challenge and raced with heart and confidence from start to finish.

Individually, the team recorded an incredible 29 personal best times throughout the season. At the State Meet, Norah Barker and Maggie Durrett led the way with sub-20-minute times, posting the 5th and 7th fastest times in school history and capping off a season that firmly established the 2025 XC Pandas among the best teams in NDA history.



CROSS COUNTRY

## 2025-26 SCHOOL THEME INSPIRES FAITH, SERVICE AND GRACE



As Notre Dame Academy celebrates its 120th year, we continue to walk faithfully in the footsteps of the Sisters of Notre Dame, whose vision and mission remain at the heart of our community. This year's theme, Sisters in Mission: Walk Humbly. Serve Boldly. Shine with Grace, is rooted in the third Educational Principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame, The Notre Dame Educator as Gospel Witness.

Guided by this principle, we are called to follow Jesus, our Master Teacher, and to live as witnesses of His compassion, hope and joy. We are especially mindful of those who experience poverty in any form. We draw strength from the example of Mary, the Woman of Hope, who made the Good News of the Gospel visible in her daily life.

Our guiding scripture, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), challenges us to embrace our role as faith-filled leaders who show God's love through our actions. Each day at NDA we are reminded that our mission reaches far beyond our classrooms and hallways. It comes alive in the way we serve others, support one another and carry forward the spirit of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

Throughout this milestone year, our school community will deepen its connection to faith and service through special traditions and moments of reflection. Mission Mondays invite us to pause and pray the NDA Mission Prayer. Friday mornings begin with the Hail Mary. In these shared rhythms, students and faculty join together in gratitude and quiet reflection. We will also turn to the example of our Family Saints and consider how they lived lives marked by humility, service and grace.

This year's theme is both a celebration and an invitation. It reminds us that as members of the Notre Dame Academy family, we are all Sisters in Mission who share a common purpose and a common faith. With open hearts and a willingness to lead, we will carry on the Sisters' legacy of forming young women for lives shaped by faith, integrity and leadership.

As we mark this 120th year, may we truly walk humbly, serve boldly and shine with grace, making Christ's love visible in everything we do.



### Upcoming Events

- November**  
 26 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day  
 27-28 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

- December**  
 6 Freshmen Semi-Formal Dance  
 7 Christmas Band Concert  
 8 NO SCHOOL - Immaculate Conception  
 10 Christmas Choral Concert with Dance Pandas  
 12 All School Advent Mass  
 Cookies with Santa Alumnae Family Event  
 13 Silver Bells Dance  
 18 Alumnae Rosary  
 22-Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break

- January**  
 5 Classes resume  
 9 All School New Year's Mass - Consecutive Donor Mass  
 12 HSPT Scholarship Reception  
 Meeting for Incoming Freshmen  
 Alumnae Rosary  
 15 NDA/CCH Showcase  
 16-18 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
 19 Catholic Schools Week begins  
 Mass with SNDs  
 CSW Volleyball Game  
 29 1906 IDEAL Innovation Space Ribbon Cutting & Blessing

- February**  
 5 Sips and Stems Alumnae Event  
 16 NO SCHOOL - President's Day  
 18 All School Ash Wednesday Mass  
 19 Alumnae Rosary

- March**  
 3 Women Making a Difference Award Luncheon  
 7 8th Grade Conferences  
 13 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day  
 14 8th Grade Conferences  
 17 Preview Night  
 19 Alumnae Rosary

# In Loving Memory

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

## Alumnae:

Ruth Ann Schumacher Buenger 1948  
Jane Tebbe Lothar 1948  
Mary Theresa Franks Bennett 1949  
Helen Fehr 1950  
Sr. Mary Paul Ann Hanneken, SND 1950  
Shirley Ann "Tootie" Simon Krebs 1950  
Sr. Marie Sand, SND 1950  
Betty Lou Saalfed Huelskamp 1951  
Mary Kay Widrig Kenning 1951  
Judith Theresa Wiechman 1951  
Marilyn Seiter Hoffman 1953  
Sue Stratman Groneck 1955  
Barbara McGuire Humphries 1956  
Barbara Stark Sekula 1957  
Harriett Gorman Schulte 1960  
Kathryn Meyer Bitter 1962  
Kathy Laible Trimpe 1965  
Jo Ann Droege Hoppenjans 1966  
Paula Summe Hearn 1967  
Mary Ann Kluemper Manners 1967  
Karen Kremer Schmal 1967  
Bev Winterberg Fischesser 1968  
Rosalie Bergman Ashton 1969  
Nancy Schroth Hicks 1971  
Elaine Thompson Myers 1972  
Mary Kay Jordan Fleming 1973  
Barbara A. Hellman 1975  
Lori Ruehl Nurre 1979  
Krista Summe Wilmink 1980  
Ann Schilling Bradford 1981  
Amy Romes Kindt 1982  
Nanette Petroze Stacy 1982  
Donna Anthe 1986  
Missy Masden Kidd 1987  
Megan Eisenmenger Dorgan 2002

## Husband of:

Patty Reverman Nolan 1963  
Donna Sims Harris 1964  
Diane Bertke Smith 1969  
Marianne Dusing Wilson 1973  
Rita Gerdes Garrett 1976  
Terri Hoffman Hensley 1979  
Kelly Ziegler Kuhnell 1980

## Mother of:

Barbara Lothar Dreher 1971  
Kim Hoffman Lawless 1974  
Maria Schuler Molony 1974  
Dianne Schuler Brannen 1975  
Tammy Quinn Hendrixson 1978  
Janet Schuler Pemberton 1978  
Renee Hoffman Waymeyer 1978  
Joan Schuler Arlinghaus 1979

Bernadette Spille Green 1979  
Mary Jo Buenger Stimac 1979  
Jennifer Corken 1981  
Kelly Quinn Hitter 1981  
Julie Quinn Ludwig 1982  
Melanie Smeltzer Lennon 1984  
Ann Smeltzer 1985  
Jenny Quinn Straub 1985  
Jennifer Bitter Weinberg 1985  
Susan Schulte Hara 1987  
Amy Quinn Dye 1990  
Dawn Cordas Walker 1990  
Carrie Smeltzer Katz 1994  
Maria Michels Teepe 1998  
Stephanie Sonderman Mikalauskas 2005  
Rachel Nurre Gadberry 2007  
Julia Fleming Beattie 2009  
Alli Kindt Chipman 2012  
Erin Nurre 2014  
Madeline Wilmink 2017  
Emma Nurre 2018

## Father of:

Sue Ann Sorrell Bree 1971  
Debbie Wulfeck Amareno 1977  
Debbie Stratman Burns 1977  
Mary Beth Sorrell Ochs 1977  
Karen Cahill Wilson 1980  
Debbie Noll Pastura 1981  
Terri Paolucci Reed 1981  
Kelly Decker Brunson 1982  
Monica Thelen DeFraitas 1983  
Sandy Ehlman 1985  
Connie Noll 1985  
Shellie Harris Roberto 1986  
Kara Decker Bridges 1987  
Stacie Sparks Boemerman 1988  
Lynn Ehlman Timmerding 1989  
Brigid Decker 1991  
Nicole Eilers Cook 1992  
Gretchen Kraus Muller 1993  
Sharon Noll 1993  
Carrie Buring Iddings 1994  
Stephanie Sparks Harris 1995  
Emily Kraus 1997  
Michelle Sparks Conway 1998  
Nicole Culbertson Breitenstein 2002  
Julia Volpenhein Holocher 2009  
Jessica Russo 2010  
Katie Russo Tackett 2010  
Elizabeth Garrett Halpin 2011  
Nicole Volpenhein 2012  
Sara Russo 2014  
Kay Mayer 2028

## Sister of:

Rose Mary Hanneken O'Brien 1946  
Marcia Kremer Smith 1958  
Janet Saalfed Hermer 1959  
Sr. Mary Margaret Droege, SND 1962  
Valerie Gorman 1963  
Margaret Ann Droege Kuhlman 1964  
Juliette Gorman Smookler 1965  
Diane Kremer Kraft 1965  
Dottie Laible Wenz 1967  
Annie Laible Kitch 1968  
Connie Schroth Drews 1969  
Joan Kluemper 1969  
Sheila Gorman Steinberg 1969

Mary Summe Gregory 1971  
Terry Droege Harmon 1972  
Mary Gorman Breslin 1973  
Karen Schroth Washburn 1973  
Peggy Schroth Graue 1975  
Michelle Gorman Weber 1975  
Theresa Schroth Cason 1979  
Mary Kathryn Schilling Landau 1979  
Terri Suher Rinear 1980  
Mary Jo Schroth Duffy 1981  
Laura Petroze Hehman 1981  
Christa Romes Ellison 1984  
Sheila Summe Cooney 1986  
Janet Petroze Fowler 1986  
Betsy Summe Greenwell 1987  
Jennifer Summe Long 1989  
Renee Williams Jones 1997

## Brother of:

June Buring Fening 1965  
Joan Bockweg Lahrman 1952  
Carol Wulfeck Ruwe 1957  
Jennifer Sparks Nordman 1971  
Jeanette Kuhnell Roland 1976  
Kathleen Sheets Weber 1979  
Carla Volpenhein Brose 1982  
Julie Sheets 1982  
Gina Volpenhein Martini 1983  
Barb Sheets Schultz 1986  
Diane Schewe 1994

## Son of:

Patti O'Brien Steinmetz 1970  
Nancy Mueller Flaherty 1972

## Special Intentions

Joan Blenke Borne 1956  
Libby Haupt Grause 1961  
Lois Shinkle 1957  
Gerriann Taylor  
Susan Watters Von Hoene 1967

## Honorariums

In Honor of **The Class of 1966**  
By: Paulette Schopmeyer Boden 1966

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

In Honor of **Laura Wenderfer Dickman 1994**  
by: John and Sherri Wenderfer

In Honor of **Lucy Dickman 2023**  
by: John and Sherri Wenderfer

In Honor of **Mr. and Mrs. John Lonneman**  
By: Mary Lonneman

In Honor of **Sister Paul Ann Hanneken, SND 1950 and Sister Rachel Nerone, SND 1954**  
By: Susan Niewahner 1988

In Honor of **Lauri Read 1983 and Kara Read Marino 1985**  
By: Frederick and Charlotte Read

In Honor of **Grace Nullmeier 2024**  
by: Rick and Adria Gassman Nullmeier 1991

In Honor of **Anne Simon**  
by: Patricia Simon 1968

In Honor of **Marcia Sullivan**  
By: Robert Sullivan

In Honor of **Jack VonHandorf**  
By: Lisa Steimer 1989 and Holly Steimer 2023

## In Memoriam

In Memory of **Lynn Adam**  
by: Cheryl Garnett-McDonald 1966

In Memory of **Donna Anthe 1986**  
by: Jennifer Wainscott Murray 1986

In Memory of **Mary Stamm Appel 1946**  
by: Carol Appel Dickman 1970

In Memory of **Marie Arnold**  
by: Rick and Mary Arnold Fox 1973  
Martha Cicci 1973

In Memory of **Rosalie Bergman Ashton 1969**  
by: Shelley Wills Goetz 1969

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

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

In Memory of **Mary Huwel Bayless 1938**  
by: Sandy Bayless Gleeson 1962

In Memory of **Tom Becker**  
by: Martha Cicci 1973

In memory of **Edward W. Bessler**  
by: Jennifer Bessler 1989

In Memory of **Melanie Schroder Boone 1972**  
by: Marsha Bacovcin Blythe 1972

In Memory of **Mary Ann Ringo Breetz 1973**  
by: Gregg and Debbie Mullen Small 1974

In Memory of **John Brueggen**  
by: Peter and Rose Toerner Orzali 1971

In Memory of **Anna Mae Melching Brueggeman 1947**  
by: Barb Brueggeman Berwanger 1969

In Memory of **Florence Burke**  
by: Mary Burke Zerhusen 1968

In Memory of **William and Loretta Burkhardt**  
by: Theresa Brugger 1977

In Memory of **Kevin Cahill**  
by: Rosie Dalton Guethlein

In Memory of **Deborah Kennedy Caldwell 1972**  
by: Donna Kennedy Parker 1975

In Memory of **Denise Hinkel Cenedella 1979**  
by: Martha Hinkel

In Memory of **James and Alice Cooper**  
by: Carol Cooper 1972

In Memory of **Ann DeVore 1932**  
by: Patricia DeVore Augur 1961

In Memory of the **deceased members of the class of 1980**  
by: Diane Wigger Wilson 1980

In Memory of **Bob and Kay Dietrich**  
by: Joanne Dietrich Beiting 1976

In Memory of **Peggy Rosing Disibio 1980**  
by: Beverly Rosing Furnish 1978

In Memory of **Lori Toebbe Doughty 1988**  
by: Cindy Massman Bischoff 1985  
Kathy Flach Brunot 1985  
Peggy Collins Curry 1985  
Patty Kerns Hudepohl 1985  
Kara Read Marino 1985  
Tina Fritz Namian 1985  
Amy Kennedy Neltner 1985  
Colleen Gallagher Pulsfort 1985

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

In memory of **Beverly Fischesser 1968**  
by: Barb Fritz 1968

In Memory of **Mary Kay Jordan Fleming 1973**  
by: Mike and Laurie Arnold  
Mark, Linda, Martha, and Joan Arnold  
Joan Buckley 1973  
Carol Cahill  
Martha Fielding Cicci 1973  
Jane Mohr Diamond 1973  
Rick and Mary Arnold Fox 1973  
Margie Hardebeck 1973  
Stefanie Arlinghaus Oberschlake 2009  
Michael and Nancy Purcell  
Leonard and Joyce Hoffman Standige 1973  
David and Sue Bohman Teasley 1965

In Memory of **Jeanne Forbes**  
by: Karen Board Alexander  
Dave and Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus 1981  
Bart and Becky Bartling  
Martene Beimesch  
Wendy Bridges  
Randy and Irene Coates  
Anne Daughtery  
The Elfers Family  
Kenneth Forbes  
Charles Craig Hudson  
Lizanne Kaiser  
Mike and Patty Laber  
The Leffingwell Family  
The Tom Loss Family  
Brian and Marita Lukey  
Kim Hehman Scheper 1977  
Thomas Seiter  
Patrick and Jill Walch  
Marty and Janice Wilshire  
Bob Ziegler

In Memory of **Carole Moser Foltz 1957**  
by: Andrea Foltz 1980

In Memory of **Nick Frommeyer**  
by: Tim Frommeyer

In Memory of **LeRoy Fuller**  
by: Joyce Kendle Fuller 1956

In Memory of **John Gross, Jr.**  
by: Joseph and Kimberly Kaufman

In Memory of **Molly Grosser**  
by: Karen Behne Brennan 1964

In Memory of **Paul Hackman**  
by: Joyce Kendle Fuller 1956

In Memory of **Barbara Hellmann 1975**  
by: Mark and Betsy Melching Hausfeld 1976

In Memory of **Sr. Mary Paul Ann Hanneken 1950**  
by: Don and Lynne Able  
Elaine Bauereis 1950  
Tom and Tina Bernheimer  
Jeanne Bitter 1946  
Mike and Karen Brungs  
Class of 2005  
Ronald and Mary Ann Greife  
Clare Grosser 2006  
Chris Grosser  
Joe and Marian Meier Grosser 1976  
Natalie Grosser 2008  
Sherry Edelbroich Himmler 1966  
Michele Revell Johnson 1971  
Lisa Willenbrink Mosley 1995  
Colleen Read 1967  
Marian Baumann Rust 1953  
Ken and Jan Schmidt  
Karen Wulfeck Schrantz 1981  
Linda Hoffman Shelton 1981  
Cory and Emily Sims  
Paul and Julie Spellman  
Patti O'Brien Steinmetz 1970  
Bob and Cathy Stevens  
Jerry and Susan Arnold Von Handorf 1966  
Priscilla Waynant  
Matt and Myanna Webster  
Donna Schwartz Wessels 1979  
Mike and Christine Dunn Whelan 1990  
Steve and Katie Wolnitzek 1968  
Tony and Gerry Schenider Zembrodt 1962

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

In Memory of **Sue Helbling**  
by: Carolyn Hayes

In memory of **Marcus Jose Hensley**  
by: Leonard and Joyce Hoffman Standige 1973

In Memory of **Kathleen Finneran Hodge 1958**  
by: Louis S. Hodge

In Memory of **Marilyn Sider Hoffman 1953**  
by: Marjorie Kuchle Hartman 1953

In Memory of **JoAnn Droege Hoppenjans 1966**  
by Sr. Mary Margaret Droege, SND 1962  
Terry Droege Harmon 1972  
John Hoppenjans  
Margaret Droege Kuhlman 1964

In Memory of **Susan Kaelin 1967**  
by: Paula Wichmann 1967

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

In memory of **Regina Traud Korte 1961**  
by: Libby Haupt Grause 1961

In Memory of **Susan Rosing Kramer 1977**  
by: Beverly Rosing Furnish 1978

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

In memory of **Pat Loechle Mann 1965**  
by: Paul and Nancy Due Bloemer 1965

In memory of **Mary Ann Kluemper Manners 1967**  
by: Dennis and Myra Foltz McEvoy 1969

In Memory of **Danny Mayer**  
 by: Anonymous  
 Deborah Armbruster  
 George and Amy Wurtenberger Beck 1978  
 Jerry and Joy Dunlevy Bricking 1986 Family  
 Paul Brinkman  
 John and Phyllis Cardis  
 Charles Deuser  
 Frederick and Marla Difilippo  
 Justine Berberich Doyle 2003  
 Christina Duffy  
 Betsy Ertel  
 Robert J. Fischer  
 Christine Gregorio  
 Mark and Casey Guilfoyle  
 KCTCS System Office Staff and Sandra Neel  
 Bet and Dave Koeninger  
 Arnold Mann  
 Michael and Pamela Mastruserio  
 Thomas and Deborah Murray  
 Edward and Catherine Rawe  
 Mark and Mary Reitzes  
 Marianne Scott  
 Katherine Schaffner  
 Connie Spinks

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

In Memory of **Frances Votel Nieporte 1934**  
 by: Patricia Nieporte Nagel 1964

In Memory of **Dan Pieschel**  
 by: Pat Morrison Geller 1963

In Memory of **Pablo L. Pittaluga**  
 by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

In memory of **AJ Rees**  
 by: Pat Morrison Geller 1963

In Memory of **Shirley Hogan Riesenbergh 1957**  
 by: Phyllis Dressman Kraft 1957

In Memory of **Darlene Bowman Sargent 1966**  
 by: Kate Droegge Terrien 2004

In Memory of **Bill and Betsy Scheben**  
 by: Ed and Nancy Schellhaas

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

In Memory of **Carolyn Brandner Schmitz 1966**  
 by: Alma Schmitz Patronik 1948

In Memory of **Betty Coleman Schneider 1956**  
 by: Joyce Kendle Fuller 1956

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

In Memory of **Ruth Finke Schulte 1942**  
 by: Linda Schulte Haskins 1966

In Memory of **Harriett Gorman Schulte 1960**  
 by: Dan and Mary Lou Webster Bosch 1962  
 Paul and Amy Whittle Brophy 1981  
 Mark Collett

James and Jill Collins  
 Anthony and Alga Depenbrock  
 Eric and Mollie Weiler Erpenbeck, 1994  
 Steve and Marianne Cohen Fieger 1962  
 Ferd and Sue Emark Grau 1960  
 Jeff Jehn  
 Shannon Klosterman  
 Linda Martini  
 Sue and Gary Martini  
 Sharon O'Hara, 1965  
 Judy Flick Rouse 1960  
 Laura Schoettmer and the Tribe  
 Gregg and Debbie Mullen Small 1974  
 Rosemary Fedders Stein 1960  
 Judy Adick Toebben 1960  
 Brian and Julie Webb

In Memory of **Barb Huesman Singleton 1972**  
 by: Marsha Bacovcin Blythe 1972

In Memory of **Mary Ann Burkhardt Smith 1967**  
 by: Lynne Blackburn  
 The 9257 CovCath Robotics Students & Families  
 Don and Brenda Loschavio  
 Dan and Sue Meier  
 Jim and Susan Lubbe Roebker 1981  
 Susan Scarpa  
 Mary B. Zechella

In Memory of **Barb Huesman Singleton 1972**  
 by: Marsha Bacovcin Blythe 1972

In Memory of **Mary Ann Burkhardt Smith 1967**  
 by: Lynne Blackburn  
 The 9257 CovCath Robotics Students & Families  
 Don and Brenda Loschavio  
 Dan and Sue Meier  
 Jim and Susan Lubbe Roebker 1981  
 Susan Scarpa  
 Mary B. Zechella

In Memory of **Kelsey Sorrell 2007**  
 by: Nicole Rapier 2005  
 Steven and Terri Dreyer Sorrell 1979

In Memory of **Gena Spaulding 1999**  
 by: David and Jane Lockhorn Spaulding 1971

In Memory of **Gerald A. Thelen**  
 by: Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen 1967

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

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

In Memory of **Richard and Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf 1944**  
 by: Douglas C. and Linda A. VonHandorf  
 Fussinger 1974  
 Rachel Fussinger Kelly 2006  
 Kelsey Fussinger Paden 2011

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

In Memory of **Janice Terry Wenstrip 1957**  
 by: Dave Wenstrup

In Memory of **Mary Kay Kenning Widwig**  
 by: Mary Beth Zembrodt Kenning 1971

In Memory of **Judy Wiechman 1951**  
 by: Elaine Bauereis 1950  
 Rose Luckman Mueller 1961

In Memory of **Mary Fischer Wigger 1943**  
 by: Diane Wigger Wilson 1980

In Memory of **Marilyn Willenbrink 1960**  
 by: Maria Talbert Mistler 1960

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

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 Please note that this compilation is from May 23, 2025 - October 17, 2025. 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](http://www.ndapandas.org) or email [notredamian@ndapandas.org](mailto:notredamian@ndapandas.org).



# Advancing the Mission

## CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF EDUCATION: ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

Notre Dame Academy came together for our annual Scholarship Breakfast on September 17. It was a joyous morning honoring the generosity that opens doors for our students. It was a time for connection, gratitude, and celebrations as students shared their stories, and benefactors witnessed firsthand the incredible impact of their support.

Our student speaker, a senior, captured the spirit of the day, saying, "... I am also thankful for the relationship that I have been able to form with God. Through the school's many retreats and service programs this school has truly helped me grow in my faith. I am so thankful to be given the opportunity to come to Notre Dame and participate in all these activities. All this would not be possible without my benefactors." Her words highlighted not only the importance of scholarships but what makes an NDA education truly transformative.

Scholarships at Notre Dame Academy do more than bridge financial gaps; they empower students to embrace opportunities that shape their minds, hearts, and character. They strengthen our community and ensure that every student can thrive in an environment that fosters growth in academic excellence, spiritual formation, and leadership development.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the benefactors who attended the breakfast and to all who support NDA scholarships. Your generosity nurtures the next generation of Pandas, helping them live out our mission of being women who make a difference in the world.



We are deeply grateful to our Corporate Partners for supporting Notre Dame Academy's mission to educate young women to make a difference in the world. Your partnership helps empower the next generation of female leaders through faith, service and excellence. Interested in joining them? Contact Myanna Webster at [webstern@ndapandas.org](mailto:webstern@ndapandas.org) or 859-292-1851 to learn more.

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## In Loving Memory EMAILS FOR CLASSMATE PASSING

As of September 1, 2025, the NDA Alumnae Office will now notify alumnae of a classmate's passing via email instead of a postcard by mail to ensure more timely and efficient communication. This change allows us to share this sad news more quickly with classmates while being mindful of our resources.

We kindly ask for you to update your contact information [www.ndapandas.org/alumnae](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae) or email [alum@ndapandas.org](mailto:alum@ndapandas.org) to ensure we have your correct email address. Thank you for helping us stay connected and for continuing to support one another during meaningful moments in our NDA community.



## LIGHT THE NIGHT FOR NDA Shines Bright

There was a special kind of glow on October 4 as the Notre Dame Academy community came together for Light the Night for NDA presented by Performance Lexus Northern Kentucky, the school's largest annual fundraiser. The evening was a joyful celebration of connection, commitment, and community, reflecting 120 years of shared belief in the transformative power of an NDA Catholic education.

Guests gathered to enjoy dinner and conversation, surrounded by familiar faces and the spirit of Notre Dame Academy sisterhood. The Pandatones, NDA's school choir, filled the room with beautiful harmonies, setting an inspiring tone that carried throughout the night. Both the silent and live auctions added an element of excitement, offering one-of-a-kind experiences and treasures that sparked friendly competition, all in support of the young women of NDA.

This year's Panda Paw supported the creation of the Sr. Reina Memorial Art Garden, a serene outdoor classroom that will nurture creativity, reflection, and connection with God. The project honors Sr. Reina's joyful spirit and her lifelong dedication to the arts and education at NDA.

In total, the event raised more than \$115,000, a remarkable testament to the generosity and loyalty of the Notre Dame Academy community. Every gift helps ensure that future generations of students can learn, grow, and lead with faith and purpose as they go out into the world and make a difference.

Light the Night for NDA presented by Performance Lexus Northern Kentucky, once again reminded everyone in attendance that when the NDA community comes together, the result is nothing short of extraordinary. A special thank you goes to our amazing chairs, Tracie Stacy, Laura Mauller and Heather Ramsey, whose dedication and leadership made the evening possible. To all who sponsored, donated, volunteered, or attended, thank you for helping light the way for the next generation of Notre Dame Academy women.



NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

OCTOBER 1, 2025

## FOUNDATION DAY

Honoring the Sisters of Notre Dame



Years of More

## CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF MORE

Faith. Community. Transformation.

On October 1, the Foundation Day of the Sisters of Notre Dame, the Notre Dame Academy community came together to celebrate 120 Years of *More*. *More* than just an education, a transformation; *more* than just a classroom, a community of faith; *more* than just preparation for college, a formation for life. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our alumnae, parents, faculty, staff, and friends, NDA's Annual Fund has surpassed \$120,000 in honor of this milestone year.

This Giving Day was a powerful reflection of the enduring mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame and the lasting impact of our community's shared commitment to faith and excellence. Every gift, large or small, helped ensure that today's Pandas, and generations to come, will continue to experience the transformative power of an NDA education.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated in this historic day of giving and celebration. Your generosity truly embodies 120 Years of *More*.

## YOUR ANNUAL FUND GIFTS AT WORK



Thanks to your incredible generosity, the Annual Fund continues to make a meaningful difference, helping make a Notre Dame Academy education accessible, innovative and transformative for our students. Here's a closer look at how your investment is impacting our students every day:

### FAITH FORMATION

- Brings our Catholic identity to life through retreats, service projects, and campus ministry programs.
- Helps students grow in their relationship with God and live the values of the Sisters of Notre Dame.
- Inspires compassion, reflection, and leadership in both school and community life.

### OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

- Attracts and retains passionate teachers who guide and challenge young women.
- Supports professional development so our educators can continue to grow and innovate.
- Provides classroom resources that spark curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning.
- Creates an environment where every student is inspired to reach her full potential.

### STUDENT ASSISTANCE

- Provides essential financial aid to students who need it most.
- Supports our work-study program, which teaches students responsibility, service and leadership.
- Ensures that no student is held back from the full NDA experience because of financial need.
- Keeps tuition affordable for all families, making an NDA education accessible.

Every gift to the Annual Fund makes a real difference. It nurtures faith, strengthens our educators, and supports families. Your investment in our students helps them thrive academically, spiritually, and as the leaders of tomorrow.

## Forever NDA

### PLANNED GIVING FOR NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

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

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

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





# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

## 2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT



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

As you read through our 2024-25 Annual Report, you will see the story of a year shaped by faith, focus and a community who gave their very best every single day. What you will find in these pages are not simply numbers or lists of accomplishments. They are evidence of a school family who worked together, supported one another and never lost sight of our mission. The accomplishments in these pages reflect the work of many hands and generous hearts. None of it happened because of one person. It truly was a shared effort.

Last year asked a great deal of all of us, and I remain deeply grateful for the privilege of serving alongside such a mission-driven team. Our faculty and staff showed remarkable dedication, steady professionalism and a heartfelt love for our students. Our board members provided thoughtful guidance and clarity when we needed it most. Our parents and alumnae offered encouragement, partnership and trust. The Sisters of Notre Dame walked closely with us, grounding our work in their charism and reminding us of why our mission matters.

I was blessed to be surrounded by people who stood with me, and their support meant more than I can ever fully say. Their commitment was humbling and inspiring, and it strengthened our resolve to keep our Catholic identity at the center, care deeply for our students and for one another and move forward with purpose. It was, in every sense, a team effort.

Within this Annual Report, you will also see the extraordinary generosity of donors who made it possible for us to take important steps forward: from the early phase of our strategic planning process to the initial development of the 1906 Innovation Space. Their belief in our mission and their willingness to invest in the future of our young women continue to move NDA forward in meaningful ways. I am grateful to every individual, family and foundation listed in this report who chose to support Notre Dame Academy during this important year.

Nothing reflects our mission more clearly than our students. Their hard work, resilience, leadership and joy shaped everything we did. They remind us each day that our mission is alive. They are the reason every decision and every act of service matters.

It was an honor to help guide Notre Dame Academy during such a meaningful time. I remain deeply grateful for the people who supported our school and for the impact we created together. The strength of our NDA community is real — and it continues to shine through the pages of this report.

In Notre Dame,

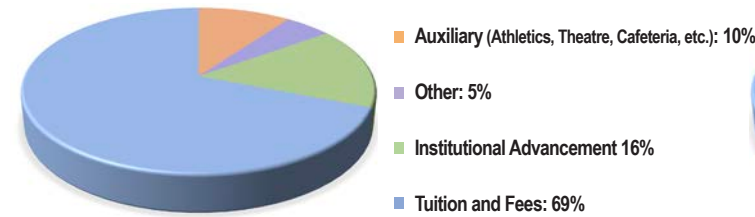
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 Chief Communications Officer

*Thank you!*

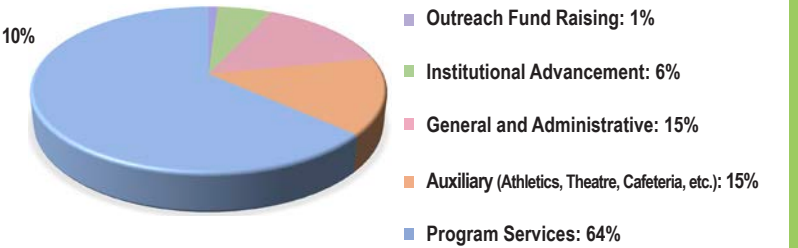
# NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

## 2024-25 YEAR IN REVIEW

### Income



### Expenses



*Investing in Excellence: How We Fund and Support Our Students.*

## 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 2024-2025 school year, over 25% of our students received some form of tuition assistance. Your Annual Appeal dollars help make that possible.

Tuition Assistance	\$171,131.00
Work Study	\$225,631.00
Academic Scholarships	\$94,200.00
Endowed Tuition Grants	\$155,040.00
NDA/CCH and Multiple Daughter Discounts	\$80,420.00
Renewable Grants	\$72,700.00
Pass Through/Other Discounts	\$186,425.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$985,547.00</b>

## 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 59 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. Our scholarships continue in perpetuity every year deserving and 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 Institutional Advancement Department at 859-292-7729.

The following is a list of scholarships currently established at NDA:

## Scholarships

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

Anonymous Scholarship*	Rosemary Kahmann Scholarship
Ruby F. Afterkirk Scholarship	The Kerl Family Scholarship
Sister Mary Agnetis Scholarship	The Dorothy A. and Franklin S. Kling, Sr. Family Scholarship
Alumnae Scholarship	Dr. Robert T. and Jean Schmidt Longshore Scholarship
Art and Rita Arlinghaus Scholarship	Annette T. Lucas Urban Education Scholarship
Sister Mary Reina Arlinghaus Scholarship	Melvin and Mary Lueke Family Scholarship
Sister Mary Shauna Bankemper Leadership Scholarship	Richard F. and Joan E. Maier Scholarship*
Thomas & Maydie Berger Scholarship	Vivian C. and Laverne Patsy Maschinot Scholarship
Herman "Boots" and Rosemary VonHandorf Boemker Scholarship	Katherine Lukey Melillo Scholarship
Brighter Days 4 Kids Scholarship*	Gamel Otto Scholarship
Dr. Carl and Carol Brueggemann Scholarship	Pandaversity*
Clem and Ann McCabe Buenger Scholarship	Saint Paul Scholarship*
Mary Burroughs Scholarship	Charles and Anna Bauereis Pulsfort Scholarship
Butler Family Scholarship*	Cheryl Rickey Scholarship
Catholic Leadership Scholarship	Dr. and Mrs. Michael Robinson Scholarship
Emily Sin Man Chun Scholarship	Brent and Judith Flick Rouse Scholarship
Sister Mary Clareta Memorial Scholarship	Maria Schaffstein Scholarship
Elmer B. and Ruth C. Maschinot Cleves Scholarship	Ed and Nancy Schellhaas Family Scholarship
Sister Mary Virginia Ann Cleves Scholarship	Joe and Ginnie Schmidt Scholarship
Cindy Foltz Culbertson Scholarship	Ruth Wehage Schroer Scholarship
Charles and Ruth Dahlenburg Family Scholarship	Edward E. and Martha Cleves Schuh Scholarship
Sara Tepe and Celia Deters Scholarship	Kelsey Ann Sorrell Scholarship*
Lori Toebe Doughty 1988 Scholarship*	Catherine Northcutt Stratman Scholarship
Ruth B. Earle "Elan" Scholarship	George and Maureen Thelen Scholarship
Eva G. Farris Scholarship	Martha Mayer Tonnies Scholarship
Gilbert and Dorothy Foltz Family Scholarship	Anne Roebker Van Kirk Scholarship
John and Eva Goeke Scholarship	The William G. Verst and Betty Baumann Verst Endowed Scholarship
Annie Gregory Scholarship	Jean and Joe VonHandorf Scholarship
Molly Brennan Grosser Memorial Scholarship	Richard A. and Jean Ann Glenn VonHandorf Scholarship
Sue Gunkel Scholarship	Robert and Loraine VonHandorf Scholarship
Gary and Taffy Cahill Hebbeler Family Scholarship	VonLehman Family Scholarship
Paul and Mary Hemmer Sr. Scholarship	Michele Sterling Williams Scholarship*
Guy Hollenkamp Scholarship	Zalla Scholarship
I Have Wings Scholarship*	Dr. Jim and Marna Meier '58 Zalla Scholarship
Saint Pope John Paul II Gospel of Life Scholarship	*denotes pass-through scholarship

## Matching Gifts Companies

AbbVie Employee Engagement Fund	Eli Lilly & Company
The Baird Foundation, Inc.	Fidelity Investments Foundation
Bank of America Matching Gifts	Fifth Third Bank Institutional Trust and Custody
Bank of New York Mellon	Shell Oil Company - Foundation Matching Gifts
Duke Energy	US Bank Foundation

## Academics

### Class of 2025:

Students in Class of 2025: 115

Graduation Rate: 100%

Average ACT Composite: 25 \*National Average: 19.8

Average Weighted GPA: 4.136

Hours of service performed in 4 years at NDA: 113,119

Enrolled in 4-year College/University: 114 (99%)

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

Graduates enrolled in Kentucky colleges/universities: 55 (48%)

Graduates enrolled in out-of-state colleges/universities: 60 (52%)

Offered a College Scholarship: 115 (100%) \*includes scholarships from colleges, private scholarships, and Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships

Accepted a College Scholarship: 108 (94%)

Accepted Scholarship(s) covering at least half tuition at college attending: 57 (50%)

Total Scholarship Amount offered to Class of 2025: \$18 million

AP Scholar: 14 (Scored 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams)

AP Scholars with Honors: 7 (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)

AP Scholars with Distinction Awards - 5 (Received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams)

Kentucky Governor's Scholar Alumna: 6

Outstanding Behavior Recognition Awards: 38

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence: 53

President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement: 56

Honor Graduates

Summa Cum Laude- 81

Magna Cum Laude - 20

Cum Laude - 7

First Honors All Four Years - 45

### Student Awards

- Governor's Scholar Nominees: 6
- National Honor Society Members: 180
- Perfect Attendance for the Year: 6

### Business &Technology Awards

- 2 Governor's School for Entrepreneurs, Nominees

### History Department Awards

- 7 NDA's Kentucky High School Mock Trial Team, 4th Place Team State
- 7 NDA's Kentucky High School Mock Trial Team, 1st Place Region
- 2 Mock Trial Outstanding Witness Award at State
- 73 Rho Kappa History Honor Society Members

### English Department Awards

- 1 UC's East Fork High School Writing Contest Honorable Mention
- 1 Beringer Crawford Scholastic Honorable Mention
- 1 Governor's Cup District - 2nd Place in Composition
- 1 Governor's Cup District - 3rd Place in Composition
- 1 Governor's Cup District - 4th Place in Composition
- 1 Governor's Cup District - 5th Place in Language Arts
- 2 Scholastic Writing Awards - Gold Key Awards
- 12 Scholastic Writing Awards - Silver Key Awards
- 28 Scholastic Writing Awards - Honorable Mention Awards
- 21 Members of the National English Honor Society

### Math Department Awards

- 1 Governor's Cup Region, 2nd Place in Mathematics
- 1 Governor's Cup District, 1st Place in Mathematics
- 82 Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society Members

### Religion Awards

- 1 The Founding Sisters Outstanding Service Award (Student who performed 573 hours of service over 4 years)
- 17 Sister Mary Shauna Bankemper Senior Service Award (Students who performed 150 hours or more of service over 4 years)

### Science Department Awards

- 1 FirstBuild Scholarship Award
- 1 Louisville Science and Engineering Fair, 1st Place, Translational Medicine
- 1 Louisville Science and Engineering Fair, 2nd Place, Animal Science
- 1 Louisville Science and Engineering Fair, 2nd Place, Energy: Materials & Design
- 1 Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair, 3rd Place, Animal Sciences
- 1 Ricoh USA, Inc.-Sustainable Development Award
- 1 Governor's Cup District, 4th Place in Science
- 4 2025 TEAMS State Competition, 2nd Place, Level 11-12
- 4 2025 TEAMS State Competition, 5th Place, Level 9-10
- 1 Office of Naval Research Award

### World Language Department Awards:

#### Spanish

- 5 National Spanish Exam, Gold for Various Levels
- 14 National Spanish Exam, Silver for Various Levels
- 27 National Spanish Exam, Bronze for Various Levels
- 10 National Spanish Exam, Honorable Mention for Various Levels
- 42 Spanish National Honor Society

#### Latin

- 3 National Latin Exam-Magna Cum Laude for Various Levels
- 1 National Latin Exam-Cum Laude for Various Levels
- 24 National Latin Honors Society

## Service

### Served 50 agencies

(16 weekly through junior service program)

**18,992 Hours of service logged** into Mobile Serve from June 1, 2024 - May 31, 2025. (All grade levels and Honor Societies)

### Types of Service

NDA service includes working with young children, tutoring grade school students, working with persons with physical and mental disabilities, 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 10+ hours of service, totaling 2,101 hours of service at local non-profit organizations.
- Sophomores each completed 20+ hours of service, totaling 4,504 hours of service at local non-profit organizations.
- Juniors took part in our Junior Service Program at 16 different agencies. Each Junior went out every week of the 2nd semester to the same agency during their scheduled service block, serving approximately 3,934 hours of service.
- Seniors each completed 10+ hours of service, totaling 1,678 hours of service at local non-profit organizations.
- In addition to their grade level requirements, many of our students are members of Honor Societies that also require service. Students in these Honor Societies completed 6,775 additional service hours at local non-profit organizations.

### Student Fundraising

Students collected \$12,116.85 that was donated to local, national and international organizations.

Students collected approximately 15,000+ items for various local organizations.

## Fine Arts

- 6 NKU Tri-State Honor Choir
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Musical Theatre, Alternate
- 1 Governor's School for the Arts in Visual Art, Alternate
- 5 International Thespian Society
- 2 NKU Honors Band Symposium
- 1 Thomas More College Juried High School Exhibition Award (Honorable Mention)
- 1 Thomas More College Juried High School Exhibition Award
- 1 Scholastic Silver Key for Visual Arts
- 1 Scholastic Honorable Mentions for Visual Arts - 2 Different Pieces

## Guidance

- 1 Drug Free Club of America Scholarship Essay, Scholarship Award
- 45 President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
- 63 President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
- 41 Outstanding Behavior Recognition Award
- National Association of Student Councils – National Gold Council of Excellence

## Athletics

- 14 sports
- 336 Athletes
- 12 College Commits
- 4 Districts Championships
- 4 Regional Runner-ups
- 3 Regional Championships
- 1 State Runner-up
- 2 Individual State Championships
- Average Student Athlete GPA - 4.081

# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our 2024-25 Annual Fund, scholarship funds and other NDA funds throughout the year. Every year we seek to raise funds that support educating young women at NDA with a transformative Catholic education. 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 support and partnership make all the difference! (Capital Campaign funds are reported separately.)

Please note: Names listed are those who gave between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, NDA's fiscal year. Gifts received after June 30, 2025 will be recognized in next year's Annual Report.

### Legacy Circle (\$10,000+ and above)

<b>1958</b> Jim and Marna Meier Zalla	<b>1963</b> Sherrill Vocke Remke	<b>1970</b> Thad Stanton and Sue Pennington Stanton	<b>Friends of Notre Dame Academy</b> Anonymous The Butler Foundation
<b>1961</b> Ted and Marlene Geiman Robinson	<b>1964</b> Sue Hackman Sturgeon		

### President's Circle (\$5,000.00-\$9,999)

<b>1966</b> Meg Thesing Munninghoff	<b>1981</b> Ann Lan Vu	Terry and Nancy Arlinghaus Dale and Amy Arlinghaus	Dan Schuh Dick and Jeanne-Marie Tapke The Dean Family Foundation
<b>1968</b> Carol Huelsman Drummey	<b>1983</b> Theresa Mai Dinh Leahy	Carl and Carol Brueggemann Bill and Elaine Kohlhepp	
<b>1969</b> Bill and Kathy Franxman Danneman	<b>Friends of Notre Dame Academy</b> Anonymous	Jason and Brandi Lenihan Mary Lonneman	

### Marian Circle (\$2,500.00-\$4,999)

<b>1962</b> Tony and Gerry Schneider Zembrodt	<b>1979</b> Steve and Terri Dreyer Sorrell	<b>Friends of Notre Dame Academy</b> Anonymous	Marc and Joan Schwegman Dan and Meghan Weber
<b>1972</b> Don and Kathy Huelsman Kiely	<b>1961</b> Libby Haupt Grause	Joe and Karen Fullenkamp Tom Kennedy	Kenny and Cindy Williamson Wolnitzek Family Foundation Inc.
<b>1976</b> Cindy Cleves	<b>1981</b> Neil and Susan Magary Heppler	John and Ellen Lonneman Mike and Ann Robinson Mick and Grace Roebel	

### St. Julie Billiard Circle (\$1,000.00-\$2,499)

<b>1955</b> Barb Ehlman Zimmer	Sue Pennington Stanton Jean Warken Venturino	<b>1986</b> Don and Melissa Boehmer Stegman Gregg and Wendy Kohlhepp Vonderhaar	<b>2001</b> Christina Wagner Browning
<b>1958</b> Roselyn Merkle Smith	<b>1971</b> Patti Blank Baker Peggy Burke Fritz	<b>1987</b> Mark and Nancy Jansen Koors Jim and Karen Rensing Rennekamp Catherine Zimmer	<b>2005</b> Rafael and Julie Duncan Garcia
<b>1960</b> Thomas and Harriett Gorman Schulte	<b>1975</b> Brian and Laura Dickman Koehl Joe and Teresa Rice Lonnemann Susan Gamel Otto	<b>1988</b> Bryon and Laura Bradley Tierney	<b>2014</b> Elly Ogle Billings
<b>1961</b> Joe and Ginnie Bohman Schmidt Greg and Diane Janszen Wehrman	<b>1976</b> Mark and Betsy Hausfeld	<b>1992</b> Kris and Lisa Emark Knochelmann Christine Luzak Luken	<b>Friends of Notre Dame Academy</b> Anonymous Howard and Pat Anneken Mark Arlinghaus Dick Berger Todd and PJ Berling Mary Brown Brook and Valerie Dyas Jerry and Joan Epping Richard and Debbie Kennedy Ron and Alice Lubbe Mike and Rae Maier Edward Miles Greg and Cheryl Popham Julea Remke Ken and Jenny Schneider Ken and Carolyn Schumacher Joe and Nancy Stratman Brendan and Marcia Sullivan Trey and Stacy Tapke Nick and Peggy Ziegler
<b>1963</b> Pat Morrison Geller	<b>1979</b> Dan and Moira Kelly Dietz Mary Kaiser Wulfbeck	<b>1993</b> Kimberly Kohlhepp Dettmer	
<b>1964</b> Robert and Sue Shoemaker Flick	<b>1980</b> Rich and Julie Mando Heidrich	<b>1994</b> Brian and Emily Halpin Woeste	
<b>1965</b> Don and Rose Ann Siegrist Beckmeyer Barbara Morrison Tretter	<b>1981</b> Dave and Laura Gausepohl Arlinghaus Mark and Sherri Ferring Brueggemann	<b>1995</b> Sam and Emily Miles Minardi	
<b>1966</b> Cheryl Garnett-McDonald Jerry and Susan Arnold Von Handorf	Melissa Lueke Jim and Susan Lubbe Roebker	<b>1996</b> Allison Wagner Williams	
<b>1967</b> Rick and Susan Watters Von Hoene	<b>1983</b> Dave and Jane Kennedy Kleier	<b>1998</b> Stephanie Kenning Lonnemann	
<b>1968</b> Ron and Rosie Boemker Heideman Steve and Katie Bishop Wolnitzek	<b>1985</b> Wendy Kunzelman Chauvin Bob and Lisa Anneken Collins	<b>2000</b> Michael and Melissa Menne Applegate Andrew and Jody Rutterer Lange Adrienne Boschert Vannarsdall	
<b>1970</b> Margaret Dressman Caldon Patrick and Elaine Foltz Carroll			

## Sr. Agnetis Circle (\$500-\$999)

<b>1956</b> Joan Blenke Borne	<b>1966</b> Joe and Chris Foltz Middendorf
<b>1957</b> Judy Willer Schummer	<b>1967</b> Don and Sharon Rueter Thelen
<b>1958</b> Judy Hergott Cull Sue Foldy Nie	<b>1968</b> Jim and Jo Ann Lewin Fedor Fran Barbara Nieporte
<b>1959</b> Patricia Drummey O'Connor	<b>1970</b> Karen Schmidt
<b>1960</b> Judith Bland	<b>1972</b> Jean England Anderson Nick and Peggy Brueggeman Gamble Richard and Eleanor Summe Goering
<b>1961</b> Jean Boneau Collins Marie Brue Shields	<b>1975</b> Debbi Borchers
<b>1964</b> Jim and Marita Ayres Thelen Ken and Kate Burke Williams	<b>1977</b> Julie Jacober Menner
<b>1965</b> Mary Ann Muething	Mike and Beth Schuh Dempsey Tim and Therese Brown Matthews

## Panda Patrons (\$100-\$499)

<b>1948</b> William Gibson and Betty Volpenhein Fischer-Gibson	Germaine Silbersack Zimmerman
Alma Schmitz Patronik	<b>1963</b> Diane Burkhardt Rizzo
<b>1949</b> Ginny Vogelpohl Adams	<b>1964</b> Charlene Volpenhein Dailey Cathy Silbersack Erpenbeck Annalee Schlesinger Flanagan Donna Bowman Jacob Donna Placke Leer
<b>1950</b> Elaine Bauereis	Andrea Lonneman
<b>1951</b> Mary Kay Widrig Kenning	Jim and Mary Ann Egi Muck Sharon Wenz Obert
<b>1953</b> Marjorie Kuchle Hartmann Jerry and Johanna VonHandorf Stegman	Paula Ossenbeck Williams
<b>1954</b> Mary Jane Adick Lucas John and Marlene Huesman Ziegler	<b>1965</b> Paul and Nancy Due Bloemer June Buring Fening Thomas and Lynn Mueller Ford Mary Bishop Herzog Carol Timmerding Ihlendorf Karen Holt Kempf Clarence and Rose Greis Kleier Eugene and Leslie Oberschlake Koehl Anne Hackman Krallman David and Sue Bohman Teasley Susan Hehman Wissman Class of 1965
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<b>1957</b> Margaret Nienaber Ferguson Phyllis Dressman Kraft Larry and Carol Holzderber Memering Paul and Carol Wulfeck Ruwe Janet Schumacher Schneider Lois Ertel Shinkle	<b>1967</b> Mary Sue Dressman John and Mariann Guiduglii Dunn Martha Wachs Lange Gary and Kathy McGovern Menne Colleen Read Sandy Botts Sorg Jay and Anna Kreutzjans Weber
<b>1958</b> Sandy Kemphaus Konerman	<b>1968</b> Barb Hunt Ciccone Judy Berger Collins
<b>1959</b> Beverly Spraul Koerner Marie Fornash Kress Tom and Carol Krumpelman Noll Rita Boneau Pawlus Class of 1959	
<b>1961</b> Pat DeVore Augur Carol Brue Pat Trenkamp Knapp	
<b>1962</b> Margaret Blau-Anderson Daniel and Mary Lou Webster Bosch Mary Anne Woltermann Bright Tom and Sandy Bayless Gleeson Jim and Linda Webster Niewahner Gail Hesselbrock Stegeman	

<b>1979</b> Lynn Drees Hemmer Dan and Mary Beth Janszen Sheridan Donna Schwartz Wessels	<b>Friends of Notre Dame Academy</b> Anonymous Terry and Theresa Averbeck Norbert and Pauline Baumann Richard and Sterling Colvin Charles Deuser Ron Ellis Jon and Becky Fedor Chuck and Linda Fieger Drew and Shannon Hollenkamp Gerry Kreutzjans Rob and Missy Marshall Marianne McGrath Mike and Mary McKeown Rick and Charlotte Read Bill and Julie Schuler Jim and Anita Stautberg Joe and Nancy Stratman Kevin and Jodi Vance
<b>1981</b> Kelly Gammon Sue Wehrman	
<b>1985</b> Chris and Amy Wintersheimer Findley	
<b>1994</b> Kes and Molly Benzinger Murphy	
<b>1995</b> Meredith Himmler Donnelly Lisa Willenbrink Mosley	
<b>2005</b> Kristen Geiger Curry	
<b>2013</b> Marisa Lorch	

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<b>1969</b> Jack and Carol Trimpe Bogaczyk Mary Pat Hanneken Carter Shelley Wills Goetz Jean Pohlman Kramer Dennis and Myra Foltz McEvoy Sue Schulte Shaw Fran Dressman Tarvin Carol Buechel Weber Ruth Ochs Webster Class of 1969	<b>1973</b> Joan Buckley Martha Fielding Cicci Jane Mohr Diamond Mary Wehry Dyas Rick and Mary Arnold Fox Margie Hardebeck Mary Rose Kahmann Mary Beth Wilz Kasper Patricia Lee Kathy Ehلمان Lubbers Mary Ann Remke Geri Flesch Rowan Carolyn Zembrodt
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<b>1978</b> Denise Darpel Baker Mary Lorenz Doherty Monica Queen Phillips Scott and Linda Dermody Schilling Diane Kenkel Steffen	Jon and Shelly Finn Voet
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<b>1980</b> Andrea Foltz Bob and Diane Wigger Wilson	<b>1989</b> Annie Donovan Paul and Jenny Finke Kleier Colleen Dietz Nawab Bill and Lisa Rouse Steimer
<b>1981</b> Daniel and Karen Overly DeJonckheere Paul and Kelly Quinn Hitter Kathleen Konerman Andy and Clare Kuhlman Krumme Mary Beth Lucas O'Gorman Tara Volkering Rodger Kathleen Thorburn Rosing Cathy Rosing Snider	<b>1990</b> Laura Janszen Arentsen Jerry and Julie Baseheart Bentley Kelly Kohlhepp Blake David and Kristin Hummel Coppage Angela Wong Miller Amy Quinn Dye Erin Kern Timmerding Robin Kenkel Welch
<b>1982</b> Ann Boitman Cain Rachel Brauley Broering Tom and Diane Darpel Seiter Jennifer Kriege Weaver	<b>1992</b> Denise Rohmiller Middendorf
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<b>1984</b> Molly Panko Fritz Chris and Lisa Hemmer Pieper	<b>1994</b> Chris and Laura Ryan Eibel Eric and Mollie Weiler Erpenbeck Julie Tapke
<b>1985</b> Ron and Kathy Flach Brunot Kara Read Marino Amy Kennedy Neltner JoAnn Roth Keith Johnson and Laura Ryan Lisa Toebe Wessels	<b>1995</b> Ryan and Nicole Nageleisen Dirks Kristin Humpert Hagedorn Chris and Karen Klaene Kleman Maria Maile Jessica Ryan Pfeiffer Julie Creevy Scharff
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<b>1987</b> Kevin Baker and Donna Bloemer Julia Meister	<b>1997</b> Lisa Ruwe Timmerding
	<b>1998</b> Brook and Valerie Pugne Dyas Sarah Lewin Hill Amy Kenkel Katie Tapke McNeely Jill Voet Morgan Amy Kleier Pastura Annemarie Neiser Perkins
	<b>1999</b> Lynn Amend Katrina Robke Holtmeier Wayne and Tish Grote Lashua Carey Bromwell Sanders
	<b>2000</b> Emily Maier Knoll Christopher and Bridget Metzger Price Meghan McGee Schneeman
	<b>2001</b> Anna Rottman Hauber
	<b>2003</b> Justine Berberich Doyle Deidra Brown Schornack

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Notre Dame Academy is blessed with dedicated leaders who share their time, talent and expertise to strengthen our mission and support the young women we serve. This year, we are pleased to welcome four new members to our Board of Directors. Their diverse professional backgrounds and deep commitment to Catholic education will help guide NDA with wisdom, clarity and forward-looking vision. You can learn more about NDA's Board of Directors at: [www.ndapandas.org/about/leadership/our-board](http://www.ndapandas.org/about/leadership/our-board)

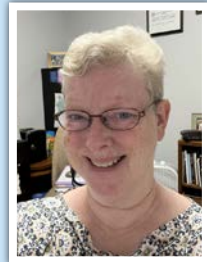


**Brian Dunham**  
Attorney / Founder at Dunham Law

Brian C. Dunham is the founder and managing member of Dunham Law and brings more than 25 years of experience in business, real estate, and commercial law. A highly respected attorney, he holds the "AV Preeminent" rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has been recognized as a Super Lawyer in both Ohio and Kentucky. Brian is one of only 17 attorneys certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a Specialist in Business, Commercial, and Industrial Real Property Law.

A graduate of Northern Kentucky University, he earned his B.A. and J.D./M.B.A., both cum laude, and has served in leadership roles in numerous professional and civic organizations throughout the region.

Brian's commitment to Notre Dame Academy is deeply personal. His wife, Julie, is a 1988 alumna, and their daughters Claire (2021) and Chloe (2025), along with his sisters, are all NDA graduates. His dedication to faith-based education and mission-driven leadership makes him a valued member of the board.

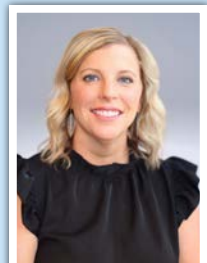


**Sr. Judith Niewahner**  
Conference Relations Manager

Sister Judith Niewahner, SND, is a proud 1982 alumna of Notre Dame Academy with deep family roots at NDA—her sisters Angie and Deanna are also graduates. She currently serves as Conference Relations Manager for St. Vincent de Paul Northern Kentucky, where she supports volunteers, strengthens community outreach, and helps advance the organization's mission of service to neighbors in need.

Sister Judith has dedicated her life to faith, service, and education. Her previous ministry includes serving as Director of the Holy Trinity Child Development Center, where she oversaw programs that supported young children and their families. A Covington native, she brings a strong understanding of the community NDA serves.

Her message to young people—"stay close to your faith and pray always"—reflects her lifelong commitment to the Gospel and the charism of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As an alumna and Sister, she brings both spiritual grounding and mission-focused leadership to the NDA Board.



**Stacie Strotman**  
President/CEO of Partners For Change

Stacie Strotman serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Partners For Change, a nonprofit dedicated to mentoring, family engagement, and out-of-school programming that strengthens student success across Northern Kentucky. With nearly 26 years of experience in education—including her longtime leadership at Covington Partners—Stacie has built a career rooted in collaboration, continuous improvement, and supporting the whole child. She also teaches Program Evaluation in Northern Kentucky University's Master of Public Administration program.

A Northern Kentucky native, Stacie earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and her master's degree in Public Administration from NKU.

Her commitment to Catholic education is reflected in her family's connection to NDA. Stacie is the mother of Emma, Class of 2026, and is passionate about supporting young women in a community grounded in faith and excellence. Her deep experience in community impact and student support enriches her service on the board.



**Erin Woods**  
Development Director at Notre Dame Urban Education Center

Erin Woods brings a strong background in education, development, and nonprofit leadership to her role on the Board of Directors. As Director of Development at the Notre Dame Urban Education Center, she leads comprehensive fundraising efforts, donor relations, and major initiatives that expand opportunities for underserved students and families. Her work focuses on building sustainable partnerships, securing grants, and strengthening mission-driven programs.

Erin holds a bachelor's degree in Secondary Mathematics Education from the University of Kentucky and an MBA from Thomas More University—an ideal blend of educational understanding and strategic business insight.

Her connection to Notre Dame Academy is rooted in her role as a parent. Erin's daughter, Sophia, is a member of the Class of 2029, and Erin is passionate about supporting NDA's mission of empowering young women through faith-based, transformative education. Her commitment to service, community, and Catholic education makes her a valued contributor to the board.

# News for Alumnae

## Join Us for Alumnae Dinner Theatre Featuring *Cinderella*



Mark your calendars and reconnect with your NDA sisters for a magical evening at our annual Alumnae Dinner Theatre on Thursday, March 26, 2026!

This year, the talented students of NDA/CCH will bring the classic fairy tale production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* to life on stage and all alumnae and their guests are warmly invited to share in the celebration.

The evening begins with a delicious catered dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the NDA auditorium, featuring dinner, drinks, and dessert, followed by the performance of *Cinderella* in the NDA Theatre at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include the full dinner and the show.

To reserve your seat, please complete the reservation form on page 44 and return it with payment to the Notre Dame Academy Alumnae Office or use the QR code below to visit [www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events) to register online.

Reservation deadline: Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

For more information or questions, please contact us at: [alum@ndapandas.org](mailto:alum@ndapandas.org) or (859) 292-7729.



We can't wait to see you there - it's sure to be an enchanted evening!

### NDA Alumnae Family Special Event

### Enchanted Reception

Before the magic begins on stage, join us for a special reception for young royals and their chaperones before the curtain rises on the NDA/CCH performance of *Cinderella*.

### Save the Date

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
Special Pre-Show Reception at 1 pm  
Cinderella Performance at 2 pm

Additional details and registration information will be provided in the upcoming monthly email newsletters!

[www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events)



## UNITE IN PRAYER with NDA Alumnae and the Sisters of Notre Dame

We invite you to join your fellow NDA alumnae and the Sisters of Notre Dame in daily prayer. To become a part of our prayer group or to submit a personal prayer intention, please visit [www.ndapandas.org/alumnae](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae). Your prayer intentions will be included in the daily prayers of our Sisters, as well as in the prayer intention book located in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel at Notre Dame Academy. Additionally, they will be remembered during our monthly Alumnae Rosary.



## Golden Girls Celebration: Honoring 50 Years of NDA Alumnae

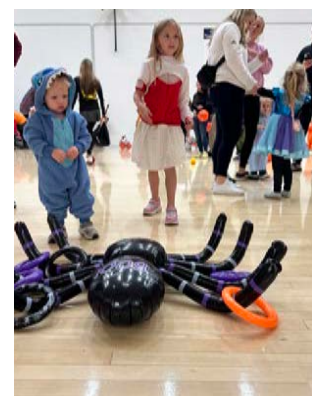
On October 5, Notre Dame Academy welcomed back alumnae who graduated 50 years ago or more for a morning filled with joy, connection, and nostalgia. The Class of 1975 joined the celebration as the newest members of our Golden Girls during a special Mass in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel, followed by a luncheon and program in the Auditorium. A heartfelt thank you to our NDA faculty & students, the chorus members, ambassadors, and commercial art and design students, whose talents and spirit helped make the day so special for our Golden Girls. Their presence reminded us of the vibrant connection that unites past, present, and future students in the NDA sisterhood.



## ALUMNAE FAMILY & FRIENDS HALLOWEEN PARTY FRESHMAN TRADITION RETURNS!



Alumnae, families, and friends enjoyed a spooktacular evening of Halloween fun and tradition at Notre Dame Academy's Alumnae Family Halloween Party, hosted by the NDA Freshmen. Little ones arrived in costume for games, treats, and plenty of Panda spirit!



# Reunions

Many NDA classes have celebrated reunions this year with a few more planned for this year! For information regarding NDA reunions, please visit [www.ndapandas.org/alumnae](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae). If you are interested in planning your class reunion or have updated information to share, please email [alum@ndapandas.org](mailto:alum@ndapandas.org).



The following classes celebrated their reunions throughout summer and this fall.

The following classes celebrated reunions:

- Class of 1955 - 70 Year Reunion
- Class of 1960 - 65 Year Reunion
- Class of 1965 - 60 Year Reunion
- Class of 1970 - 55 Year Reunion
- Class of 1975 - 50 Year Reunion
- Class of 1980 - 45 Year Reunion
- Class of 1985 - 40 Year Reunion
- Class of 1990 - 35 Year Reunion
- Class of 1995 - 30 Year Reunion
- Class of 2000 - 25 Year Reunion

For more information regarding NDA reunions, please visit [www.ndapandas.org/alumnae](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae) or contact the Alumnae Relations Office at [MosleyL@ndapandas.org](mailto:MosleyL@ndapandas.org) or 859.292.1852.



**1955**  
Seventy years strong! The Class of 1955 gathered on September 9, 2025, at the Greyhound Tavern in Fort Mitchell to celebrate seven decades of memories, laughter, and lifelong friendship.



**1960**  
Members of the Class of 1960 gathered on August 29, 2025, for a luncheon at the Summit Country Club to celebrate 65 wonderful years.

**1965**  
The class of 1965 celebrated 60 years on September 19 at Pee Wee's Party Room. They had so much fun catching up, they forgot to take a group photo - the best kind of party!



**1970**  
On October 17, 2025, the Class of 1970 had a special evening at the Fort Mitchell Country Club for their 55th reunion. Smiles, hugs, and happy memories filled the night!



**1975**  
The Class of 1975 celebrated their fabulous 50th reunion at The White House Event Center in Edgewood, Kentucky - half a century of friendship never looked so good!



**1980**  
The Class of 1980 kicked off summer in style with a 45th reunion celebration on July 3, at Crescent Springs Park. Sunshine, laughter, and nostalgia were in full swing.



**1985**  
The Class of 1985 made a whole weekend of it! Their 40th reunion festivities started with a farm party on September 5 and wrapped up with a joyful Sunday brunch at NDA on September 7 - the perfect ending to a weekend full of memories.



**1990**  
Off to the races! The Class of 1990 marked 35 years with a trip to Keeneland on October 11 - good times, great friends, and maybe a few lucky bets!



**1995**  
The Class of 1995 celebrated their days at NDA with a fun evening in Alumnae Hall on November 15, 2025. With a casual vibe, the night was all about friendship, memories, and celebrating three decades of panda pride! We were especially excited to welcome Sr. Ethel, Sr. Judith, and Sr. Maria Francine, who stopped by to say hello!



**2000**  
The Class of 2000, gathered at the Villa Hills Civic Club on November 8 and turned back the clock for their 25th Reunion, opening the time capsule on their Y2K memories and celebrating years of friendship.

## PANDA Entrepreneurial Corner



### Christine Luzak Luken - NDA 1992 Alumna

#### Please describe your company and what prompted you to start your company?

I didn't decide to become the Financial Dignity® Coach because I've always done well with money. In fact, it's quite the opposite! At age 26, I crashed and burned financially due to an unhealthy relationship and my own stubbornness. I felt ashamed of my money mess and moved back home with my parents so I could regroup and start healing my financial situation. I got really curious about this question: Why do smart people (like me) do dumb things with money? Earning an accounting degree with nearly a 4.0 GPA, I possessed the financial knowledge, but something was obviously missing: understanding the emotional side of money. After I rectified my own finances, I began helping others navigate their emotional money messes with empathy, rather than judgment. In 2012, I left my accounting job with the family business to work full-time on my financial coaching and education business, 7 Pillars, LLC.

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

The challenge for me in business was learning how to sell. That skill didn't come naturally to this accountant! But I hired coaches, took courses, and read dozens of books to learn this vital business (and life) skill. The biggest reward for me in my business is witnessing the transformation that happens with my financial coaching clients and readers of my books. Hearing how they have moved from a place of money shame and chaos to peace, positivity, and Financial Dignity® gives me a deep sense of fulfillment.

#### How did your time at NDA influence you and help you make your company a reality?

My time at NDA prepared me as an excellent writer, which has served me well in the publication of my four books, including *Money is Emotional: Prevent Your Heart from Hijacking Your Wallet*. I received the perfect balance of encouragement and challenge. I remember how Mrs. Timmerding's praise of my writing motivated me to pursue it with enthusiasm. I also remember how Ms. Helbling's constructive criticism spurred my writing to new levels of excellence. Although it stung a bit in the moment, Ms. Helbling made me a better writer. I know that NDA students (including my niece, Ayla Luzak) are still receiving that perfect blend of encouragement and challenge in the classroom!

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

One of my mentors, Glenn Warner, who passed away in 2019, gave me the best piece of business advice I've received: "Hire the absolute best person you can afford to solve the problem you have. And do that for every problem you have in your business." That advice has served me well over my 17 years in business.

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

Giving back to the community here in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area is deeply important to me. I am blessed to come from a wonderful family and to have the benefit of a Catholic education. But I know that not everyone is that fortunate. This is why I financially support and volunteer with organizations that teach financial literacy and entrepreneurship, especially to women and minorities. It's my way of spreading Financial Dignity® as far and wide as I can!

Website: <https://www.christineluken.com/>

Podcast: <https://money-is-emotional.blubrry.net/>

Books: <https://www.amazon.com/stores/Christine-Luken/author/B007JA5644>

## NDA Alumnae Family Event

### Cookies with Santa



Friday, December 12, 2025  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
in Alumnae Hall at NDA  
\$3 per child

Join us for cookies, crafts and  
photos with Santa!



SCAN THE QR CODE to RSVP  
[www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events)



## NDA ALUMNAE EVENT

### galentine's sips & stems

save the date  
FEBRUARY 5, 2026  
NDA ALUMNAE HALL



Registration information will be provided in  
the upcoming monthly email newsletters!

[www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae/events)



# Class Updates

**1957**

**Lois Ertel Shinkle** is proud to share that she and her husband William celebrated 65 years of marriage earlier this year. They live in Elizabethtown, KY and enjoy their family time with their 3 children and 3 grandchildren.

**1964**

**Save the Date!** Join classmates for an 80th Birthday Celebration Lunch on Friday, September 18, 2026. More details to come but in the meantime if you have questions or suggestions for a lunch location, please contact Mary Ann Muck at 859-653-3007.

**1968**

**Rosie Heideman** and her cousins are pictured beside the beautifully restored Mary statue lovingly brought back to life by their cousin, artist Marlene VonHandorf Steele. The restoration was made possible through the generous support of the Von Handorf family, who deeply understand the statue's importance to NDA's heritage. (L-R): Marlene VonHandorf Steele '68, Pauline Boemker Wolfe '74, Linda VonHandorf Fussinger '74, Rosie Heideman '68, Joan VonHandorf '66.



**1977**

Congratulations to **Karen Bieger Finan**, who was named one of The Cincinnati Enquirer's 2025 Women of the Year! Karen was recognized for her role as a unifying force and visionary leader in Northern Kentucky. As President and CEO of the OneNKY Alliance, she has spent the past eight years championing a collective regional vision that promotes better health, education, and collaboration among Northern Kentucky's cities and counties.

**1990**

After graduating from NDA, **Stephanie Halenkamp Brumer**, earned her B.A. in Theater and Dance from NKU and her M.F.A. in Dance and Creative Practice from St. Mary's College in Moraga, CA - all while raising five children with her supportive husband and family! Now a Master Pilates Instructor, Stephanie recently opened her own studio, Embody Pilates, on Monmouth Street in Newport, KY. The studio offers group, private, and semi-private reformer and mat Pilates classes. Embody Pilates' mission is to help people stand taller, breathe deeper, and feel stronger.



**1990 & 1991**

Two alums join together to expand Smart Rehab to Northern Kentucky! This expansion holds special meaning for **Theresa Schuh Finlay '91**, PT, Smart Rehab's co-founder in St. Louis, who grew up in NKY. Joining her is **Jill Vonderhaar Nader '90**, PT, who will serve as Clinical Market Director for Northern Kentucky. Jill and Theresa's connection goes back to their NDA days, Jill even inspired Theresa to attend Saint Louis University's Physical Therapy program! Now, decades later, they're teaming up again to help older adults stay strong, independent, and at home with in-home physical and occupational therapy throughout Northern Kentucky and the greater Cincinnati area!

**2006**

**Julie Wagner Mittermeier** and her husband, Steven, joyfully welcomed their daughter, Caroline Marie, on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15.

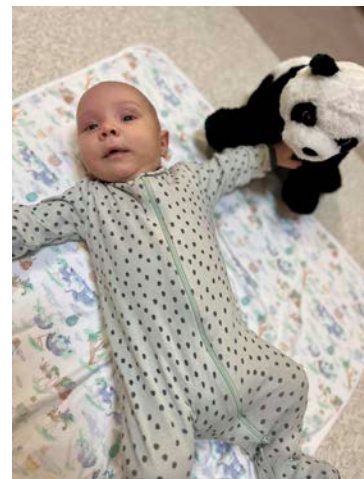


**2010**

**Megan Good** completed her one year fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston in June. She will continue her career there as the medical director of the first-episode psychosis program.

**2010**

**Gina Palazzo Slayton** and her husband, Zachary, welcomed their second son, Arthur Slayton, in July 2025.



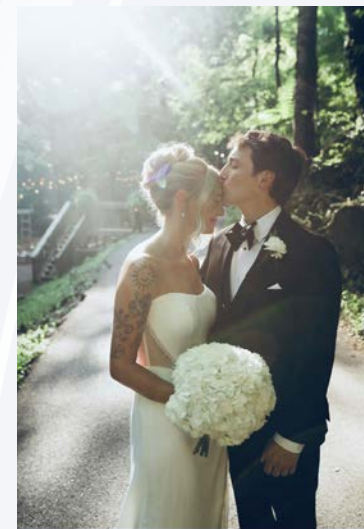
**2013**

**Bethany Tabeling Wendt** and her husband, Trevor, welcomed their baby girl, Mara, on August 25, 2025. Mara joins big brothers Brooks and Eli.



**2015**

**Lizzie Buring Atkerson** married Jack Atkerson on August 2, 2025, at Lost River Cave in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



**2016**

**Kelsey Sucher, Tess Witt, and Emma Folzenlogen** had a great time at the NDA Young Professionals Group Outing to the Florence Y'all's game in July!

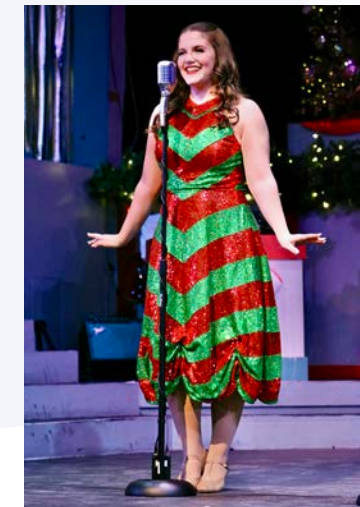


**2017**

**Sophia David** and her partner Steve welcomed a son Savoir Akram Donald in January 2023.

**2020**

**Chloe Esmeier** is shining on stage in Tennessee! This spring, she performed at Anakeesta, singing and dancing on top of a mountain. She now stars as an entertainer at Dollywood, voted the #1 Theme Park in the Nation, in their award-winning show "Christmas in the Smokies." Chloe shares, "It's such a privilege to perform for thousands of guests every day and be part of such a big production. I get to sing Christmas music, dance in all styles, and wear beautiful, handcrafted costumes-it's everything I dreamed of as a little girl!"



**2023**

**Katrina Hillebrand** is a rising junior at Thomas More University, majoring in Communications (Digital Media) with minors in Theology and Music. This summer, she was accepted into The Fund for American Studies Internship Program in Washington, D.C., where she interned with Radio America and the American Veterans Center. A highlight of her experience was visiting the National Press Club, a hub for communication and journalism professionals nationwide.





## PANDAS LEADING THE WAY: NDA ALUMNAE CHAMPION INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Across Northern Kentucky, a powerful movement is taking root—one that affirms the dignity of every child and expands access to Catholic education for students of all abilities. At the heart of that mission is the FIRE Foundation of Northern Kentucky, and we are proud that so many Notre Dame Academy alumnae are leading the way.

The FIRE Foundation was officially established in the Diocese of Covington in 2023 through the vision and determination of Catholic mothers, many of them NDA graduates, who believed deeply that every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in a Catholic school. Among its earliest leaders, Missy Fischer Hail '85 and Jeannett Albers Hasselbeck '96 served as co-founders, helping shape the organization's mission and laying the groundwork for its long-term impact. Noticing gaps in resources and support for children with disabilities, this group began meeting, praying, and partnering with diocesan leaders to imagine a different future—one where inclusion is not just possible, but celebrated.

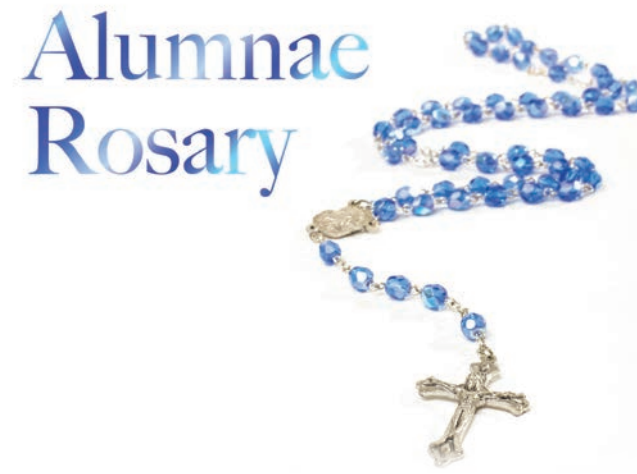
Their work resulted in the creation of FIRE NKY, an affiliate of the original FIRE Foundation in Kansas City, which now provides resources such as teacher training, paraprofessional support, adaptive technology, and funding to help Catholic schools welcome students with diverse learning needs.

We are proud of the NDA alumnae serving in leadership roles:

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| Missy Fischer Hail '85, Board President        | Anna Hellman Thamann '07, Board Member               |
| Jeannett Albers Hasselbeck '96, Vice President | Lauren Baumann '87, Board Member                     |
| Mary Kay Anneken Laird '87, Treasurer          | Kate Hail '20, Marketing and Social Media Support    |
| Janie Quigley Zembrodt '97, Secretary          | Hannah Wirth '20, Marketing and Social Media Support |
| Alex Lonnemann Bessler '13, Board Member       |  |

These women bring personal stories, professional expertise, and a shared commitment to creating Catholic school communities where every student is welcomed, supported, and valued. Their leadership reflects the heart of Notre Dame Academy—faith in action, a belief in the dignity of each person, and a mission to help young women transform the world.

Thanks to their dedication, Catholic schools across the Diocese of Covington are better equipped to foster inclusion, build community, and ensure that every child has a place to shine.



All are welcome to join us for our next Alumnae Rosary in the Mary, Mother of the World Chapel at Notre Dame Academy. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us in prayer wherever you may be. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our monthly rosary is typically held on the 3rd Thursday of each month and is planned for the following upcoming dates:

- December 18 at 9:30 a.m.
- January 15 at 9:30 a.m.
- February 19 at 9:30 a.m.

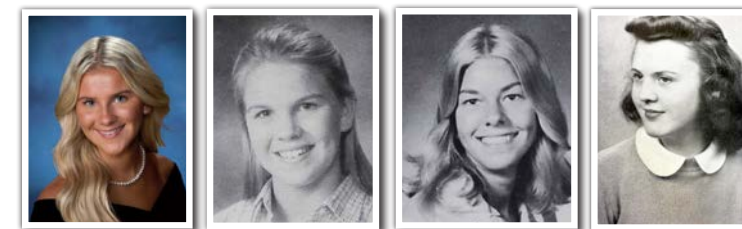
## FAMILY LEGACY: ADDITIONAL CONNECTIONS

We are pleased to share additional Family Legacy information for members of the Class of 2028 and to offer updates that have come in since our summer Notre Damian was completed. These additional family legacies honor our alumnae connections and help ensure accuracy in our records.

### Class of 2029 Family Legacy Addition:

**Pippa Holbrook 2029**  
Grandmother: Carol Ann Paine Deye 1961  
Great Grandma: Helen Eppler Paine Blank 1937  
Aunt: Shannon Deye 1986  
Great Aunt: Joan Deye Wurtenberger 1948

### Class of 2025 Family Legacy Addition:



Paige Spaulding 2025  
Mother: Erin Berger Schalk 2000  
Grandmother: Jane Fangman Berger Moore 1977  
Great Grandmother: Maydie Mack Steltenkamp Berger 1943

## STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR NDA SISTERHOOD!

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

You can easily update your information by visiting [www.ndapandas.org/alumnae](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae) using the QR code below or email [alum@ndapandas.org](mailto:alum@ndapandas.org).



## BLESSED BEGINNINGS

### Engagements

Laney Raab 2019 to Howard Watkins

### Marriages

Lizzie Buring 2015 to Jack Atkerson

### Births

Caroline Marie to Julie Wagner Mittermeier 2006

Stella Blake to Sarah Robinson Lewis 2008

Arthur Slayton to Gina Palazzo Slayton 2010

Jude Ashton to Ashley Robinson Zimble 2010

Sara to Bethany Tabela Wendt 2013

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

WHERE IN THE WORLD!  
 The Notre Damian On The Road  
 1699 Hilton Drive  
 Park Hills, KY 41011



The Kute family took a wonderful family vacation to Hilton Head Island in July 2025. They were proud to have four Pandas under one roof for the week! Stacey Katzer Oldfield 1990, Laura Kute Lubert 1994, Kellie Kute Jensen 1991, and Kathy Reidinger Kute 1967.



Lauren Pettibone Brown 2000 and Reese Brown 2029 traveled to Kyoto, Japan, where they visited the stunning Golden Temple (Kinkaku-ji) - a truly unforgettable experience.



The Droege sisters gathered in Sylvania, Ohio, for a special family reunion. Pictured: Sr. Mary Margaret Droege 1962, Terry Droege Harmon 1972, JoAnn Droege Hoppenjans 1966, and Marge Droege Kuhlman 1964.



A group of Pandas enjoyed a memorable seven-day Viking River Cruise through France in July 2025, traveling with their grandmother, moms, and sisters. The Notre Damian travelers explored the beautiful wine regions of Bordeaux, Médoc & Margaux, Blaye, Bourg, Cadillac, Libourne, and Saint-Émilion—a truly special multi-generational journey celebrating family, friendship, and adventure.  
 (L-R) Julie Thompson Rybarczyk 1998, Lauren Tobler Stone 2010, Suzie Durrett Ward 1995, Jennifer Durrett 1997, Grandmother Rita Arlinghaus (The Academy of Notre Dame of Providence 1951), Joan Schuler Arlinghaus 1979, Laura Arlinghaus 2005, Gabriella Hacker Reid 2017, and Sarah Schulte 1995.



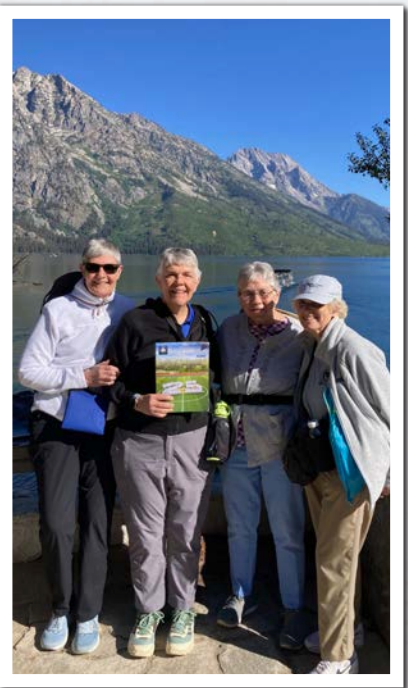
1991 classmates and friends, Meghan Scherder Olson, Lauren Holzderber Dressman, Katie Collins Hamm and Chrissy Annear Monohan had a fantastic time together on a girls trip to Nashville to see Dolly Parton's new musical!



This lively crew descended on Nashville to celebrate a milestone - the 70th birthday for Bridget Finn McGee's! (L-R): Bridget Finn McGee 1973, Patty Finn Cobb 1976, Maisie Schneeman 2029, Aunt Martha Finn Trenkamp 1970, and Meghan McGee Schneeman 2000.



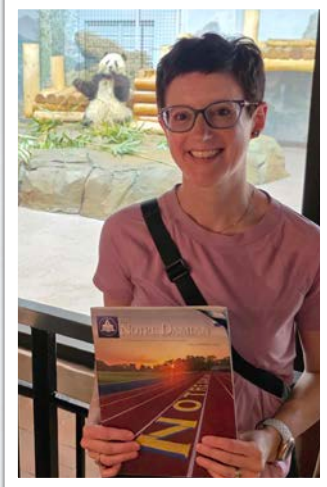
Mary Ellen Greene Meier 1971 & Terrie Meier Lonneman 1974 enjoyed a river cruise through the Pacific Northwest, exploring Washington and Oregon, and are pictured here in front of the breathtaking Multnomah Falls.



Sr. Mary Judith Averbeck 1960, Sr. Mary Ethel Parrot 1964, Susan McDowell, and Kelly Gammon 1981 traveled together through Idaho and Wyoming in July. Their photo was taken at Jenny Lake in Grand Teton National Park, with the majestic Teton Range in the background.



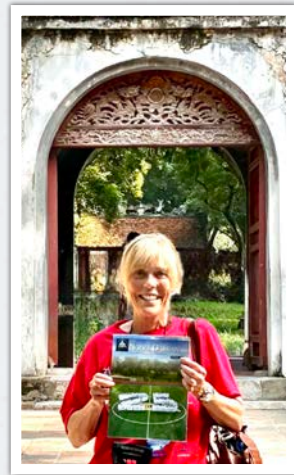
Kelly Stevens Faillo 2003, Hiromi Taki 2003, and Meredith Stark Calle 2003 traveled to Quebec City in April 2025 to celebrate their 40th birthdays and 23 years of friendship.



Michelle Horstkamp Rater 2003 visited the pandas at the National Zoo in Washington D.C. while on a fun spring break trip with her husband and daughters!



Some of the Class of 1971 reunited for a getaway at Cathy Hebbeler's farmhouse in Owensboro, KY. The weekend was filled with games, cards, shuffleboard - even virtual reality! Marilyn Russell, Cathy Hebbeler, Colleen Collins, Lynn Haney, and Mary Catherine Brooks. Pat Feldhaus and Cindy Pence also stopped by to join the fun. This group has been getting together once a month for 50 years!



Sue Daly Neumark 1965 recently explored Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and Thailand — a meaningful journey through a region she had long dreamed of visiting. She shared: "It was an incredible experience visiting the land I had always wondered about, having grown up during the Vietnam War — or as they call it, the American War. The people were warm and welcoming, and I'm so glad I finally did it." Pictured here at the Temple of Literature in Hanoi.



Four NDA graduates and grandmas gathered in Kentucky this spring for a baby shower for Judy's daughter, Hanna. Jean, Judy and Juanita all reside in Northern Kentucky and Diane lives in South Carolina. We love keeping up with NDA and our classmates through the Notre Damian! Jean Hanna Mize 1980, Diane Hanna Davis 1981, Judy Hanna 1985 and Juanita Ziegler Hanna 1954.



Ginny Ruehl Focke 1972 recently ventured to Kenya, Africa, where she experienced the breathtaking wildlife and culture of East Africa - a true adventure of a lifetime!



Cindy Pence 1971, Colleen Collins 1971, Kathy Neff Coleman 1971, and Marilyn Russell 1971 enjoyed a 10-day Pacific Northwest Adventure trip to Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver, British Columbia. The group described it as "a funtastic time" filled with laughter, sightseeing, and Panda spirit!

# Do you have any news to share?

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

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Married Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## REGISTRATION FORM

### 2026 ALUMNAE DINNER THEATRE *Cinderella*

Thursday, March 26, 2026 | Dinner - 5:30 p.m. | Show - 7:00 p.m.

Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ NDA Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest Names (Non-Alums Welcome!) \_\_\_\_\_

With whom would you like to be seated? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 EACH = \_\_\_\_\_

# Of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed, please find my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Notre Dame Academy)



Registration may also be completed online at [www.ndapandas.org/alumnae](http://www.ndapandas.org/alumnae) or by scanning the QR CODE below.



The deadline for reservations is March 11, 2026. Please mail this completed form by along with payment to:  
 NDA ALUMNAE OFFICE, ATTN: Alumnae Dinner Theatre, 1699 HILTON DRIVE, PARK HILLS, KY 41011

## REGISTRATION FORM

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL

# Women Making A Difference

AWARD LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

at the St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center (SETEC)  
 3861 Olympic Blvd, Erlanger, KY 41018

Please mail this completed form, along with payment to:  
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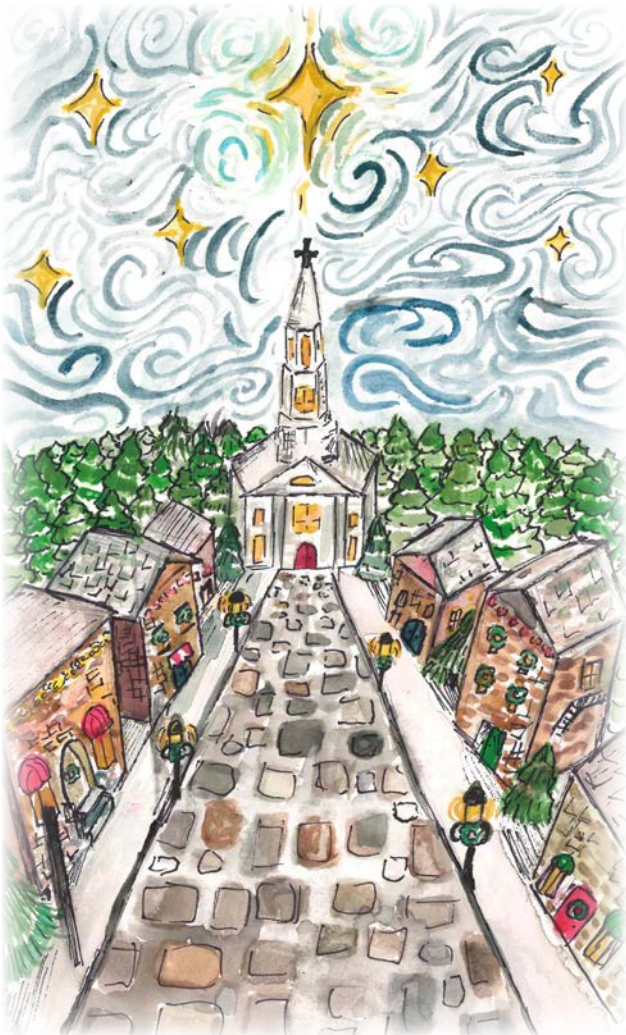
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May the light of Christ guide  
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His presence fill your days  
with grace.*

*This year's NDA Christmas card features artwork  
by Makayla Kleman, Class of 2027, whose  
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