



THE *nda* LIFE

## Dear Parents,

"Virtue must animate us to do everything well for the greater glory of the good God." These are the words of St. Julie Billiart, spiritual mother of the Sisters of Notre Dame. As our school year comes to a close, it is fitting that we reflect on her words and what she is calling us to do. At this time of year we celebrate the many accomplishments of our students and especially those getting ready to graduate from NDA. It has been my pleasure this school year to witness our students discovering and sharing their gifts and talents while "Radiating God's Goodness."

Notre Dame Academy is proud to announce the academic signing of 30 exceptional seniors. Each of these students signing at yesterday's Academic Signing Ceremony has secured at least half the cost of tuition through scholarships and grants at the institutions they plan to attend in the fall. Congratulations, Pandas! Please join me in celebrating their incredible achievements and the bright futures that lie ahead for each of them.

Last evening, our community celebrated the long-standing tradition of academic excellence at NDA at our 46th Academic Awards Ceremony. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors were recognized at the event. The large number of students recognized at this year's awards ceremony is a testament to the diligence of our students and the dedication and caliber of our faculty. I would like to congratulate the young women recognized at this event and thank them for using their God-given talents. These students have learned that achievement is measured not only by grades, scores and trophies; but also in the degree of commitment, service and hard work.

Additionally, I want to bring your attention to the upcoming exam schedule. The seniors will be taking exams starting on Friday, May 17 and ending on Monday, May 20. The freshmen, sophomore and juniors will start their exams on Monday, May 20 and end on Wednesday, May 22. You can find links to these exam schedules below. I encourage you to discuss this schedule with your daughter as it can be a stressful time. Let's remind our students to support each other and prioritize healthy choices to manage stress effectively.

Thank you for partnering with us in your daughter's Catholic education.

In Notre Dame,

Mr. Jack VonHandorf



# Student Life

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

### ACADEMIC SIGNING CEREMONY



Yesterday marked a momentous occasion at Notre Dame Academy as we celebrated the outstanding achievements of our seniors at the Academic Signing Ceremony. With pride and joy, we recognized 30 exceptional seniors who have exemplified academic excellence and dedication throughout their time at NDA.

What makes this ceremony truly remarkable is that each of these remarkable young individuals has received at least half the cost of tuition through scholarships and grants at the institutions they plan to attend in the fall. Their hard work, determination and commitment to their education have not only earned them academic accolades but have also opened doors to a brighter future.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these seniors! Your achievements are a testament to your resilience, perseverance and steadfast pursuit of excellence. Your achievements inspire us all.

## ANNUAL ACADEMIC TRADITION

### 46TH ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY

Last evening, our Notre Dame Academy community came together to honor the rich tradition of academic excellence at our 46th Academic Awards Ceremony. It was a special celebration to recognize the achievements of our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

The number of students acknowledged at this year's ceremony is a testament to the diligence of our students and the dedication and caliber of our faculty.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the young women recognized at this event. Your hard work, perseverance, and commitment to use your God-given talents is commendable.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of our students, let us also express our gratitude to our faculty and staff for their strong support and guidance. Together, we continue to nurture an environment where academic excellence thrives and where our students are empowered to reach their fullest potential.

Congratulations once again to all the students honored at the Academic Awards Ceremony. Your achievements serve as a testament to the enduring legacy of excellence in Catholic education at Notre Dame Academy.







## CALLING ALL SENIOR AND INCOMING FRESHMEN FAMILIES! PRESERVING NDA LEGACIES

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### **ATTENTION: Class of 2024 Senior Families**

Our seniors are asked to complete this [FORM](#) about your family's generations of NDA graduates by Friday, May 17, 2024. Please assist your daughter in completing this form so your family's NDA legacy will be included in the next Notre Damian. Thank you in advance for your responses and your help with this special project!

### **ATTENTION: Class of 2028 Incoming Freshmen Families**

Our incoming Freshmen families are asked to please complete this [FORM](#) about your family's generations of NDA graduates by Friday, May 17, 2024.

Thank you in advance for your responses! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Alumnae Relations, Lisa Willenbrink Mosley at [MosleyL@ndapandas.org](mailto:mosleyL@ndapandas.org).



## ORCHESTRAL HEIGHTS

### MR. V'S MUSICAL MASTERY REVEALED

It turns out Mr. V isn't just a water slide aficionado; he's also a world-class conductor! Check out this snapshot from last week's spring band concert!



THURSDAY, MAY 16

## DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S CHORAL CONCERT

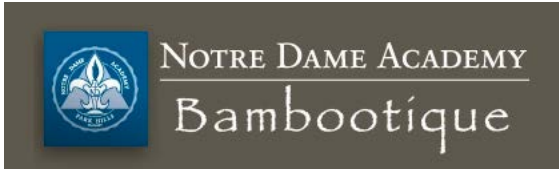
Don't miss out on this year's Choral Concert at NDA! Join us on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening filled with beautiful harmonies and captivating performances!

PLEASE NOTE!

## STUDY TIME

# EXAM SCHEDULE

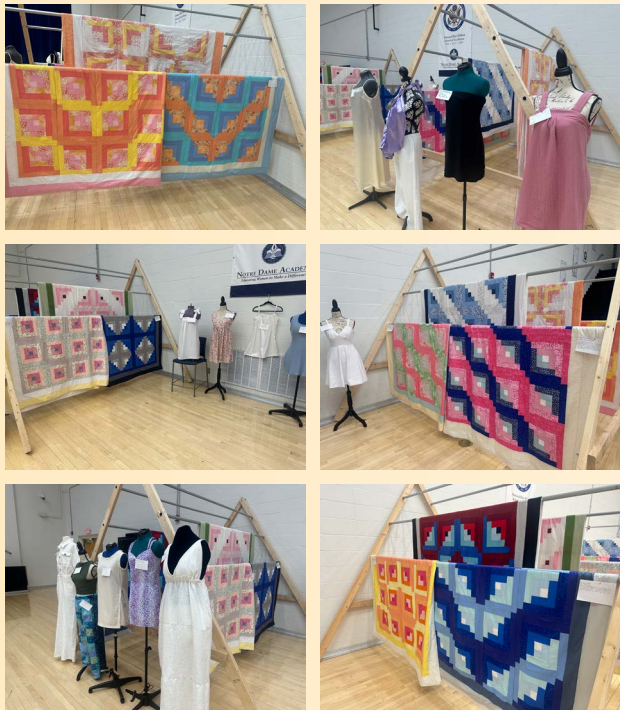
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## PANDA SPIRIT WEAR!

# BAMBOOTIQUE

School may be about to close for summer but the Bambootique still has some new arrivals for the season! Check them out at the online Bambootique [HERE](#).



## THREADS OF TALENT

# TEXTILES CLASS SHINES IN SHOWCASE EXHIBITION

Mrs. Conradi's Textiles class recently showcased their creative talents in a captivating exhibition. From stunning quilts to stylish outfits, the students displayed a diverse array of meticulously crafted pieces. The show was a testament to their dedication and skill in the art of sewing and design. It was a proud moment for both the students and their instructor as they celebrated the culmination of their hard work and creativity. The Textiles show not only highlighted the students' talents but also served as an inspiration for future endeavors in the world of fashion and design.

# TURNING 16 THIS SUMMER?

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

# SCHOOL DRIVING COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION LETTER

If your daughter is turning 16 years old during the summer months, please have them stop by the office to pick up a School Driving Compliance Verification letter before school is over. The office has modified summer hours and cannot guarantee that someone will be available to hand it out.



## IMPORTANT REMINDER WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Parents, please check your daughter's lunch account balance to avoid overdue account issues. Thank you!

### "NO SCHOOL" DATES in 2024-25

August 15	Feast of the Assumption
September 2	Labor Day
<b>October 11</b> <small>*change from original calendar to match Diocese</small>	PD Day
November 1	All Saints' Day
November 5	Election Day
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 23 - January 3	Christmas Break
January 20	MLK Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
March 14	PD Day
April 17-25	Spring Break

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR 2024-25 CALENDAR NEWS

The academic calendar for next year has been finalized and will be shared with the departments this week. The "No School" calendar is located in the blue table to the left. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact the office staff. After reviewing our calendar with those of our feeder schools and Covington Catholic, we have adjusted our fall PD day to correspond with theirs. Please note the change highlighted in yellow as you plan for next year.

#### 2024 - 2025 - Summer Dates / Back to School Dates

Incoming Freshmen Activities:

Week of July 29 - iPad Orientation

August 6 (morning) - Freshmen Orientation

August 6 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 7 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 8 (afternoon) - Freshmen Bridge

August 9 (TBD a.m./p.m.) - Freshmen Bridge

First Day of School - August 12

Last Day of School - May 22

Graduation - May 23



### 102 YEARS OF FESTIVAL FUN CELEBRATE THE SND'S

The Sisters of Notre Dame are busy planning two wonderful celebrations this year on July 4th. First is their 102nd 4th of July Festival. The second is their 150th anniversary of the Sisters of Notre Dame arriving in the United States. Eight sisters traveled from Germany to New York arriving on July 4, 1874, and began ministry at Mother of God school and parish in August of the same year. This began an affiliation with many schools in the diocese of Covington and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The Sisters invite you to participate in their 4th of July Festival. Your presence and partnership gives them the opportunity to share together in the mission of our community!



# CONGRATULATIONS!

LAST EDITION:

## CINCINNATI ENQUIRER “STUDENTS OF THE WEEK”

Please join us in congratulating and voting for these outstanding seniors who were nominated as our Students of the Week. You can [vote here](#).

### **Spirit Award – Aislin Ross**

Ms. Ross serves as the Student Council Secretary and also as one of the three Presidents of GAA (Girls' Athletic Association). She is constantly showing her school spirit and positive leadership. Sometimes this is seen on the Lacrosse field, sometimes it is seen in the stands at various sporting events, and sometimes this is seen as she leads various pep rallies and school assemblies with other students. She lives out the Golden Rule and radiates goodness, kindness, and joy to others. She will be missed as she graduates and moves on to make a difference in the world.

### **Art & Soul Award – Emma Krallman**

Emma has blossomed on the stage this year as she has performed in three productions. She performed in the fall play, Ken Ludwig's Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery. She also directed, wrote, and performed a few skits for the New York City Showcase, the winter performance. She was also able to shine and show her talents musically and theatrically in the final play of the year, The Sound of Music. In that play, she performed as Elsa Schraeder. Her talents were showcased in all of her time at NDA. Most importantly, her love for the arts and her enthusiasm to utilize her God given talents was shown to others which was so special to see as well. She will be missed as she graduates and moves on to make a difference in the world.

### **Academic Excellence Award – Molly Rawe**

Molly is a high performing student in the classroom and on the stage. She has a stellar GPA, is pulling all A's, and has devoted much of her time to the theatre program over the course of her senior year. She has held leading roles in all of the productions from this year, most notably as Brigitta in The Sound of Music. Her talents have been showcased through her academic performance, her leadership amongst her peers, and through her musical and theatrical talents. She shines as a NDA student. She will be missed as she graduates and moves on to make a difference in the world.

HILTON DRIVE

## DECORATED FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

As the seniors drove up the iconic Hilton Drive for their last full day of school today, they were greeted by some fun decor. A huge thank you goes out to SignGypsies - Hebron and Tina Fettig for setting up the incredible sign for our students. It was a great start to our celebrations of them and all of their accomplishments.



# CONGRATS!

## CONGRATULATIONS

# NDA FACULTY/ADMINISTRATORS RECEIVE AWARDS

This afternoon we took a moment to recognize some of our faculty members who have received awards this past year

### **2024 Outstanding Teacher/Catechist by the Diocesan Office of Catechesis and Evangelization: Megan Abbott**



Nominees for this award must have at least five years of experience in the parish or school program. They take initiative in continuing personal education and spiritual enrichment, have a good working relationship with DRE and the Principal, are consistent in the handling of students, and maintain good communication with parents.

Congratulations Mrs. Abbott on your 2024 Outstanding Teacher/Catechist Award!

### **SND Gospel Witness Award: Bridget Price**



This award recognizes employees and/or volunteers in the SND national network who give witness to Jesus' spirit of compassion, hope, and joy, especially to those who experience poverty in its various forms. Award recipients reflect and nurture the Notre Dame Charism, spirit, and mission within their professional communities and among all with whom they minister.

Congratulations Mrs. Price on your Gospel Witness Award!

### **SND Father Bernard Overberg "Teacher of Teachers" Award: Molly Proudfit**



This award recognizes educators in the SND national network who honor Father Bernard Overberg's legacy as a teacher of teachers. His work profoundly impacted the educational vision and practices of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Father Overberg believed that a true education helped children develop their God-given gifts, especially the capacity to understand their world, to live responsibly in it, and, most importantly, to open their hearts to God's love. He urged teachers to ignite the spark of learning in their students through engaging, conversational lessons that inspired them to think for themselves, share ideas in their own words, ask questions, make observations, and solve real-world problems. Nominees for the Father Bernard Overberg "Teacher of Teachers" Award demonstrate exceptional, inspirational impact on the formation and professional learning of teachers.

Congratulations Mrs. Proudfit on your Teacher of Teachers Award!

### **SND Transformative Leadership Award: Jack VonHandorf**



This award recognizes employees and/or volunteers in the SND national network who inspire hope and excellence as they lead others to a fuller, freer life. As catalysts for growth, award recipients inspire the hearts and transform the lives of those with whom they minister. Nominees for the Transformative Leadership Award demonstrate vision, mission effectiveness, and have exceptional, inspirational impact in relation to themselves, God, others, and/or creation.

Congratulations Mr. VonHandorf, on your Transformative Leadership Award!



BEST SENIOR PRANK EVER

## CLASS OF 2024 GOES OUT WITH A SPLASH!

The Class of 2024 pulled off the ultimate senior prank yesterday! They started by hanging a Class of 2024 sign from the fourth floor balcony. Rumor has it that Sr. Mary Ethel may have lent them a hand!

That's not all – they turned the theatre parking lot into a water park before the school day began, complete with a water slide! And guess who couldn't resist joining the fun? None other than Principal Mr. V himself, who fearlessly took a ride down the slide!

It was good clean fun for everyone involved and a memory that will be cherished for years to come. Here's to the Class of 2024 – making a splash in their final year at NDA!



CLASS  
of  
2024







# Notre Dame Academy Graduation 2024

*"Congrats Pandas!"*

## UPDATED INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

### GRADUATION INFORMATION

Attention Seniors and Senior Parents. The students were given their graduation tickets last week during their lunch. Each student received 12 tickets. Should a family need more tickets, it is possible that other seniors will have some to spare. Mrs. Heidrich is willing to help facilitate that if your daughter needs additional tickets.

- May 16 - Senior Luncheon @ 12:00 p.m. - Alumnae Hall, Theater, Auditorium (students only)
- May 16 - Senior Sendoff @ 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium (students only)
- May 17 and May 20 - Senior Exams
- May 22 - Graduation practice at NDA @ 12:30 p.m.
- May 23 - Graduation practice at NKYCC @ 8:30 a.m.
- May 23 - Baccalaureate Mass at St. Agnes @ 7:00 p.m. (students and families)
- May 24 - Senior Breakfast at Receptions in Erlanger @ 8:30 a.m. (students and guardians)
- May 24 - Graduation at Northern Kentucky Convention Center @ 4:00 p.m. (12 tickets per student will be given out in the coming weeks).

A more [detailed information sheet](#) was shared with the students prior to Spring Break.

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR FAMILIES

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
*Graduates*



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to **90738\***



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS GRADUATION PHOTOS

Get ready for picture day by buying an AdvancePay credit to use when pictures are ready! You'll receive a text message when the gallery is published, and your credit will be automatically applied to your purchase when you sign in with your mobile number at checkout. Buy in now!

## IMPORTANT REMINDER ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Congratulations on your daughter's up coming graduation. It is an exciting time in her life. Saying good bye to one family and looking forward to the new adventures at the new school, college or university. She will be well prepared for this next step in her life.

I would appreciate it if you could take a moment to check your Pay-Pam and Facts accounts. When you pay off the Pams account, close it so it does not put more money into the account. If you have any questions about the lunch account, you can contact Mrs. Brungs ([brungsk@ndapandas.org](mailto:brungsk@ndapandas.org)). For information about Facts account, you can contact Marilyn Slaughter ([slaughter@ndapandas.org](mailto:slaughter@ndapandas.org)).

**As stated in the NDA Handbook, all tuition and financial obligations must be taken care of before records are released to the student and other institutions. Please take care of these obligations by graduation so that you can enjoy all the celebrations.**

Thank you,,

Janice Schmidt  
Assistant Records Administrator

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

<p><b>SENIOR recognition ads</b></p> <p>The following advertisements were purchased by parents and supporters of these seniors. The <b>NDA Publications Staff</b> thanks you for your support of our program!</p> <p><b>Kate Slocum</b></p> <p>Congratulations on all your achievements, dedication and diligence in pursuing the field of medicine. You are an inspiration for all those who want to become a doctor. We are so proud of you and proud to have you as a part of our team. You are a shining star and we hope you will continue to shine brightly in your future. We love you and we are so proud of you!</p> <p>Mom, Dad, Matt and Austin</p>	<p><b>Keira Schneider</b></p> <p>Congratulations, Keira! You are an incredible person of who. Your sense of humor is the "funny" crowd. We are so proud of you and proud to have you as a part of our team. You are a shining star and we hope you will continue to shine brightly in your future. We love you and we are so proud of you!</p> <p>Mom, Dad, Matt and Austin</p>	<p><b>Katie Thomas</b></p> <p>You've always stood out with the incredible amount of work and hard you put into everything you do! Being a state champion is a huge honor. We can't wait to see where your hard work will take you! We love you and we are so proud of you!</p> <p>Mom, Dad, Ryan, Jack, Dylan and Lucy</p>
<p><b>Congratulations, Publications students in the Class of 2023</b></p> <p>THANK YOU to all your ideas, innovations, dedication and diligence in pursuing the field of medicine. You are an inspiration for all those who want to become a doctor. We are so proud of you and proud to have you as a part of our team. You are a shining star and we hope you will continue to shine brightly in your future. We love you and we are so proud of you!</p> <p>Mom, Dad, Matt and Austin</p>	<p><b>Tori Dannemaa</b></p> <p>Congratulations Tori! You are an incredible person of who. Your sense of humor is the "funny" crowd. We are so proud of you and proud to have you as a part of our team. You are a shining star and we hope you will continue to shine brightly in your future. We love you and we are so proud of you!</p> <p>Mom, Dad, Ryan, Jack, Dylan and Lucy</p>	<p><b>Alexandra Cain</b></p> <p>Congratulations, Alex! You are an incredible person of who. Your sense of humor is the "funny" crowd. We are so proud of you and proud to have you as a part of our team. You are a shining star and we hope you will continue to shine brightly in your future. We love you and we are so proud of you!</p> <p>Mom, Dad, Ryan, Jack, Dylan and Lucy</p>

# YEARBOOK

## ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS! YEARBOOK SENIOR ADS ON SALE!

Attention parents of seniors! You're understandably proud of your daughter. Why not say so in her senior yearbook and help support the NDA yearbook program at the same time? Ads are on sale for the next month and start at just \$75! Just go to [jostens.com](http://jostens.com) and search Notre Dame Academy to design your ad! Please email [glynnr@ndapandas.org](mailto:glynnr@ndapandas.org) if you have any questions!



# ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

## GO PANDAS!



HELLO SPORTS FANS

## ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Don't miss any of the action with our Panda athletes! [Here](#) is the calendar for the upcoming week.

FROM THE DESK OF THE

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### TENNIS

Congrats to the Varsity Tennis team for another successful round of wins in the regional tournament. In the quarterfinals on Monday, Sam Spellman and Clare Shay dominated Cooper and Lucy Bailey and Bella McElwee beat St. Henry. Both of these doubles teams qualified for the state tournament! They will play in the semifinals Tuesday at 4pm at Tower Park and the finals will be Wednesday (weather permitting). The team regional tournament will start on Thursday and the Pandas have the #1 seed. Good luck Pandas!



### Archery -

Our Panda Archers enjoyed an end of year celebration last evening! A special part of this event was when the team honored the three seniors on the team: Megan Ahern, Mack Zemter and Lea Youtsey with some of their teammates!



## NOMINATION TIME

# ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

We're happy to announce that Notre Dame Academy will be hosting its Athletic Hall of Fame event this fall! This is an incredible opportunity for us to honor and celebrate the outstanding achievements of individuals who have left a lasting impact on our community.

If you know a former Panda athlete who deserves recognition for her exceptional athletic contributions to NDA, we invite you to nominate her for consideration [HERE](#).



## SUPPORT OUR PANDA ATHLETES

# CINCINNATI ENQUIRER "ATHLETE OF THE WEEK"

Let's also honor our outstanding athletes. The PaNDA Athlete nominees for this week are:

Softball PaNDAs – The Pandas are 14-7 after going 4-1 over the week, beating Lloyd Memorial, Highlands, Bishop Brossart and Boyle County.

Hannan Dusing, Notre Dame – She scored four goals in an 11-8 loss to South Oldham in the Kentucky playoffs.

Ava McKinley, Notre Dame – She had a clutch two-run single as the Pandas beat Highlands, then scored three runs, had two RBIs and fell a homer short of the cycle in a win over Bishop Brossart.

Kate Harris, Notre Dame – The junior had a pair of wins on May 10, winning 6-1, 6-4 in the round of 32 before a 6-1 6-3 final to reach the quarters.

Please remember to vote from your phone and vote once an hour. Good luck to our athletes. [Vote here](#).



## SPRING PEP RALLY

# CELEBRATING OUR SPRING ATHLETES

Last Friday, our GAA Presidents (Aislin Ross, Mary Reynolds, and Marlee Reynolds) led our students in a spring pep rally. It was a great way to celebrate our spring sports and we even enjoyed a video of our very own Mr. V participating in softball, tennis, track, and lacrosse. He did very well, especially on the softball field! The rally included our pep band who pumped up the crowd of course and some traditional family competition. Thank you to our GAA Presidents and our Athletic Department for highlighting our athletes.



# ADVANCING THE MISSION

BE A PART OF THE FUN!

## GEARING UP FOR NDA'S 26TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

We are so excited for NDA's 26th annual golf outing! It will be taking place on June 7 at Kenton County Golf Course. Join us for an 18 Hole or a Fun 9 Hole Social. For more information and registration, please click [HERE](#). We can't wait to see you there!

## ORTHOINCINCY NDA GOLF OUTING

JUNE 7TH, 2024

KENTON COUNTY GOLF COURSE

### FUN 9 HOLE SOCIAL

10:30AM SHOTGUN START | \$90 GOLFER

### 18 HOLE

8:00AM SHOTGUN START | \$125 GOLFER





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

- SND 4th of July Festival
- Postal Carriers Food Drive
- Ed Choice - Kentucky's School Choice Amendment
- 2023-24 Thomas More Dual-Credit Information Sessions
- Molly Mayer's Studio of Dance

## Important dates

May 15	Senior Breakfast in Theatre Parking Lot/Wear College Apparel Faculty / Staff Send Off
May 16	Senior Luncheon 12:00 p.m. - Alumnae Hall, Theatre, Auditorium Senior Sendoff 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium Spring Showcase - Theatre Class, Dance Pandas, Panda Tones 6 p.m.
May 17 - 20	Senior Exams
May 18	Theatre Banquet
May 20-22	Exams for Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors
May 23	Cleaning Day Faculty Luncheon - Alumnae Hall Baccalaureate Mass - St. Agnes
May 24	Senior Recognition Breakfast - Receptions, Erlanger Graduation - NKYCC
May 27	Park Hills Memorial Day Parade with NDA/CCH Band, Color Guard and Dance Pandas
June 7	Golf Outing