



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Panda Families,

This week offered a beautiful reminder of the purpose and promise of a Notre Dame Academy education. During our Women Making a Difference Day, students had the opportunity to hear from professionals who are leading and serving in a variety of fields, sharing how their careers, faith and values guide the work they do each day. The conversations throughout the morning encouraged our young women to begin imagining the many ways they too are called to shape the world beyond graduation and to consider how their gifts can be used in service to others.

Among the 26 speakers who joined us for the career fair, 18 were NDA alumnae. Their presence was a powerful testament to the lifelong impact of an NDA education. The journey to becoming women who make a difference often begins here as freshmen, and over four years our students grow into empowered, driven and confident young women prepared to lead with purpose. Seeing so many alumnae return to share their experiences was a meaningful reminder that the mission of Notre Dame Academy continues long after graduation.

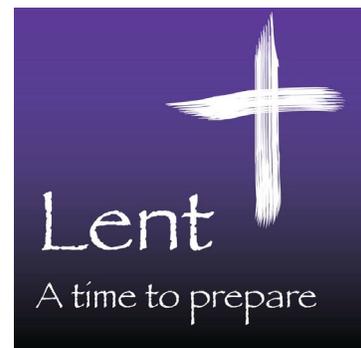
As an alumna from the Class of 1997, I experienced firsthand the transformation that takes place within these walls. There is a goodness that flows from the mission of Notre Dame Academy. Rooted in faith, sisterhood and high expectations, that goodness continues to bear fruit in the lives of our graduates as they go on to lead, serve and make a difference in the world.

At yesterday's luncheon, we were also blessed to hear from senior Lucie Kiely, whose reflection on service reminded us that true joy is found when we place Jesus first, others second and ourselves last. Her message beautifully captured what it means to live the mission of Notre Dame Academy each day and challenged all of us to look for opportunities to serve with humility and compassion.

Our theme this year reflects the third educational principle of the Sisters of Notre Dame: The Notre Dame Educator as a Gospel Witness. Each day our students are encouraged to live as sisters in mission, striving to *Walk Humbly, Serve Boldly and Shine with Grace*. These are values that continue to guide the young women of Notre Dame Academy and shape the leaders they are becoming!

Walk in Faith,

Mrs. Lisa Ruwe Timmerding '97



# WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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### A DAY CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND SISTERHOOD

Notre Dame Academy celebrated its 25th annual Women Making a Difference event yesterday with a day that truly reflected the heart of our mission. The morning began with a career fair, where students had the opportunity to learn from and connect with women who are leading and serving in a variety of professions.

The day concluded with a special luncheon honoring three remarkable NDA alumnae whose lives and work exemplify the values of faith, leadership, and service instilled at Notre Dame. Their stories reminded our students that NDA graduates are called to lead with courage, compassion, and purpose.

It was an inspiring day that celebrated the power of women supporting women and the lasting impact of an NDA education!



# FAITH IN ACTION



## FAITH FORMATION

### UPCOMING LITURGIES

We will pray a decade of the Rosary in chapel at 7:45 a.m. on March 5, 6 and 9.

The St. Joan of Arc Family will celebrate Mass together during homeroom on Friday, March 6 in our chapel.

The Sophomore Class Ring Ceremony and Mass will be held in our chapel on Tuesday, March 10.

This week we continue offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Religion Classes on Thursday and Friday.

We will have adoration in our chapel on Friday, March 6 throughout the day.

## ATTENTION SENIORS

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### SENIOR SERVICE

Seniors are reminded that they should complete their service work by March 13. Once they have completed their service work - they must fill out the Senior Service Completion Form found on the padlet. Mrs. Price will then schedule their Senior Service Interview during the months of March and April.

## REMINDER

## HOURS DUE MARCH 31

### SERVICE

Freshmen and Sophomore Service hours are due on March 31. A full list of requirements and guidelines can be found [here](#).

## SAVE THE DATE

### GIRLS GONE HOLY

Students are invited to attend this evening of fellowship and prayer on Wednesday, March 18 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. More information will be shared with the students in the coming week.

*girls gone holy*

# Student Life



## TASTY LESSON DNA IN 3D

Last week Ms. Meese's Honors Biology students worked to better understand the complex structure of the DNA double helix. Our students used licorice and different colored marshmallows to build 3D models. This hands-on activity helped them visualize how unique DNA is. It was a fantastic way to turn abstract concepts into something tangible—and delicious!



## GOLD TEAM FINISHES IN TOP 10 NDA MOCK TRIAL TEAMS COMPETE AT STATE

Notre Dame Academy had two teams qualify to compete in the Kentucky High School Mock Trial competition over the weekend in Louisville. Both teams performed exceptionally well, representing NDA with professionalism, preparation, and strong courtroom presence.

The NDA Gold Team finished in an impressive 10th place overall. In addition, two NDA students received special recognition as Outstanding Attorneys: Teagan Kruer and Jazelle Stovall.

Congratulations to our talented Mock Trial students for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

## MARCH 10 - TUESDAY EARLY DISMISSAL

Next Tuesday, March 10, students in grades nine to eleven will have their second testing day of the year. At NDA, we call these days Super Days. The seniors will attend their final retreat as a student of NDA - The Senior Mission Retreat. The schedule will be as follows:

- **Seniors** - 9:00 - 2:00 - Mission Retreat on NDA's campus - students must pack a lunch.
- **Juniors** - 8:00 - 12:15 - ACT and then will be dismissed.
- **Sophomores** - 8:00 - 1:00 - CERT test, then lunch and concluding with the Sophomore Ring Ceremony.
- **Freshmen** - 8:00 - 1:00 - CERT test, then lunch, team building activities, work on YouScience, Scoir, and Resumes

Please plan for transportation accordingly. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding on days such as this.

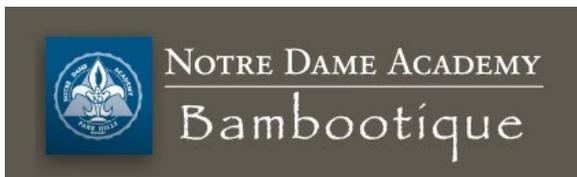
**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION  
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## SEQUINS & SNEAKERS: FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Join us for a magical evening where fathers and daughters shine together! Dress up in your favorite sequins, slip on your coolest sneakers, and enjoy dinner, dancing, and memories that will last a lifetime. This special night is all about celebrating the unique bond between dads and their daughters — NDA style!

[Click HERE to register by March 13!](#)



## SHOW YOUR NDA SPIRIT SHOP THE BAMBOOTIQUE

Pick up something to wear while you are cheering on your favorite Pandas this spring! Visit the Bambootique in person or shop [ONLINE](#).



## SAVE THE DATE PROM NIGHT SETS SAIL THIS APRIL

Prom 2026 is heading to the Greek islands! Juniors and Seniors join us for Mamma Mia! Prom Night on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 7:15–11:00 p.m. aboard BB Riverboats. A night of music, dancing, waterfront views, and unforgettable memories awaits. Grab your tickets now! [Click the link to register by April 10](#). Also, please complete [this form](#) (by March 10) along with the Cognito (for paying) form. This is the one we will be using to place you at tables, and using for emergency information.



## STUDENTS INVITED TO SERVE

# NDA'S FIRST-EVER MUSTARD SEED MISSION TRIP

Registration is now open for NDA's first-ever Mustard Seed Mission Trip. Join us for a week of service, community, and spiritual growth as we accompany and serve some of the most vulnerable communities.

Dates: May 30 through June 6, 2026

Location: Moca, Dominican Republic

Cost: \$1,200 (fundraised) plus airfare (approximately \$800)

Sign Up: 2026 Mustard Seed Mission Trip Registration

This opportunity is open to all students 15 and older, including current seniors.

Mustard Seed Communities partners with vulnerable populations around the world, offering hope, support, and practical assistance to those most in need. This experience is more than travel — it is an invitation to make a lasting impact and to encounter God's heart for the vulnerable. Spaces are limited.

**We are currently seeking three additional students and one adult chaperone or teacher to join the trip.**

Please email [Ms. Dooling](mailto:Ms.Dooling) with any questions.



## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

# FALL 2026 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

NDA is once again going to host international students from our sister school in Germany (Liebfrauenschule Vechta) for a portion of the 2026 fall semester. Four students will be experiencing the NDA Life for about 10 weeks. The girls would arrive in Mid-October and depart in the middle of December. These students speak English very well and are screened thoroughly by their school before they are allowed to apply for this exchange program. Please call or email Sammie Bezold, Foreign Exchange Program Coordinator, at [bezolds@ndapandas.org](mailto:bezolds@ndapandas.org)/859-292-1884, if you would be interested in more information about this opportunity. Your reply is not a commitment.

### Looking for a unique, short-term hosting opportunity?

Ms. Tewes from CCH is seeking a few NDA families willing to host a German exchange student for one week in March. There is no cost, and students do not need their own bedroom — just a bed and a welcoming family. Even busy families are a great fit, as students are excited to experience everyday American life. Details [HERE](#).



## DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING

# 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

### Scholarships for Continuing Students

Several scholarships are available for continuing students. Families are encouraged to carefully review the requirements and apply for any opportunities that may apply. Scholarship applications can be accessed [HERE](#). Please scroll to the section titled Scholarships for Existing Students.

**The scholarship application deadline is Monday, March 2, 2026.**

Questions about scholarships may be directed to [Mrs. Caccavari](mailto:Mrs.Caccavari).



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### STUDENT-ORGANIZED “NERF WARS”

NDA has recently received inquiries regarding student-organized “Nerf Wars” activities currently taking place in the community. We want to clarify that these activities are **not sponsored, organized, or sanctioned by Notre Dame Academy**. Participation in these games occurs outside of school supervision and is not affiliated with any NDA program or event.

While students from multiple local schools may choose to participate independently, they do so as private individuals and should not represent themselves as acting on behalf of Notre Dame Academy.

Families are encouraged to use discretion and to discuss safety, respect for others, and local laws with their daughters. As always, students are expected to uphold the standards of the Notre Dame Academy community when in public spaces.

We appreciate the support of our families and neighbors in helping ensure that all activities connected to our students reflect positively on the broader community.



## ORDER TODAY

### YEARBOOK NEWS

NDA's 2026 yearbook, is available to order at [jostens.com](https://jostens.com). Order now to take advantage of this great opportunity and best price! Our publications classes work hard to make the yearbook and appreciate your support!

A collage of images related to arts and performance. It includes a pink dressmaker's mannequin on a stand, a yellow palette with colorful paint spots, a blue saxophone, a blue camera, a blue silhouette of a person singing into a microphone, a blue sewing machine, and a blue silhouette of a ballerina. The text "NDA ARTS FEST" is prominently displayed in yellow and blue. At the bottom, it says "SAVE THE DATE MAY 12 2026 5:30P".

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12  
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5:30P**

## SAVE THE DATE

### NDA ARTS FEST 2026

Mark your calendars for our second annual NDA Arts Fest on Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.! This special evening celebrates the creativity, talent, and dedication of our students across the visual and performing arts. From fine art, band, chorus, textiles, theatre, and design, Arts Fest showcases the many ways our young women express their gifts and bring beauty to our community.

Join us as we honor the hard work of our student artists and celebrate an evening filled with inspiration, performance, and Panda pride. More details will be provided as the event approaches. We look forward to seeing you there!



FRIDAY NIGHT FUN! DON'T MISS IT!

## NDA/CCH BAND READY FOR THE REGIONAL FINAL!

Our very own NDA/CCH Band will once again bring the energy and Panda pride as our Pandas advance to the 9th Region Girls Basketball Championship Game.

Join us Friday night at 7 p.m. at Northern Kentucky University's Truist Arena as our NDA Pandas take on Holy Cross Indians for the regional title. The band will be there to lead the crowd, fill the arena with music, and help create an electric atmosphere for this exciting matchup.

All families and friends are encouraged to come out, wear blue and gold, and cheer on our Basketball Pandas and NDA/CCH Band!



DELICIOUS NEWS

## LUNCH MENU

This week's lunch menu and the cafeteria price sheet are available [HERE](#) for easy reference. Families are encouraged to check the menu often to help students plan ahead for meals they'll enjoy.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## RUNNING FOR A PURPOSE

Notre Dame Academy will host the Running for a Purpose Track Meet on March 18, welcoming athletes from Covington Catholic, Beechwood, and NDA for an evening of competition and community. This special event is about more than just racing—it's about running for something meaningful.

In support of this event, the proceeds from our Out of Uniform Day on March 9 will benefit the Karen Wellington Foundation, an organization dedicated to bringing joy and hope to women battling breast cancer by providing experiences such as beach vacations, spa days, backstage passes, and other memorable opportunities.

We are proud to come together as a community to support such an inspiring cause while cheering on our student-athletes. Let's show our Panda spirit by participating in the Out of Uniform Day and supporting this meaningful event!



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

## PANDA ATHLETICS



### Archery

This past weekend at Community Christian, the Pandas posted a team score of 3,179 — their second-highest team score of the season! That performance earned the team a 3rd place finish, just 2 points behind St. Henry for second place.

Individually, Ava and Reagan medaled, finishing 4th and 5th, respectively. Sarah and Jade also had strong performances, placing in the Top 20 among high school girls.

The team competes this weekend at the Walton-Verona Tournament. Good luck, Pandas!



### Basketball

Last Thursday, the Pandas claimed the 2026 35th District Championship with an impressive 60–43 victory over Holy Cross.

On Sunday, the team continued its dominant run in the 9th Region Tournament, defeating St. Henry 51–25 in the quarterfinals. Last night, the Pandas secured a 48–31 semifinal win over Highlands to punch their ticket to the finals!

ON TO THE FINALS!

The Pandas will face Holy Cross for the third time this season on Friday at 7:00 PM at Truist Arena (NKU).

We need every Panda fan there — let's pack the arena!



### Indoor Track

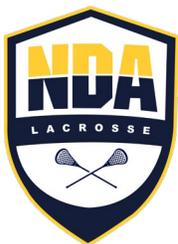
Ten young ladies qualified for the KHSAA Indoor Track & Field State Championships, taking place today at the University of Louisville.

Congratulations and good luck to all our Pandas competing!

### Lacrosse

The lacrosse season was set to begin Monday, but the opener was postponed due to inclement weather.

The team will compete this weekend at Ryle, playing two games on Saturday. Mark your calendars — our first home game is March 17!



### Spring Sports

Tennis, Softball, and Outdoor Track & Field are off to a busy start with practices underway and competition just around the corner. We're excited for a great spring season!

## REMINDER – SAVE THE DATE-NDA Annual Golf Outing

Kenton County Golf Courses

June 5

This event supports **ALL Notre Dame Academy Athletic teams** — we hope to see you there!



# COUNSELING AND STUDENT SERVICES



## COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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Thursday, March 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 p.m., Notre Dame Academy is hosting a College Information Night available to all NDA and CCH parents. The event will include attending two of three presentations with various topics such as financing post secondary education, connecting with resources, and college preparation. Dan Bisig from College and Beyond will be presenting on “College Affordability”, the do’s and don’ts of navigating the financial aid world, and what it takes for students to earn merit-based scholarships. Montanna McClain, our Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority representative, will speak to when and how to apply for state and federal funds, including information regarding the FAFSA. Jess Brown and Erin Stanley will be sharing school-specific information about the college application process, what to expect with timelines, deadlines, and how to create a balanced College List. Registration is not required and we hope to see you all there! Please reach out to Erin Stanley at [stanleye@ndapandas.org](mailto:stanleye@ndapandas.org) or Jessica Brown at [jbrown@covcath.org](mailto:jbrown@covcath.org) with questions.



### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

## NDA COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE

[CLICK HERE](#) for a list of college visits specifically for NDA students/families. The visits are in the hallway outside the cafeteria. All students are welcome to visit the reps.

### REGIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

## EXPLORE HBCU OPPORTUNITIES

Villa Madonna Academy will host the 2026 Northern Kentucky Regional Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair on Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Villa Madonna Academy Gym. This event is designed for NKY students in grades 8 through 12 and their parents and offers the opportunity to meet directly with admissions representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Families will be able to learn about academic programs, scholarships, admissions requirements, campus life, and student support services while exploring the rich legacy and excellence of HBCUs. The event also provides a great opportunity for younger students to begin early conversations about college planning.

Registration is required. Families can register [HERE](#).

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Stanley at [stanleye@ndapandas.org](mailto:stanleye@ndapandas.org).

2026  
Northern Kentucky Regional  
**HBCU**  
COLLEGE FAIR  
FREE EVENT  
March 21, 2026  
10am - 12pm  
Villa Madonna Academy Gymnasium  
2500 Amsterdam Rd  
Villa Hills, KY 41017  
Open to 8th-12th Grade Students &  
Parents  
REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED  
For more info email [viogram@villamadonna.net](mailto:viogram@villamadonna.net)

## 2026 NAVIGO CAREER EXPLORATION SUMMER CAMPS

Rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in exploring career options can join one (or more!) of nine exciting camp programs this June. Participants will engage in hands-on activities alongside faculty and industry professionals, gaining valuable insights from NaviGo coaches on essential skills for success. **Thanks to the generous backing of our sponsors, participation is free, and lunch will be provided!**

### GATEWAY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE CAREER CAMPS

#### WEEK ONE- June 1-4, 9am-1pm (4-day camps)

- **Automotive Technology Career Camp** (20 spots) *Ft Wright Campus*
- **Major Topics in Biology Career Camp** (20 spots) *Boone Campus*
- **HR Xperience Camp** (25 spots) *Boone Campus*
- **Manufacturing & Engineering Technology Career Camp** (12 spots) *Boone Campus*
- **Welding Career Camp** (12 spots) *Boone Campus*

#### WEEK TWO- June 8-11, 9am-1pm (4-day camps)

- **Computerized Manufacturing & Machining Career Camp** (12 spots) *Boone Campus*
- **HVAC & Plumbing Careers Camp** (10 spots) *Boone Campus*
- **Inside IT: Code, Cyber & AI Career Camp** (16 spots) *Boone Campus*

SCAN QR Code to apply to any of these Gateway Camps **by April 30th:**



Students will be notified by May 9th.

### ADDITIONAL CAREER CAMPS

#### AHEC Health Careers Camp

Week 1- June 1-4, 9am-3pm

-or-

Week 2- June 8-11, 9am-3pm

Scan QR Code - Apply **by 4/10**



#### DUKE Energy- Young Women in Energy Careers Camp

June 24, 8:30am-3pm

Scan QR Code - Apply **by 5/21**



#### Enzweiler-BIA Skilled Trades Camp

June 8-10, 8am-3pm

Scan QR Code - Apply **by 5/15**



For more information, visit <https://navigoprep.com/students-2/>

- The **University of Kentucky** is offering a week-long residential **Summer Engineering Exploration Kamp (SEEK)** for a small participation fee of \$65. If you are accepted but need assistance with the fee or transportation to and from campus, please contact NaviGo for support at [navigo@learning-grove.org](mailto:navigo@learning-grove.org). Additional camp details can be found at the link above.

### SPONSORS



# Advancing the Mission

## CORPORATE PARTNERS AND SPONSORS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We are deeply grateful to the businesses and organizations who stand with Notre Dame Academy and believe in the education and formation of our students. We extend special thanks to all our sponsors that were recognized yesterday at the Women Making a Difference Luncheon. Thank you to our Visionary Corporate Partner, Fischer Homes; our Legacy Corporate Partner, Heritage Bank; along with our Community Event Sponsors for the luncheon, St. Elizabeth Healthcare and The Fortis Wealth Management Group at Morgan Stanley. We are grateful for all our sponsors whose partnership strengthens the educational experience of each young woman we serve.



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## Alumnae Rosary



## JOIN US ALUMNAE ROSARY

On March 19, at 9:30 a.m., Notre Dame Academy will host an alumnae rosary in our Mary, Mother of the World Chapel. This monthly tradition offers an opportunity to pause, pray and reflect together as a school family.

All are welcome to attend and join the NDA community in prayer.



## SHARING OUR Community News

You can find a complete list of community news [HERE](#).

- New Youth Group!
- Mary's Meals, A Simple Solution to World Hunger
- Point Arc Fest 2025
- Diocesan Workshops

## Important dates

March 7	Incoming Freshman Conferences
March 10	Super Day-Senior Mission Retreat, Sophomore Ring Ceremony
March 12	End of 3rd Quarter  National Latin Exam
March 13	No School
March 14	Incoming Freshman Conferences
March 19	Alumnae Rosary  Panda Preview Night for 6th & 7th Graders
March 23, 24	National Spanish Exam
March 26	Alumnae Dinner TheatreDinner Theatre
March 27-29	Spring Musical Performances - Cinderella
April 2	Holy Thursday - No School
April 3	Good Friday - No School
April 6-10	Spring Break
April 18	Prom
April 26	Spring Band Concert
May 1	May Crowning
May 2	Math and Language Placements Tests for Incoming Freshmen