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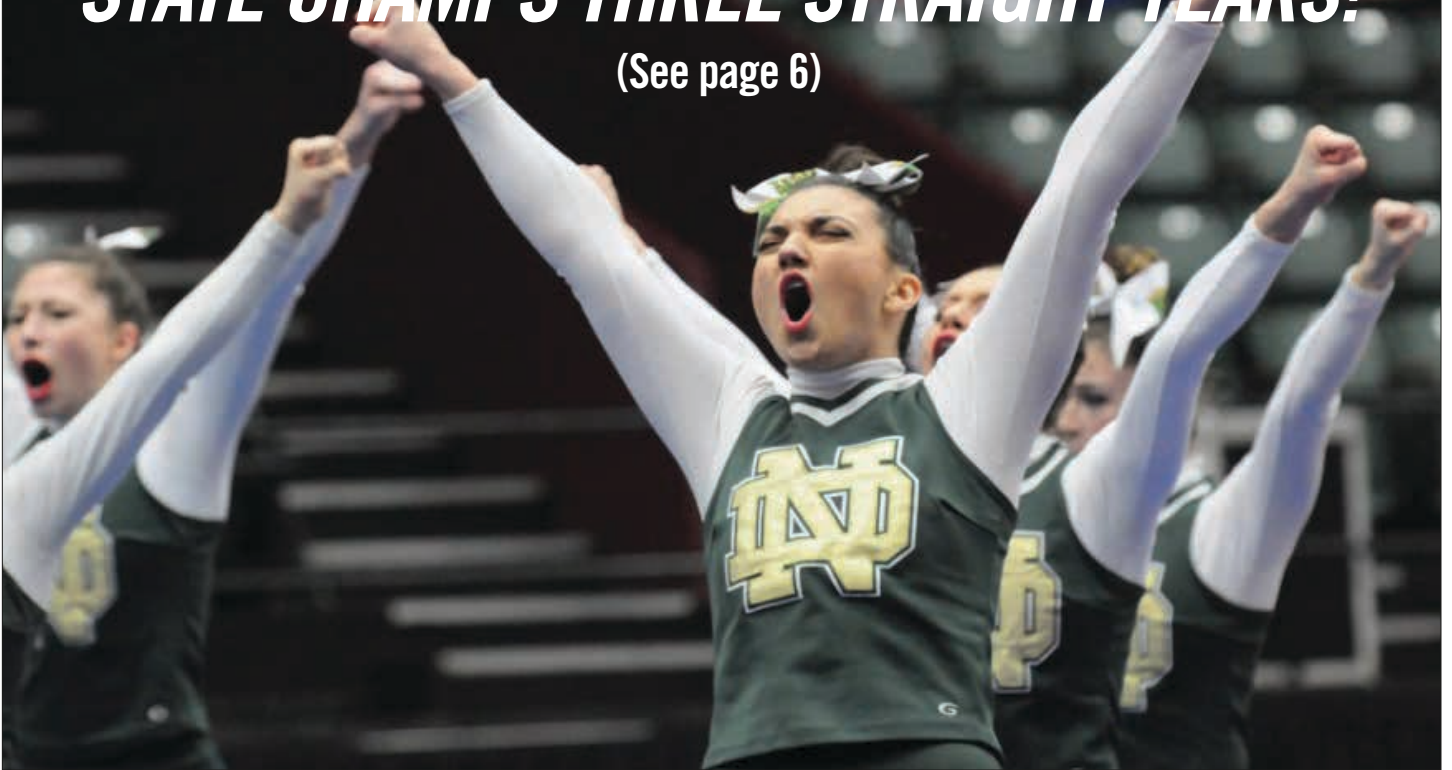
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A WORD FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR

The results are in! This month I met with the team from Measuring Success, the company that issued our alumni impact survey. The result and feedback have been tremendous. Thank you to all of our alumni who participated in this important survey!

Over 650 alumni participated in the survey with about 42% from Notre Dame Prep, 50% from Notre Dame High School and about 8% from Pontiac/Oakland Catholic, St. Michael's and St. Fred's combined. I was thrilled with the feedback and appreciated so much hearing directly from you on the many things you are happy with and new things you would like to see from the alumni office.

One of the most interesting points that was discovered through the survey was that 95% of our alumni believed that their experience at Notre Dame had a strongly positive or positive impact on their critical-thinking skills. We loved hearing this! And 84% of alumni agreed that they would recommend Notre Dame to a friend, which far surpasses the national average of private independent schools at just over 50%.

We also discovered that alumni did not see giving to a particular program as motivation to donate; but that more motivation stems from the pride they have for their school. We asked alumni what type of programming they wanted from the alumni office and found out that most

alumni are looking for ways to network through their careers and opportunities to mentor current students.

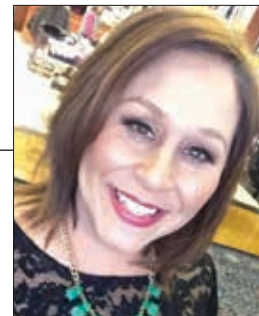
This information along with so much more will guide me and the board as we structure the upcoming year. Now more than ever I challenge you to get involved in the association! I invite you to join us in any capacity that feels right for you. Whether it's volunteering at homecoming, mentoring current students, becoming a class captain or serving on the board, we would love for you to engage.

Thank you for your continued support!

Irish blessings,



Beth Campbell
Director of Alumni Relations



PLANNED GIVING: EASY AND IMPACTFUL

By Robynn James, NDPMA Senior Philanthropy Officer

Planned and estate giving allows you to reduce tax liability while supporting your Irish alma mater. . .and best of all, it's easy! Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy is unique in many ways. It is a school that retains the legacy of great Catholic schools like St. Frederick, St. Michael, Pontiac Catholic and Notre Dame High School, and the alumni continue to bring to our community a rich heritage and historical knowledge. No wonder Notre Dame is consistently ranked as one of the top Catholic, independent schools in the country.

Planned giving is a way to make a significant contribution to Notre Dame as well as provide you with certain and significant financial benefits. A few examples of the more common planned gift methods are below. . .

BEQUESTS

The most popular way to plan a gift is to leave a bequest. After providing for your family, a "codicil" included in your will or trust directs a specific amount or portion of the residuary of your estate to NDPMA. A bequest is a way to memorialize the importance your high school education has had in your life while providing perpetual support to the school. Using this method, people of only relatively modest means can make a lasting impact through their giving.

GIVING THROUGH YOUR IRA

A newly available option for giving has become available just within the past few months, and has already become a very popular way to support the school: The IRA Rollover. As of the end of 2015, Congress has once again made it possible for taxpayers who would like to avoid paying income tax on mandatory deductions from their IRA to give up to \$100,000 of those assets directly to the charity of their choice. Several alumni have already taken advantage of this option and made significant gifts to the school. The IRS requires a mandatory withdrawal of funds from IRAs starting at age 70-1/2, often triggering income tax on the deduction. By giving through your retirement assets, you can not only avoid additional tax burdens, but also reduce taxable assets from your estate, which could cause a tax burden for your heirs. And best yet, your gift is tax-deductible in the current tax year.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

Another popular way for alumni to support the school is through a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). A CGA is simply a contract between the donor and the school, agreeing that in exchange for a gift of \$25,000 or more, the school will provide you with annuitized income for life at a rate which is determined by the American Council on Gift Annuities based on your age at the time of the gift.

We understand completely that everyone's financial circumstances are unique, so we remain at the ready to discuss your wishes and options on a confidential basis. For more information simply contact Robynn James, senior philanthropy officer at Notre Dame's advancement office at 248-373-2171, ext. 8, or rjames@ndpma.org.

We're number 1!

Notre Dame named best Catholic school in Michigan

Notre Dame Preparatory School was named the top Catholic school in the State of Michigan for 2016, according to Niche, a national organization that annually ranks colleges and K-12 schools across the country. Niche also rated Notre Dame the 7th best private high school, religious or non-religious, in the state. Cranbrook and Country Day were ranked one and two, respectively, on the list of all private schools.

According to Niche, the 2016 Best Catholic High Schools ranking provides a comprehensive assessment of the overall experience at a Catholic high school. This grade takes into account key factors such as the strength of academics, school culture and diversity, as well as student and parent reviews, in an attempt to measure the overall excellence of the school.

Factors used in the ranking include average ACT/SAT composite scores; "college scores," which means the average score of colleges that students are most interested in or go on to attend based on Niche's best overall college rankings; four-year matriculation rate, which is the percentage of seniors who go on to four-year colleges; and student-teacher ratios. ■



Membership with a mission

Gym membership. Loyalty membership. Club membership. Costco membership. From the local club to the gym, memberships seem to be everywhere. In the case of the St. Peter Chanel Society (SPCS), however, your membership has a mission—challenging young people to be their best!

The St. Peter Chanel Society is made up of donors to The Notre Dame Fund who have taken the extra step of making an annual contribution ranging from \$1,000 to as much as \$50,000. Last school year was a record year for both new members (50) and total membership (160). We hope by June, we will be celebrating another record by reaching 200 members for the first time.

Through their generous annual contributions, members lead the way in providing

the school with resources to keep school programs healthy, innovative, and accessible.

Members of the St. Peter Chanel Society include parents, alumni parents, alumni, grandparents, friends, faculty and staff. SPCS members come together for dinner each fall to celebrate the year's success and hear about the "state of the school" from the school president. The SPCS dinner and reception serves as a small token of gratitude and a powerful reminder of the SPCS members' individual and collective impact on the lives of every student, every day.

For more information about The Notre Dame Fund and the St. Peter Chanel Society, feel free to visit the fund page at www.ndpma.org/ndfund or the SPCS page at www.ndpma.org/advancement-office/st-peter-chanel-society/. ■

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Notre Dame announces membership in NAIS

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy announced today that it has been accredited by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), joining more than 1,500 independent private K-12 schools in the U.S.

First established in 1962, NAIS says its mission is to empower independent schools and the students with resources, publications, professional development opportunities, and forums that keep member schools at the forefront of elementary and high school academics, and “belong to a vibrant community of educators and administrators for networking, idea sharing, and professional growth.”

Along with NAIS and its authorization as an International Baccalaureate (IB) school, Notre Dame is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) and the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI).



New book by alum due out in May

What do Nina Simone, Creedence Clearwater Revival and the Notorious B.I.G. have in common?

A new book by Notre Dame alum Mark Binelli ('88), due out May 3 and published by Henry Holt and Co./Metropolitan Books, will most certainly clear up that question and more. In his book, “Screamin’ Jay Hawkins’ All-Time

Greatest Hits,” Binelli focuses on the life of an eccentric music man if there ever was one.

Hawkins, whose real name was Jalacy Hawkins, died in 2000, but not before setting his mark as one of R&B’s most wildly operatic and powerful singers. He had only one bonafide hit, “I Put a Spell on You,” which along with his own unique recording of it, was covered by a number of others, including Simone, CCR and Notorious B.I.G.

From the publisher of Mark Binelli’s new book: “Mark Binelli turns his sharp, forceful prose to fiction, in an inventive retelling of the outrageous life of Screamin’ Jay Hawkins, a bluesman with one hit and a string of inflammatory guises.”

Three-peat! Notre Dame gets 3rd consecutive cheer title

(From The Oakland Press)

Many coaches like to tone down expectations for their team when the possibility of a state championship is in the air.

Beth Campbell is not one of those coaches.

The fourth-year coach of the Pontiac Notre Dame Prep competitive cheer team not only embraced the expectations, but used it as the team motto during Saturday’s Division 3 state finals.

Led by the slogan of “Two Won’t Do,” the Irish won their third

consecutive state championship, scoring a total of 775.48 to beat the field by nearly 10 points.

“We weren’t afraid of it,” Campbell said about the championship expectations. “When you win, the target is usually on your back but I didn’t want the kids feeling that way. I wanted them to be confident and comfortable. The state finals is all mental, so getting them in the mind-set that they were going to deliver and be three-time state champions was important and really what got us through.”

Notre Dame junior achieves ACT perfection

Ryan Flaherty, currently a junior in Notre Dame’s upper division, has scored a perfect 36 on his ACT — the highest score available — and now the seventh Notre Dame student since 2009 to achieve such perfection.

According to test administrator ACT, Inc., only 0.04% of students across the country who take the ACT score a perfect 36.

The ACT is comprised of four sections — English, math, reading and science — that are each scored on a scale of 1-36. A student’s composite score is the average of the four individual scores.

Last year, the state average was 20.1 and nationally, it was 21.0.

In 2014, Michael Soisson, now attending the University of Notre Dame, received a perfect 36 on the ACT.

In 2012, Notre Dame’s Eric LaRose and Michael’s brother, Joe Soisson, earned a perfect 36 on their ACT tests. In 2011, Matt Siatczynski scored a 36. In 2010, Jon Sheperd scored a 36, and Ryan McIntosh, who graduated from NDP in 2009, also achieved a 36 on his ACT.

Last year’s Notre Dame graduating class scored a 27.2 average on the ACT, with 52 students earning a 30 or higher.



Notre Dame announces homecoming date, releases varsity football schedule

October 7 homecoming football game to be played against Bloomfield Hills High School on William Kozyra Alumni Field; rest of season schedule nearly set.

The athletic department of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy announced last month that the school’s 2016 homecoming game will be held Friday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m.

According to Betty Wroubel, NDPMA’s athletic director and assistant principal, the Oct. 7 homecoming game joins nearly a full regular season schedule of games in 2016 for the Fighting Irish varsity football team.

“It has been a lot of work to get this schedule together, but we actually are further along in the process than we were last year at this time,” Wroubel said.

She said that the first two games of the season, versus Redford Thurston and Tecumseh high schools, are against the same opponents as last year’s first two games.

“Coach Fox and his staff are really looking forward to this new

season,” she added. “Our September 23 date remains open, but we plan to fill that fairly soon as well.”

The school also said it is well on its way to filling all other fall sports schedules, with those for boys soccer, volleyball, girls swimming and diving, and cross country nearly complete.

The following is the Notre Dame varsity football schedule (subject to change):

August 26 (Fri.) at Redford Thurston High School, 7 p.m.

Sept. 1 (Thurs.) at Tecumseh High School, 7 p.m.

Sept. 9 (Fri.) home vs. Rochester High School, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 16 (Fri.) at Berkley High School, 7 p.m.

Sept. 23 (Fri.) TBD

Sept. 30 (Fri.) home vs. Clarkson Secondary School (Mississauga, Ont.), 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 7 (Fri.) homecoming vs. Bloomfield Hills High School, 7 p.m.

Oct. 14 (Fri.) Benton Harbor High School (location/time TBD)

Oct. 21 (Fri.) home vs. Birmingham Seaholm High School, 7 p.m.

Read about Notre Dame's decision to withdraw from the Catholic League on the school's website: ndpma.org. Also, read "Notre Dame and the Catholic League" on page 11.

Notre Dame student-artists pick up record-setting awards at the DIA

Notre Dame artists top last year's record for annual art awards sponsored by Scholastic. All award-winning art posted below.

In a ceremony held in February at the Detroit Film Theatre in the Detroit Institute of Arts, Notre Dame student-artists were honored alongside hundreds of fellow high school artists in the area who earned accolades in the South-eastern Michigan Region of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition.

Sandy LewAllen, Notre Dame's art chair, said she was very proud to watch the NDP artists accept the school-record 27 Scholastic Art Awards on stage at the DFT.

LewAllen added that Notre Dame student-artists Anna Madison and Gretchen Altenberger received additional scholarship awards in the ceremony. “Also, congratulations to Margaret Henige and Caitlin Fitzgerald, who had their artwork appear in the Scholastic Arts special publication that was distributed at the event,” she said.

The 27 pieces of art by Notre Dame student artists that earned awards from the Southeastern Michigan Region of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition represents a new record for the school.

Marist schools get together in 'leadership summit'

Twenty-three students from Marist School in Atlanta recently joined 22 Notre Dame Prep juniors in the 2016 edition of the annual Leadership Summit, which brings students from both Marist Fathers-run schools together to discuss peer leadership and student mentoring.

It's an important retreat, according to Cathy Zuccaro, who heads

Notre Dame Prep's campus ministry group, which organized and hosted the event. “It's a great opportunity to get our kids together in the spirit of collaboration between the two Marist schools,” she said.

The weekend summit began on a Friday evening at Notre Dame's Pontiac campus and then moved to Camp Copneconic, a YMCA facility located in Fenton, for the remainder of the weekend.

Della Lawrence, who works in Notre Dame campus ministry department, said those in attendance were the core leaders for each school's 2016 Peer Leader program, a mentoring program for new students to each school.

“Together, students from both schools engaged in hands-on exercises in communication, facilitation and situational leadership skills,” Lawrence said. “Our kids also provided a simulation of ‘The Launch’ for the Atlanta students as it is their intent to provide the same orientation program at their school.”

The Launch, which was initiated by the Notre Dame campus ministry department and planned and implemented by the school's student peer leaders, is an integral part of assimilating incoming freshman and other new students into life at Notre Dame Prep, according to Zuccaro.

Lawrence noted that at Camp Copneconic, Notre Dame's Fr. Jim Strasz, s.m. '70 (NDHS), one of the discussion facilitators for the weekend, also provided the students in attendance with serious guidance in undertaking the Marist mission and Christian leadership.

“Fr. Strasz really hit home with the sense of community that has been established between the two Marist schools as a result of these summits,” she said.

Five from Notre Dame sign to play college athletics

On February 3, on what is traditionally the annual signing day for high schoolers across the U.S. who are heading to college in the fall to play sports, Notre Dame Prep did indeed host a signing ceremony on campus on for five of its student-athletes.

From left in the photo above, Kory Czajkowski has signed up for baseball at Grinnell College in Iowa; Andy Durkin has committed to join the football team next year at the University of Dayton; Rosella LoChirco will be playing soccer for Kalamazoo College; Erika Wiest will play soccer for the University of Louisiana at Monroe; and Matt Durkin will join his brother Andy on the football team at the University of Dayton.



Notre Dame's Fr. Jim Strasz, s.m., '70 (NDHS), upper right, one of the discussion facilitators for the Leadership Summit, also provided the students in attendance with serious guidance in undertaking the Marist mission and Christian leadership.



Notre Dame junior Charles Wenaas won a Silver Key award from Scholastic for his self-portrait.

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They simply belong together

Two Class of 2000 Notre Dame alums meet in college and ‘the rest is history.’

Emily (Kesek) and Matt Hindelang live in Grosse Pointe, Mich., with their three children, and the two of them say that the fact that they both went to Notre Dame—Emily graduated from Notre Dame Prep and Matt from Notre Dame High School—was not an overriding factor in meeting one another and eventually getting married. However, Matt’s uncle, Fr. Joe Hindelang, s.m., current principal at NDP, was vice principal when Emily attended NDP, and Emily and Matt both say that probably had more to do with the two of them getting together than anything else.

“I must say, though, that it’s been a big adjustment for me learning to know Fr. Joe, my former vice principal and religion teacher, as ‘Uncle Joe,’” said Emily, who works as a pharmacist.

But now that they are together—they were married in 2009 by Fr. Joe (naturally)—there exists a real Notre Dame/Marist connection between them, which they’ve come to realize is pretty special.

“It’s true that during your high school years, you’re not really thinking ahead to finding a life partner or even about marriage,” said Matt, who now works as a business director at a Tier-1 automotive supplier. “But when you do get to that point in your life, you start to realize that some of the things that you learned during your time in high school—for us at the Notre Dame schools—help you figure out what you actually want in a life partner. You come to realize that finding someone that shares similar values in terms of religion, education, as well as the other things that we were taught at Notre Dame, like respect and love and faith is important.”

He said those things may not be overtly on the lists of most high school students, but he thinks that at the core, one ends up looking for someone with similar values.

The Hindelangs actually met when both were students at the University of Michigan and a lot has happened since then. But let’s let Emily and Matt tie up any further loose ends for us.

IRISH: So, since we now know you didn’t meet in high school, how actually did you meet?

EMILY: We met during college at the University of Michigan our sophomore year through mutual friends. One of my friends from grade school, Andrew Shelley, actually had gone to high school with Matt. I thought it was interesting to learn that Father Joe, who had been my religion teacher at Notre Dame, had a nephew that was the same age and had the graduating year as me. We remained acquaintances through the rest of college, but did not date during college.

MATT: We met in the dining hall of East Quad at the University of Michigan. We locked eyes over an MSG-filled plate of chicken-broccoli-bake after being introduced by mutual friends. Emily was very excited to finally meet Father Joe’s nephew whom she had heard about for years from friends that she went to grade school with. She was even more enthralled with the fact that his nephew was so cool [emphasis and interpretation is Matt’s]. She spent the rest of supper casually glancing up from her plate of chicken-broccoli-bake and giving me the flirty eyes [again, emphasis/interpretation is Matt’s]. I thought she was kind of cool.

IRISH: When did you start dating?

EMILY: After college, Matt and I kept up with each other via our mutual friends and talking sometimes on AOL messenger. We started to hang out one-on-one during the summer before my third year of pharmacy school. From there, our friendship evolved into a dating relationship. It was fun while we were getting to know each other to compare our high school experiences with each others, especially since we came from the same high school family, although at different branches. We learned that our educational experiences in high school had a similar foundation of faith, values, and academics. Fr. Joe, or should I say, Uncle Joe, performed our wedding ceremony in October of 2009, which for me was a really great way of bringing our unique connection together.

MATT: After college we stayed in touch through the mutual friends that we had made through Notre Dame and through college. Emily and I always enjoyed talking to each other, and we found that we had a lot in common. The first time that I knew that she was willing to actually go on a date rather than just hang out as friends was when she agreed to come watch the U of M vs. Ohio State football game at my family’s get together. We had a great time and the rest is history.



Emily and Matt Hindelang were married in 2009 at St. Paul on the Lake Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Matt’s uncle, Fr. Joe Hindelang, s.m., performed the ceremony.



Matt Hindelang ’00 (NDHS) and Emily (Kesek) ’00 (NDP) with their three children: David, 4, Liam, 2-1/2, and Elizabeth, 2 mos.



IRISH: How did your education and development at Notre Dame prepare you for choosing a life partner?

EMILY: Oh wow! At the time I was at high school, I was far from thinking about marriage and finding a life partner.

MATT: Yes, I agree with Emily, it's true that during your high school years, you're not really thinking ahead to finding a life partner or even about marriage. But when you do get to that point in your life, you start to realize that some of the things that you learned during your time in high school for us at the Notre Dame schools help you figure out what you did want in a life partner. You come to realize that finding someone that shares similar values in terms of religion, education, as well as the other things that we were taught at Notre Dame, like respect and love and faith, is important. These things may not overtly be on your list while you're in high school, but I think at the core you end up looking for someone with similar values. Plus, she's really cute!

IRISH: How did your time at Notre Dame prepare you for college?

EMILY: Notre Dame gave me a strong foundation in academic subjects and helped me to get really good at organizing my time and doing my coursework. That was really important in helping me transition to the University of Michigan where the amount of classes in the course work might have been more overwhelming. I feel fortunate in having gone to a high school that had so many AP courses available. They were especially helpful to me because they were somewhat similar to college courses.

MATT: Notre Dame helped prepare me not just academically but also from a social and leadership perspective for my time at college. The University of Michigan's atmosphere requires students to be self-sufficient and Notre Dame prepared me for that challenge. It also gave me a lot of opportunities through student council and the National Honor Society to find similar groups and activities at the University of Michigan.

IRISH: Do you have any specific memories from your experience at Notre Dame or any teachers in particular that had a big impact on you?

EMILY: I had a lot of great teachers at Notre Dame; one that sticks out the most is Mr. McCaskey and how he made math class so fun and interesting. I can also remember having a lot of interesting discussions and laughter in Mr. Oscieki's AP History course and in AP Literature with Mrs. Bembas. I just remember having a general feeling of camaraderie on a day-to-day basis at Notre Dame. The teachers were all very involved and knew us well. Even Brother Louis knew us all by name and that really impressed me.

MATT: I always enjoyed Irish Week, having won it twice—once in our junior year, and of course, as seniors. The competition and the camaraderie that it drove will always be remembered. As for influential teachers, of course, Conrad Vachon. More personally and in my current occupation, the things I learned from Fr. Ouellette's drafting class and from Frank Swaney's math classes have helped me in my career and through school.

IRISH: Can you tell us more about your careers and perhaps how Notre Dame played a role?

EMILY: My current career is as a pharmacist. I work at an inpatient hospital setting at a facility close to my home, St. John Providence Hospital in Detroit. After high school, I received a bachelor's degree in microbiology and then studied the doctorate of pharmacy program at Wayne State University. I chose this career path based on my love for math and science subjects in school and a general feeling that I wanted to work in the healthcare field. It was in high school where I discovered that these subjects were my strong points and that I wanted to explore these areas further in college. I like that pharmacy is a field that is always growing and developing and I like having an impact on patient care.

MATT: I'm the global business director for Carlex Glass Group, a Tier-1 automotive supplier of glass products, such as windshields. In my job I use the skills that were strengthened at Notre Dame in not just engineering, but especially in math and also in writing and comprehension. The strong foundation that I received at Notre Dame High School allows me to consistently perform well in this career path. ■

“I can tell what motivates you, what you’re interested in and the types of people you want to affect,” said the priest to a current Purdue graduate student when he was in high school. “Stick to politics, Kulesza,” said Father Strasz of Notre Dame Preparatory School.

Chris Kulesza, a Ph.D. student in political science at Purdue University, listened to the advice of Strasz and now starts every morning by reading no less than five news outlets on his phone before even getting out of bed.

So began a recent article in a student newspaper out of Purdue University that featured a very busy young man who is active in many things in and around West Lafayette, including the governing bodies of Purdue and the communities surrounding the university.

Notre Dame Prep 2006 alum Chris Kulesza already has spent six years on the Purdue Graduate Student Government where he served as secretary, president and chair of the grants committee. He said the experience has provided especially keen insight into the workings of a major university.

“It is honestly just something that I love doing,” he told *The Exponent*, an independent college newspaper published by the Purdue Student Publishing Foundation. “I love giving back to my community, and I like working toward improving the lives of the people around me. When I see an issue or a particular problem happening around me, I like to see it get fixed.”

On top of all that, Kulesza is currently in the middle of a dissertation that will gain for him a Ph.D. in poly sci from Purdue. A very busy guy, indeed. But he did manage to find some time recently to talk about his high school, which he said, in addition to Fr. Jim Strasz, has had a number of other faculty members with a rather profound impact on his educational journey thus far.

Kulesza said Notre Dame and many of its teachers contributed to an almost seamless transition into college. But he narrows his list of influential teachers down to a select few of them who he says specifically inspired his college major as well as what looks more and more like a career in politics.

“There were some teachers in particular from Notre Dame who were highly influential in my decision to pursue political science,” Kulesza said. “Mr. (Russ) Cannon (retired 2007) comes immediately to mind. We had endless conversations about politics that really pushed me to get involved in my local political party. I must admit, there was not very much we agreed on in terms of policy, but that being said, he continuously challenged my views and attitudes in a way that made me realize how infinitely complex the political process is. It’s that realization that kept my interest alive for so many years.”

Kulesza, who spent his first four years of college at Michigan State University where he earned a B.A. in economics and a B.A. in political science, recalled that coming to MSU from NDP was not much of a problem at all for him.

“I would argue that the workload at Notre Dame Prep

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Notre Dame alum finds out his high school education really was a big deal



Notre Dame and the Catholic League



Dear alumni,

I am sure that many of you saw the news coverage and read the school's response letters regarding Notre Dame's decision to withdraw from the Catholic High School League (CHSL) on the grounds of safety. As a former ND football player, athlete of the year, CHSL scholar-athlete (Joe Pascuzzi award), current CHSL coach (cross country/ track & field) and administrator, I wanted to offer my perspective on the decision.

THE HISTORY

The CHSL was formed in 1926 and Notre Dame has been a good league member since the founding of Notre Dame High School (NDHS) in 1954, the co-existence of NDHS and Notre Dame Prep (NDP) from 1994-2005, and the continuation of NDP through 2016. In total, our relationship with the CHSL goes back 62 years. During that period, we have forged rivalries and won (and lost) our share of championships. We have always competed at a high level, held our heads high (win or lose) and never compromised our values of teamwork, spirit and fair competition.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE (CHSL)

The nature and complexion of the league has changed dramatically over the last several decades. In the mid 1960s, there were 111 Catholic High Schools. Today, the league is comprised of 24 Catholic Schools and three other religious/private schools.

The decrease in the number of member schools has made scheduling more difficult for all sports, but particularly in football, where there are a limited number of games and schools are required to earn at least six victories to qualify for state playoffs. In recent years, the larger all-male Central Division teams have had difficulty in finding other schools willing to play them.

The league's solution is to require the teams in the medium-sized AA Division to play a crossover game against the larger, more established programs of the central division, thereby allowing the central division teams a better opportunity to qualify for the state playoffs. To compensate for the virtually guaranteed loss for the AA Division teams, the league has offered that the smaller Intersectional Division would also play a crossover game against a AA Division opponent, so that the AA Division could ensure an easy victory as well.

NOTRE DAME'S POSITION

It is ND's contention that forced crossover football games, such as those proposed by the CHSL, present a mismatch and increases the likelihood of injury for the athletes in the smaller programs. This opinion is shared by many other schools and state associations and is supported by scores of articles and research that is being conducted throughout the nation. In fact, the league's own policy guidelines for league and sectional alignments address the issue as follows:

"Student safety: In contact sports, the number of participants in those sports programs through bonafide eligibility will be considered. This means the number of students actually participating on the varsity, junior varsity and

freshman levels. Example: Team A dressed 50 players and Team B dresses only 20 players. This may seriously jeopardize the physical safety of their few players." (The full guidelines can be found at the CHSL website: www.chsl.com/the-chsl/regulations/chsl-policies)

We understand that other leagues also schedule crossover football games, but that doesn't mean it is right. We also understand that "playing up" can be a real opportunity for a team and a program in certain circumstances. However, our contention is that the smaller schools should have the ability to choose when these matches occur and that safety of the student-athlete must be considered as a first priority. In other words, the coaches and athletic departments should be the one to determine a school's readiness to compete at higher levels.

THE FOOTBALL ARGUMENT

Football is a fast, physical, violent sport with high-impact collisions almost every play. Despite its ferocity, it is ideal for forming friendships, building teamwork and teaching values such as hard work, overcoming adversity and getting back up when you are knocked down.

When evaluating a football team's ability to compete versus another team, you have to look at both the total number of male students in the school as well as the size of the athletes in the program. The Central Division teams generally have 2-3 times the number of male athletes in their programs versus the AA Division teams and the athletes themselves tend to be bigger in size. (A couple of alums have noted that we have scheduled games against some larger public schools. This is okay provided the programs are competitive. Thus, size and competitiveness both have to be evaluated).

Football is a game of physics: $\text{force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$. In a collision sport such as football, the size and speed of the players has a direct effect on the force of the impact at the line of scrimmage and downfield. What happens over the course of a game is that larger, bigger athletes and programs wear down their opponents by applying more force. This is compounded by having more athletes at each position. The number of snaps for players on each team is not equal. That is often why injuries tend to occur later in a game.

Notre Dame has tremendous athletes on the football team. They are multi-talented, student-athletes who participate in a wide variety of athletic and extracurricular activities. Even though they might welcome the opportunity to compete against a Central Division team, the simple fact of the matter is that we don't have the depth to compete. Even when I played in the early 80s (when ND was in the Central Division), we had six or seven players who would play both ways versus opponents that generally would have athletes only playing one way. Over the course of the game, we would simply wear out. At that time, the number of male students at ND was 827. Today, we have 371 males in our school.

In short, to force smaller teams and programs to compete against larger, more established programs serves no purpose and puts the student-athlete's safety at risk. To paraphrase one of our teachers, "Concussions don't build character. Concussions mean students miss class and suffer memory loss." The same goes for torn ACLs, separated shoulders and broken bones.

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Rocky Mountain

You might think somebody with a big and important career who earned four college degrees before she was 27 years old would attribute her career success to all of that post-secondary education. Or to studying or living in 18 foreign countries before she was 30.

But for Christy Maraone, a 2000 graduate of Notre Dame Prep, it was advice from her father and her high school that made the biggest differences in her life thus far.

"One of the most substantial influences for my career has been my father," said Maraone, who currently is director of marketing, public relations and communications for Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center in Denver, Colorado. "My dad, Dennis, was a

graduate of Notre Dame in Harper Woods ('70), and he expressed to me at a very early age the importance of a good education and dedicated work ethic."

A successful marketing professional himself, Dennis Maraone has traveled to countless countries launching marketing initiatives for General Motors, according to Christy.

In fact, during Christy's junior year at NDP, her family moved to Israel for a year while her father helped launch the Opel car brand and managed numerous other General Motors brands in that country. That was her first glimpse of life abroad and she said it really opened her eyes to a whole new world.

"I attended the American International School in Israel and even took a year of Hebrew," she said.

marketer

Notre Dame grad says high school and alum father were big influences in her soaring career.

AND THEN THERE WAS SPANISH

After graduating from Notre Dame in 2000, Christy Maraone enrolled at Oakland University and like most college freshmen didn't necessarily have a clear career path in mind.

"My education at NDP was top-notch and it certainly set me up for success in my college years," Maraone said. "But it wasn't until I took my first marketing class at OU that the light bulb came on — and it came on very brightly. I knew immediately that marketing was what I wanted to do."

She also wanted to continue the Spanish classes that she very much enjoyed at NDP ("Thank you, Ms. Tesada!"). So Maraone decided to go for a dual major at Oakland: marketing and Spanish. It must have been a good decision because, after achieving continually high academic accolades at OU, Maraone was inducted into and graduated from the Golden Key International Honour Society at Oakland University, which recognizes students in the top 15% of their class. During her final year at Oakland, she also studied abroad in Valencia, Spain, where she completely immersed herself in the local culture and language.

"The time I spent in Spain not only solidified everything I learned in high school and college, it really incited a desire for international travel, leading me to visit 18 different countries so far," she said.

But it wasn't only her command of the Spanish language that Maraone attributed to Notre Dame Prep.

"At NDP, I also learned that I had a passion for writing ("Thank you, Ms. Bembas!") she said. "I very much enjoyed my English classes and writing became a passion for me in both my personal and professional careers. I was selected to be published in an international poetry book early in my career and was a regular contributor to a professional journal in Colorado for many years."

REACHING NEW CAREER PEAKS IN THE MILE HIGH CITY

Maraone left Michigan in 2005 to get an MBA from the University of Colorado at Denver. The accelerated 11-month program at CU Denver included an international study abroad component, which culminated in a presentation to an actual corporate board of directors in London and more study in Edinburgh, Scotland. After completing her MBA, she headed back to CU Denver to complete a master of science degree in marketing.

Maraone then dove head-first into the working world with a position at Entravision, an affiliate of Spanish-language broadcast television network Univision, where she quickly learned a lot about the fast-growing Denver market. She also was able to utilize the Spanish she had first learned at Notre Dame.

Then, looking to shift her career toward more of a pure marketing position, she left Entravision for a marketing director position with Douglass Colony Group, a large commercial construction firm in Commerce City, Colorado.

"Although the company had been around for 65 years, I was its first marketing manager on the corporate staff and I initiated and coordinated all of the company's marketing efforts," Maraone said. "They had four offices in Colorado and satellite offices throughout the U.S."

But after nearly five years at Douglass, she decided she wanted to switch industries and do more "meaningful marketing" that actually focused on helping people, perhaps with a nonprofit. So she pursued and landed a spot in the health-care industry.

"In 2014, I accepted a marketing and communications manager position with St. Anthony North Hospital, an affiliate of Centura Health, in nearby Westminster [Colo.]," she said. "Centura Health is the largest health-care system in Colorado and western Kansas and one of the largest employers in Colorado."

Maraone said she loved working there and enjoyed spearheading all grand opening marketing efforts of the new St. Anthony North Health Campus. After transitioning to the new campus, she was ready to advance into a larger system with

more challenges and greater responsibilities.

That's when she landed her current position at Presbyterian/St. Luke's in Denver. P/SL is the largest hospital in Colorado and it not only attracts local residents but also patients from a seven-state radius for specialty services that include high-risk OB, complex orthopedics, bariatrics, and bone marrow, liver and kidney transplants.

"Presbyterian/St. Luke's is a 680-bed hospital that offers over 80 specialties and has 1,000 specialists and primary-care physicians with more than 1,600 employees," Maraone added. "It really is keeping me busy! Plus, this year, the hospital is celebrating its 135th anniversary!"

IRISH INSPIRATION

While there's no denying that Maraone's career success is due in large part to a healthy dose of hard work and perseverance mixed with four(!) college degrees, she reiterates the fact that it all would not have been possible without her time at Notre Dame.

"NDP really is at the foundation of every success I've ever had, both personally and professionally," she said. "It really taught me that with a lot of work and dedication, you really can achieve anything. I hope my story, along with those about the countless other successful Notre Dame alumni, will in some way inspire current NDP students to reach higher and follow their own dreams." ■



Christy Maraone '00 (NDP) is with her father, Dennis, a 1970 graduate of Notre Dame in Harper Woods.



NDP's Wroubel selected for sports leadership award by the state

With more than 2,000 coaching victories combined in volleyball and softball, Notre Dame Prep's Betty Wroubel is among the winningest coaches in Michigan High School Athletic Association history in both sports. But on-field success is only a part of her significant impact on athletics as a whole over a career that's

stretched 40 years and was celebrated Feb. 7, when she received the MHSA's 29th Women In Sports Leadership Award during the WISL banquet at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West.

Each year, MHSA's representative council considers the achievements of women coaches, officials and athletic administrators affiliated with the MHSA who show exemplary leadership capabilities and positive contributions to athletics.

Wroubel, a 1971 graduate of Clawson High School, returned to teach and coach at her alma mater in 1975 and has continued serving in educational athletics through four decades. She's currently the athletic director, varsity volleyball and softball coach at Notre Dame Prep, and she also continues to teach sports medicine and leadership classes at the school.

She's served in the athletic department at Notre Dame Prep since the school opened in 1994 and also coached and served as athletic director at the former Pontiac and then Oakland Catholic high schools after her stint as a coach and teacher at Clawson. She's third on the MHSA coaching victories list for volleyball with a record of 1,306-290-122, and in 2015 she became the 14th coach in MHSA softball history to win at least 800 games. She sits 12th on that career wins list with a record of 826-293-3.

Back in the D and the swing of things

Notre Dame alum Walt Szymanski ('72) made his annual trek north during the Christmas holiday season from his current home in Ecuador to his original hometown to play with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at its special New Year's Eve concert at Orchestra Hall.

According to Szymanski, he loves getting back to Detroit, seeing family and friends again and playing with the DSO.

"The DSO gig helps to finance my trip north, but the show really is great fun for me," he said before a special show at local jazz/blues club Blue Goose Inn, where sat in with swing band PlanetDNonet at a special holiday celebration. Szymanski actually wrote the arrangements for most of the tunes the band played that day.

Currently a full-time resident of Ecuador, Szymanski says he's "living and enjoying life on the center of the planet where it is 72-80° every day and 55-60° at night, all year long."

He has served as a professor of jazz studies at the University de San Francisco de Quito/IMC in Quito, Ecuador, and has a number of private music students. He also is writing and composing music for a varied clientele worldwide.

Szymanski came to national prominence in the late 1970s and early 1980s after the late legendary jazz drummer JC Heard became



Walt Szymanski '72 (NDHS) performs in December at the Blue Goose Inn.

so inspired by Szymanski's arranging ability that he hand picked him as music director for his newly formed Duke Ellington Repertory Orchestra, the JC Heard Orchestra.



Notre Dame alum named a 'Super Doctor'

Ryan S. Reeves, M.D., a 1989 graduate of Notre Dame, was named in December to Texas Monthly magazine's annual list of "super doctors."

Reeves, who is a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician for Spine Team Texas, a spine center specializing in the treatment of neck and back pain based in Southlake, Texas, was honored after a rigorous, multi-step

review of physicians practicing in Texas.

"What makes the Super Doctors list such a significant achievement is the detailed selection criteria," said Mark Hood, CEO of Spine Team Texas. "Not only are physicians vetted for professional accomplishments, they must also have attained peer recognition during the period of time they've been in practice."

Notre Dame completes successful run of 'Into the Woods'

The Notre Dame theatre department's adaptation of the popular stage play and musical, "Into the Woods," finished up a very successful four-day run at Avondale High School's theatre after its matinee presentation last month.

"I am so proud of all who have been a part of the show," said Notre Dame's theatre director Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP).

David Fazzini, who heads Notre Dame's choir department and directs the musical, said the play was a real treat for both young and old.

"Legendary lyricist Stephen Sondheim intertwined familiar childhood characters through his musical score to tell a new story," said Fazzini, now in his 17th year at Notre Dame. "It was really an exciting adventure!"



Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP) is director of Notre Dame's theatre program.

NDP, NYU and the UAE

Notre Dame's Director of Counseling Vlado Salic spent a week in October at a special event in the United Arab Emirates hosted by New York University in an effort to help familiarize high-performing American high schools with the university's relatively new campus in the UAE.

According to Salic, only 17 counselors from the U.S. were chosen to attend the four-day event, which was entirely funded by the university, including air-fare and accommodations.

Opened in 2010 and located on Saadiyat Island, NYU's Abu Dhabi facility is one of the most selective schools in the world, admitting 150 out of 9,000 applicants per class.

"NYU Abu Dhabi brought me in as an opportunity for their satellite campus to get some real exposure," said Salic, "while I viewed it as an opportunity for our students to get exposure to a very unique world-class education."

Salic, who was joined on the trip by counselors from other U.S. schools that included Maret School in Washington, D.C., and The Bishop's School in San Diego, said that NYU-AD is a great fit for Notre Dame students, especially those in the International Baccalaureate program.

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Lifted up by the Irish

2004 alum and quality engineer credits Notre Dame for his success in life and lifting

Jason LaVigne graduated from Notre Dame in 2004. He said he wouldn't be where he is today if not for the time he spent at the school.

But where is he today? Well, for starters, he's got a pretty important job at FCA, or Fiat Chrysler, as a plant supplier quality engineer at the company's Jefferson North Assembly Plant in Detroit.

"I'm actually a corporate employee reporting to our Technical Center in Auburn Hills, but stationed at Jefferson North," he said. "I am responsible for the quality of all current production parts on the Grand Cherokee and Durango."

He said his areas of specialty are chassis and powertrain, but what he and his colleagues do is more akin to being like the "parts police."

"It is our job to ensure that our suppliers are building parts to the current engineering specifications and quality requirements," he said. "If not, it's our job to rectify the situation, and work to bring the supplier back within the requirements to which they are contracted."

When LaVigne's not chasing wayward chassis and powertrain suppliers down, he likely could be found in a local gym preparing to chase more awards as an amateur powerlifter. He said he's relatively new to the sport—he began training in 2012—but got a big start out of the gate.

The first meet he entered was one held in 2013 in Michigan and he took a third place—a great finish for a relatively new participant.

"It definitely was a learning experience," LaVigne, now 29, said. And that learning must have paid off because he took the rest of the year by storm, winning the 2013 Amateur American Powerlifting Federation nationals, which qualified him to go to the 2013 Amateur World Powerlifting Congress world championships in Idaho with Team USA, where he also took first place.

He also did well at the 2014 WPC Worlds and APF/AAPF States in early 2015, but had a massive gallbladder attack, which resulted in the removal of his gallbladder, and his lifting took a hiatus. But, once cleared to train again by his doctor, he picked up where he left off and set an AAPF state record and two APF state records, which included a deadlift of 540 lbs., a personal record.

When asked how he got into such a sport, he said he'd always been told he was pretty strong for his size.



Jason LaVigne '04 (NDHS), above, competed at the AWPC World Championships in 2013 where he took a first as a member of the USA Team.

"I spent the summer of 2012 training with a friend of a friend who used to compete in powerlifting, and he thought I should give it a try," said LaVigne, who competes with his weight at around 175 lbs. "So that coupled with him being convinced I could be competitive in my age and weight division sold me."

Before powerlifting, LaVigne said hockey was his sport of choice. In fact, wanting to play high school hockey was a big part of what steered him to Notre Dame in the first place.



LaVigne played hockey for the Fighting Irish.

"Notre Dame had reputable junior varsity as well as varsity teams," he said. "It was my sole athletic focus while I was there."

LaVigne also played hockey (Division 3 ACHA) while earning his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Oakland University.

Without a doubt, LaVigne is a focused individual no matter what he's doing. And when discussing what drove him to his numerous

accomplishments thus far in a relatively young life, he's quick to steer the conversation back to his high school experience at Notre Dame.

"I really don't think I would be as successful as I am today in all aspects of life had it not been for attending Notre Dame," he said. "Obviously the education has been invaluable, but Notre Dame prepares young people for life on so many other levels. The work ethic I developed while at Notre Dame through academic and athletic avenues has been something I've applied in all aspects of life. No matter what I do, I do it with a full effort."

Playing hockey there, he said, taught him to always "be coachable," or in other words, to always have an open mind to others who are trying to help make you better.

"Notre Dame also instills in you the values and morals necessary to develop and grow in life to be a good, respectful man," he added. "I wouldn't be the person I am today without the time spent attending Notre Dame."

Recalling specific classes or experiences at Notre Dame, LaVigne gives props to nearly every class and teacher he had at Notre Dame. "But any of my math classes, physics classes, and drafting class would have to be included in a list of favorite classes, all of which applied to my college major and career path," he said.

"Actually, the best parts of my life so far were in the halls of the Fighting Irish. It was such a well-rounded enjoyable experience for me." ■

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When current parent and alum Fabian Fregoli '89 (NDHS) and his wife, Loreta, were considering sending their three children to Notre Dame, they did the usual research themselves, a majority of which involved talking to other parents who had kids at the school. They received only positive reviews from the parents, according to Fabian. But it was what the children of those parents kept saying that finally clinched it for the Fregolis.

"When the kids themselves reported loving Notre Dame and would never want to attend any other school, I knew there was something special about the organization and the community," said Fabian, who currently has a student in each of Notre Dame's three divisions.

Of course other factors were considered when Fregoli did his research — many factors. After all, he is a practicing physician — plus, he's a member of the senior leadership team at Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, serving as vice president of quality and patient safety at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland and regional chief medical informatics officer-east market for the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System — so he's well versed in making sure that when important decisions are made, they are backed up with facts and figures.

"The continuity of education between divisions was an important factor," Fregoli said, recalling his initial assessment of Notre Dame. "Plus, the lower division's low student-to-teacher ratio was attractive to us, and in the middle division, the offering of Chinese language, the robotics program, and the availability of an honors math program also were big factors."

He also said having the International Baccalaureate program at all levels at Notre Dame was an indication that "the school is progressive in its approach and innovative in its vision."

'SOME OF THE GREATEST EDUCATORS'

The fact that Fregoli himself is a product of a Notre Dame and Marist education — he graduated from Notre Dame in 1989 — surely also must have played a role in the decision to send his kids to the school.

We asked just to make sure.

"Absolutely," he answered without hesita-



Robert Jones, director of IT, left, and Dr. Fabian Fregoli, vice president of quality and patient safety are with St. Joseph Mercy Oakland hospital in Pontiac. St. Joe's was one of six national finalists for the American Hospital Association's "Most Wired Innovator Award." (Photo: Tim Thompson-The Oakland Press)

tion. "Notre Dame changed the course of my life! I was inspired and encouraged by, in my opinion, some of the greatest educators around. The Marist Fathers have engendered a very special and unique culture that blends high academic standards with a caring environment."

Fregoli said that just like what he experienced as a student at Notre Dame, his children's teachers also seem to always go above and beyond to bring out each child's potential.

"It is clear that the faculty and staff here are genuinely concerned about each student's success," he said. "Plus, there is a strong sense of community with family support of programs offered at Notre Dame. Parents really do share their time and their talents for the many programs offered at the school."

Fregoli and his wife seem to exemplify that aspect of school life perfectly. He is Notre

Three

Dame's band treasurer, his wife assists with the middle division musical production and she volunteers in the lower division library weekly. And last year, she was a mentor for the Vex-IQ Robotics Team (Bumble Bees).

Fregoli also participated recently in a career day for upper-division students that focused on the healthcare industry.

"NDPMA offers something for everyone to become involved," Fregoli said. "Through all the various clubs and activities, a wide variety of options are available, including sports, the arts, robotics and beyond."

"VERY PLEASED WITH NOTRE DAME"

So now that his children have a healthy dose of the Notre Dame experience themselves, what is their own assessment so far of the school?

"I periodically ask all three of our children if they would prefer to move to another school," Fregoli said. "They are very clear with their response: 'No!' Enough said, and my question definitely answered!"

"We are very pleased with Notre Dame," he said. "We have no regrets whatsoever." ■



Current parent and alum Fabian Fregoli '89 (NDHS) is vice president of quality and patient safety at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland. (Photo: Tim Thompson-The Oakland Press)

times happy

A professional portrait of a middle-aged man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit, light blue shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus beige.

Alum, physician
and current parent
of students in all
three Notre Dame
divisions says school
'goes above and
beyond.'

Love, Notre Dame



and soccer

Two alums say they wouldn't be where they are in their careers — or even married to each other — if it wasn't for Notre Dame (and Irish soccer)

While Valentine's Day 2016 has come and gone, for Nick Trentacost, a 2006 NDP graduate, and Kaitlin (Cooper) Trentacost, who graduated from Notre Dame a year later, the annual one-day celebration of love is a great opportunity for them to not only reminisce about how they met—at Notre Dame, of course—but to remember and reflect on what their high school meant to them.

Nick currently is a marketing coordinator with Los Angeles-based AEG Live, the second largest concert promoter in the world. He says his time at Notre Dame allowed him to develop a real work ethic that helped get him through college and then on to early success in the working world. Kaitlin is a nurse at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and currently only a month or so away from a Doctorate of Nursing degree from the University of Michigan, which will allow her to continue her nursing career as a nurse practitioner. She says Notre Dame instilled in her the ability and the will to study hard and get the most out of her time in college.

Notre Dame's alumni association managed recently to get these two lovebirds to spend a few minutes together in order to update the Notre Dame community on what they've been up to college- and career-wise, and perhaps to discuss how important their high school alma mater was—and is—to them.

IRISH: Can you two give us a summary of your college experiences and how Notre Dame may have influenced your education after high school?

NICK: I entered Columbia College Chicago with an expectation of endless hours of studying, countless overlapping projects, and daunting presentations. Though I wasn't met with challenges of this magnitude at my particular institution, I was prepared for it and knew I would only be fulfilled by achievement as the result of hard work. So I took to filling my schedule with a multi-day internship, job, and immersed myself in the music community amidst full-time class enrollment. Notre Dame nourished a work ethic that has helped bless me with a job and early success in a very competitive field. My time there showed me that it's not just about what is learned in class, but outside of it as well. My high school years were spent developing one music project after another and I felt that my teachers' inquiries on progress and support of my efforts fostered additional learning opportunities. It also drove me to seek more of my college professors at any occasion. In fact, several have become peers who offered stepping-stones to help progress my career.

KAITLIN: I had an amazing four years at Hope College. Before I even began my college career, I knew I wanted to pursue a degree in nursing. The Hope College Nursing Program was competitive, as most nursing programs are, and the acceptance into the program relied heavily on the grades achieved in my first semester at Hope. There was no pre-acceptance and no option to reapply if I was not chosen as one of the 32 students. Turns out I was accepted into the nursing program in my second semester and received the Pre-Nursing Award for achieving the highest GPA of nursing program applicants. Think-

ing back to this time, it is still one of my proudest moments and my career as a nurse has been better than I could have imagined. That first semester at Hope was the most challenging of the four years, the transition of being away at school and the pressures of acceptance into the nursing program were stressful. Yet, I did feel that my time at Notre Dame prepared me to dive right into hours of studying and lengthy papers. Studying was not the only activity that kept me busy in college. I participated in multiple medical-mission trips, held an active role in a sorority, led a Bible study, played intramural sports, worked as a tour guide, and was part of campus boards/councils. My full schedule at NDP with academics, sports, and other various extracurricular activities equipped me to get the most out of my time in college. Hope challenged me to grow not only intellectually, but also emotionally and spiritually. Notre Dame truly led and prepared me for my success at Hope College.

IRISH: Why did you choose your career goal and what was your path to achieving it?

NICK: I think it all started when I was in high school and taking on the "manager" role within my various bands, though I had no idea that's what I was doing at the time. The business side—the behind the scenes—was always most intriguing and I knew it could offer more career stability in the long run over actually performing. In college at Columbia College Chicago I learned in my first class on my first day what an artist manager really is. Soon after I started an internship at an artist-management company in Chicago, which I held for three years, eventually landing my first full-time gig, which led to me being able to now co-manage an international touring rock act. While in college, I worked as a show runner at a music venue as well as for a concert promoter. A few months after graduating from College, I took the aforementioned full-time gig selling merchandise on tour for a metal band, crossing the U.S. five times, Canada twice, and UK/Europe once. When deciding to move back to Michigan to eventually marry my high school sweetheart, I fell into a job as a marketing coordinator at a concert promoter called The Crofoot, which has a deep history in Detroit live entertainment. I spent a year there before accepting a marketing coordinator position with AEG Live, the second largest concert promoter worldwide, for about 200 live events each year, ranging from 150-person capacity clubs to 18,000-attendee festivals.

KAITLIN: I graduated with my bachelor of science in nursing in 2011. During my time in the Hope nursing program I learned about the role of a nurse practitioner and realized quickly that it was a perfect fit for me. It captured the caring heart of nursing while elevating the role to include diagnosing and prescribing medical treatment. I applied to nurse practitioner programs while I finished my degree at Hope. Prior to my graduation I was accepted to multiple programs and decided to advance my degree at the University of Michigan-Flint in a Doctorate of Nursing Program to obtain my DNP designation. While completing my doctorate, I have been working full-time at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak with an encouraging and intelligent team who have all supported me in one way or another as I complet-

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Valor Virtusque



Notre Dame alum Jeff Hannon ('86) has been working in the nursery and landscape business for 29 years.

When brothers Jeff, Mike and Bill Hannon get together, the talk sometimes goes back to Notre Dame High School, from which the three graduated. After all, they certainly have a lot to talk about since their high school years overlapped—to the day! You see, the Hannon brothers represent the only triplets in history to graduate from Notre Dame—Harper Woods or Pontiac—and in the Hannon's case, that graduation day was in 1986.

Editor's note: Pontiac Notre Dame currently enrolls triplets Sarah, Katherine and Allison Bauer, who are juniors.

For Mike Hannon, it really wasn't a big deal that his two brothers were in the same school at the same time.

Sure, they sometimes played sports together—either on the track or football teams. “But during the school day, we had different class and subject interests outside of the required courses,” he said, “so we didn't see each

other that often during the day, especially after freshman year. It was funny, though, when kids sometimes would approach me in the hallway and just assume I knew precisely where my brothers were at all times—‘Don't you guys have telepathy or something?’”

Jeff Hannon said when they were growing up in Roseville, and then in grade school at St. Germaine, the three of them really didn't know too much about Notre Dame other than the fact that it “unfortunately” was an all-boys school. But as is the case with most 8th graders, it was their parents who made the final decision for their high school. And Jeff thinks it was the perfect decision.

“It was a tremendous experience for me,” he said. “In fact, if I had kids of my own, I wouldn't think twice about sending them to Notre Dame.”

Bill Hannon, whose son, Jack, is currently a freshman at Notre Dame in Pontiac, was likewise grateful that his parents sent him to Notre Dame. “My experience at Notre Dame raised the bar in terms of setting expectations for myself across the board,” Bill said. “As far

as college went, ND made going to college just a given.”

VALOR VIRTUSQUE

Professionally, Bill said, the most valuable skill he learned at Notre Dame was simply developing and utilizing a good work ethic, which comes in very handy in his line of work. He is in the mitigation and general contracting business as owner of SERVPRO of Novi and SERVPRO of Bloomfield in Commerce Township and much of his work is in fire and water cleanup and restoration, which he's been at it for more than eight years now.

“Notre Dame taught me to do things simply because they needed to be done without being told and then to accept personal responsibility for the results,” he said. “Also, ND's emphasis on writing, composition and speaking was and

still is invaluable to me in this or any business environment.”

Both of Bill's brothers concur in how important their high school education was to their careers.

“Notre Dame was hard work, but it was absolutely worth it,” Jeff said. “What I got from my Notre Dame education was a good work ethic, great attitude, and most importantly, the wherewithal to treat people well.” All attributes, he said, that have contributed to a successful 29-year (and counting) career in the nursery and landscape business.

Mike Hannon is a vice president



Mike Hannon is a vice president at Ameriprise Financial and manages a \$1 billion office in Farmington Hills.

Only triplets to graduate from Notre Dame reminisce

at Ameriprise Financial and manages a \$1 billion office in Farmington Hills with clients all over the country.

"Certainly, Notre Dame prepared me for college and my career but I've always felt that, more importantly, it changed the way I thought about the world and the way I wanted other people to think of me," Mike said. "I've had the words 'Valor Virtusque' [valor and courage] in the back of my head for the last 30 years—they make me feel I have an obligation to give generously of myself to those around me and to stand strong during physically and mentally difficult times."

NOTRE DAME MEMORIES

While high school for the Hannonns ended almost thirty years ago, they still retain some memorable moments from the sprawling campus on Kelly Road in Harper Woods and many of those occurred on the track or the field.

"Having participated extensively in track and cross country, my best memories come from my involvement with those teams and with coaches Conrad Vachon and Harold Rice, Mike Hannon said. "There are so many stories in my memory about them both I can scarcely remember all of them, but nonetheless I still do. I miss the entire experience of Notre Dame—it was the first time in my life that I felt I was an important part of something bigger than myself. It led to many lasting friendships and developed a sense of camaraderie that was unlike anything I had ever experienced. They were truly the very best years of my life."

Like his two brothers, Bill Hannon also was on Notre Dame's track and field team, but excelled at football, which is where he gained some of his most memorable moments.

"Have to say my favorite sports memory hands down would be beating Catholic Central in football our senior year, 7 to 6," Bill said. "We all played our guts out in the rain and the mud after having our usual breakfast and Mass together. We were CC's only loss that year as they went on to win the state championship. Our only touchdown during that game was on a quarterback sneak by Steve Zacharias in the fourth quarter, and Stefano Moracini kicked the point after. I recall Steve running over on my side of the offensive

line. Later in watching film of that play, I saw Frank Dickerson push Steve over the goal line and Don Wortham conveniently positioning himself in front of the ref so that he didn't see it."

Bill reserves another special place in his memory bank for some of the times he got to play sports at Notre Dame with his brothers. During the school day, Bill said, the fact that he and his brothers were triplets really didn't affect him much at all. He said they had different friends for the most part and in fact doesn't remember ever having a class with either of his brothers, though he concedes it probably happened once or twice given the odds.

"What was cool," Bill said, "was when we were able to participate in football and track together."

He recalls one particular football game as if it was yesterday.



Bill Hannon is owner of SERVPRO of Novi and SERVPRO of Bloomfield in Commerce Township.

"I will never forget my senior year when our starting center, Louie Lapiana, got thrown out of a game and they brought in my brother Jeff to replace him for what turned out to be the rest of the year," Bill said. "It was a big deal because Jeff was not allowed to play football his first three years at Notre Dame because of a back injury he suffered in the 8th grade that was my fault. He still wanted to be part of the team and actually served as the



From left, Jeff, Mike and Bill Hannon '86 (NDHS) are the only triplets thus far to graduate from Notre Dame.

team's athletic trainer those first three years, but everyone knew he always wanted to play."

Bill said Jeff finally got clearance to play football after their junior year and started working out with the team. He said his brother worked his tail off to get in shape, but was not assigned a starting job.

"I played right guard, so when Jeff ran out on the field and took his spot in the center of the huddle next to me after Lapiana got tossed, I broke down," he said. "Our coach at the time, Bob Lapointe, was very cognizant of the poignancy of this moment since he knew the story and was nice enough to call a timeout so we could regroup. Everyone on the field knew what it meant to Jeff and me to finally be together side by side on a football field."

Bill's brother Mike also figured in another special "brother" moment.

"During the spring of our senior year, we all ran track together," Bill recalls. "We were at a small invitational at East Detroit and the half mile came up and for whatever reason, no one from Notre Dame was scheduled to run that race. Mike was volunteered to run it by Mr. Rice, and since I was standing nearby, Coach Rice thought it would be fun if I also ran it, even though the longest race I ever ran was the quarter mile."

"So, since two Hannonns were running, Mr. Rice said we might as well have all three of them out there and advised Jeff that he would be our third entrant, even though he was primarily in field events like me. Long story short, Mike killed everybody and was at least 100 yards in front of me, but I was able to kick it in a little and squeak out second place. Jeff was about 10 feet from taking third, but ended up fourth. I even remember the newspaper announcing Hannon, Hannon and whomever for the first three places. But needless to say just to have the opportunity for us to run a race together in high school was very cool. Thank you, Hal Rice!" ■

A (Notre Dame) baker's tale

A business begins where a beloved storybook ends. . .



Notre Dame Prep alum Christine LaSorda ('02) is running a successful specialty bakery in Chicago.

Two-thousand-two Notre Dame graduate Christine LaSorda said she's been baking since she was very young. But it was a much later in life that she decided she wanted to

combine her passion for baking with a deep-seated desire to make people happy.

"I think we all need a purpose," LaSorda said, "a reason to get up every day and contribute to this world. I wanted a purpose that made people happy, even for a little bit, even if it was just because they were on a sugar high—I needed something I could feel good about."

Well it appears that LaSorda is two for two: Her gourmet bakery in downtown Chicago, *A Baker's Tale*, is truly a unique combination of her considerable baking skills and very happy customers, with a dose of Lewis Carroll.

"The looks on customers' faces when they taste something I've created is one of the best feelings in the world," she said.

LaSorda's 42-seat bakery, located in the Wicker Park neighborhood of Chicago, opened in the spring of 2014. She said its name and decor are inspired by a childhood love of storybooks, especially "Alice's Adventure in Wonderland," by Lewis Carroll.

LaSorda said she wanted to make her shop appear like one is stepping into a fairy tale. "You tread where Alice, the Mad Hatter and the grinning Cheshire Cat once ventured all while you enjoy cupcakes, pastries, desserts and specialty cakes," she said.

From her website: "A Baker's Tale is a classic yet distinctive Wicker Park bakery where the good are rewarded with delectable fresh-baked delights. Whether the Mad Hatter arrives to enjoy tea or the White Rabbit stops in for a latte, it is the pleasantest place to treat yourself to delicious and fresh-baked goods..."

COPYWRITING TO BAKING

Like many successful business owners, LaSorda's arrival to this point in her career, however, didn't necessarily happen in a direct

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way or on a straight line. After graduating from Notre Dame in 2002, she headed to Michigan State University not 100 percent sure of a major, but thinking that something in the arts or other creative fields was in her future.

"I decided on advertising at Michigan State and was actually looking to become a copywriter when I had a change of heart," she said. "I just couldn't see my lifelong purpose in trying to sell things to people; as fun and creative as it was, it just wasn't me."

So she headed to San Francisco and art school where she studied illustration for a year at the Academy of Art University.

"It was one of the best times of my life, but I wasn't sure how I could make a practical living as a studio artist," she said. "So it was then that I decided to follow my heart and delve into something I'd always had a love for—food! I enrolled in culinary school in Chicago and received a degree in both culinary arts and hospitality management."

While she was in school and then after graduation, LaSorda gained experience in the food industry and created a business plan that ultimately led to the opening of A Baker's Tale, which was voted last year as the "2014 Best Bakery in Chicago."

"It's been a dream come true," she said.

Her dream and some early success with the Chicago bakery as well as a desire to expand have now led to a mail order component to A Baker's Tale. Located in Birmingham, Mich., LaSorda's new mail order business is the result of teaming up with Sava Lelcay from Ann Arbor-based Savco Hospitality Inc., who bakes the goods to LaSorda's precise specifications. She even hired her father, former Chrysler CEO Tom LaSorda, to manage the mail-order side of the business in Michigan while she oversees the retail outlet in Chicago.

HARD WORK AND TOUGH ACADEMICS IN HIGH SCHOOL KEY TO SUCCESS

LaSorda noted that she would be nowhere near where she is in her career today without the twin foundations of hard work and academics.

She said her work ethic didn't necessarily come from a classroom, however. "It's something that is hard to learn, but if it is instilled in you at a young age, it really stands the test of time and becomes who you are," she said. "I want to be the best at what I do and I know that it may never be possible, but I'm okay with working toward it for the rest of my life. I want to be the best at something I'm proud of and I'm willing to work hard for it. Nothing is given to you, especially in the food industry, and I like that."

Even though her initial college experience in East Lansing was a bit daunting to her: "Going from the small classrooms of NDP to classes with 500 students was a big change for me, but I never truly felt overwhelmed.

"And, of course, we all get excited about the new-found freedom to be on our own for the first time," she said. "But with that comes the responsibility of controlling nearly every aspect of your life. You no longer have your mom or dad to tell you when to do your homework or when to study for a test.

"I have to say, though, that the challenging academics and close attention of teachers at Notre Dame were huge in instilling standards within me that allowed me to navigate the new freedom that came with going to college for the first time. Being successful at NDP meant I had the skill set and tools to be successful elsewhere—something for which I will always be grateful."

And even though high school for her was more than 10 years ago, she remembers certain things and people from Notre Dame like they were yesterday.

"I always liked the walkathon—it was always such a good time," she recalled. "And I'd have to say my favorite teacher was Mr. Osiecki. There were so many great teachers who I loved, but he was

just amazing. He had a way of teaching that made you excited to learn and the material was easy to understand coming from him."

High school can be a strange time for students, LaSorda said. "You're finding out what you really believe in and who you are at the core. At a time like that it's easy to feel isolated as you're still discovering yourself. But Mr. Osiecki was a great person to have teaching you at a time like that. He never made you feel judged, and you always felt like he was on your side. I don't know how I would have liked economics otherwise!"

FEEL-GOOD BUSINESS

Those Osiecki lessons in economics must have sunk in for LaSorda as her business is obviously doing very well. But

even though keeping A Baker's Tale running on all eight cylinders is time-consuming, she said she is more than willing to give back to her high school alma mater.

"I would love answering questions from students at Notre Dame who may be thinking about following a similar path or have questions about how I got to where I am," she said. "I know I'm probably not necessarily where I'll end up in 20 or 30 years, but I already feel like I've traveled a long way, and if I can help someone else feel as good as I feel now, I would be ecstatic." ■

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info@a-bakers-tale.com
Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m., on Sun-Thurs; and 8 a.m.-7 p.m., on Fri-Sat.
www.a-bakers-tale.com
Mail order: shop.abakerstale.com



Outdoor seating also is available during warm weather for patrons of A Baker's Tale.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Ed Maloney '64 (NDHS) The Siena Heights men's lacrosse team was listed as the third-ranked team in the NAIA, as announced on national governing body's preseason poll for 2015. In 2015, the Saints (13-3) won the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association Central Division championship, advanced to the CCLA Tournament semifinals and was rewarded with the program's first bid to the MCLA Tournament. While at the MCLAs, the SHU squad defeated Missouri Valley, 8-7, before dropping a 7-6 overtime decision to eventual national champ Dayton (Ohio). The Saints' three losses in 2015 came to the last two MCLA champs (two to Dayton, one to Grand Valley State). The Saints were also ranked in the No. 9 spot in the country by Lacrosse Magazine and MCLA/Under Armour Rankings for MCLA Division II.

Paul Unger '94 (NDHS) I have a special alumni update for you. Notre Dame alumni Stephen Garcia (Class of 1994) and myself were invited to the opening celebration of Jack White's Third Man Records in Cass Corridor in Detroit! This is special to Stephen and me because Ben Blackwell, who is also an alum, Notre Dame High

We'd love to hear from you!

Send a note to let us know what you're up to: e-mail Beth Campbell at bcampbell@ndpma.org, or visit ndpma.org/update.

Alumni Notes & Info

Notre Dame Prep: **(NDP)**; Notre Dame High School: **(NDHS)**; Pontiac Catholic: **(PC)**; Oakland Catholic: **(OC)**; St. Frederick: **(SF)**; St. Michael: **(SM)**

School (Class of 2000) is co-founder of Third Man Records, and was nice enough to invite us to the VIP party, on Nov. 26, 2015. Then, the next morning at 10 a.m., Third Man Records opened its doors to the public for the first time. The new Third Man Records location is amazing! Many of us alumni are very proud of Ben and his accomplishments in the music and vinyl industry.

NOTRE DAME PREP ALUMNI

Payton Hoff '13 (NDP) and **Kaleigh Mullen '12 (NDP)** will be competing in the MIAA league meet for Hope College.

Bianca Pavetto '15' (NDP) Bianca is attending a college in New York called THE NEW SCHOOL in Greenwich village. Also, she will be cutting a record this month under a small company within Epic Records and will be opening for an act in Soho, NY. She is going for a lead role in "High School Musical 4."

Katherine (Katie) Pacynski '06 (NDP) After graduating from NDP, I attended the University of Michigan where I was a member of the varsity cheerleading team and graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering. I then went on to law school at Michigan State College of Law, and I served as a managing editor of the Michigan State Law Review. I am currently an associate patent attorney at the Dobrusin Law Firm. My husband, Steve, and I married in

December 2013.

Alexandra Trecapelli '07 (NDP) I married my high school "sweetheart," **Robert Trecapelli '07 (NDP)** in 2011. We both graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy in May of 2011. I graduated with my BSN and Robert graduated with a degree in biology. He began dental school at the University of Detroit Mercy later that year. He graduated from dental school in May of 2015. He is now practicing out of my father's office in Shelby Township on the weekends, as well as working full time for a corporate dental group. While he was in dental school, I worked as a nurse at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in its Same-Day Surgery Department. After 4-1/2 years of marriage, we are now expecting our first child in October of 2015. I have left my job and intend to stay home with lots of little ones who will hopefully be graduates of NDP in the future!

Claire Zavolta '10 (NDP) Pursuing my master's degree in music performance at Carnegie Mellon University.

Julie Thomas '99 (NDP) Phil and I just moved back to Michigan after living in Virginia for the last 10 years. We are excited to be back!

Lauren Rao '09 (NDP) Lauren is in her second year as an athletic trainer with the baseball and women's soccer teams at NCAA

Division I school Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW). Prior to IPFW she was attending the University of Virginia, pursuing her master's of education in athletic training while working as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at NCAA Division I Virginia Military Institute with its football and track and field teams.

Michael Bray '02 (NDP) I am studying for a second undergraduate degree at Oakland University. After working a series of retail jobs, he finally found a career working as an office assistant and a volunteer life coach for Pomeroy Counseling in Waterford, Mich. Pomeroy Counseling was founded by Bonny Pomeroy, who first started working with individuals on the Autism Spectrum in 2008. Michael was one of her first clients when she was interning at the SEHS Counseling Center in Pawley Hall at OU. Now they're going to be working together. What could be better?!

Cate Desjardins '06 (NDP) After graduating from Wayne State in May with a master's in social work, I am now working as a psychotherapist. I work with adults, teens and kids, specializing in addressing depression, anxiety, trauma and related issues. I am also a full-time doctoral student at the Institute for Clinical Social Work, pursuing advanced education and training in psychodynamic psychotherapy. I will hopefully finish my Ph.D in 2020! ■

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"If we are to call ourselves a world school and offer world-class education, we should also be able to offer our students world-class opportunities, no matter where they're located," he said. "Universities of this caliber and structure are ideal for some of our high-performing students."

Notre Dame students learn about healthcare careers from alumni

On October 28, more than 75 students in Notre Dame's upper division were on hand when the second of a planned monthly series of career presentations by Notre Dame alums was held in the school's media center.

The focus of the event was the healthcare industry and seven Notre Dame graduates working in the healthcare field agreed to participate. In a previous session, a number of alums spoke to Notre Dame students about careers in engineering.

Notre Dame Prep graduate ('98) and ND Alumni Association chair Scott Lockhart, who organized the event, said the association was more than happy to continue matching current student interest with alumni professionals across a range of disciplines.

"The overwhelming student demand for this type of assembly was met by wonderful alumni ranging from Notre Dame's Class of 1989 through the Class of 2009 who shared a multitude of paths to successful careers in medicine," he said.

Notre Dame's Director of Alumni Relations, Beth Campbell, said it was exciting to see so many alums willing to take time from their schedule to speak to the students.

"There is nothing more relatable for our students than to see firsthand the success of our alumni," she added. "We think the students benefit greatly from these types of events."

1965 Notre Dame football team honored at Prep Bowl

Members of the 1965 Notre Dame High School football team, which won the Catholic League in 1965, were celebrated Saturday at the Catholic League's annual Prep Bowl at Ford Field. Team members on hand Saturday were honored on the field between the CHSL C-D championship game and the A-B championship game.

The 1965 Fighting Irish team, coached by the legendary Walt Bazylewicz, defeated St. Ambrose High School, 27-21, at the 18th Annual Soup Bowl, which was played at the University of Detroit Stadium. The Soup Bowl was the predecessor to the CHSL Prep Bowl and determined the Catholic League champion in football.

Notre Dame's 1965 team finished the season 5-1-1 in the league and 7-1-1 overall after its final game of the season, a 14-14 tie vs. the Detroit Public School League champion, Denby High School.

This year's Notre Dame team was defeated in Saturday's Prep Bowl by Detroit Loyola High School, 40-10.

Super raffle grand prize winner picks up big check

At Notre Dame's 2015 Oktoberfest celebration held October 3 on



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the school's Pontiac campus, winning Super Raffle tickets were drawn from about 46,000 tickets that were sold, netting the lucky winners big prizes.

The grand prize winner picked up the biggest check from Notre Dame. Antoinette Gebara, grandmother of five current Notre Dame students, stopped by the school in October to accept her grand prize.

Gebara was among this year's winning ticket holders who earned payouts of \$50,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,500, or three \$1,000 jackpots.

The net proceeds from the raffle—more than \$475,000—will be used to help Notre Dame with financial aid, continuing technology upgrades for the students and other classroom enhancements.

Notre Dame students work in the community on MLK Jr. 'Day of Service'

On Jan. 16, 22 students from Notre Dame Prep joined fellow students from around the Archdiocese of Detroit in celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which honors the life and legacy of one of the great figures in modern American history. The federal holiday, which this year is on January 18, is observed on the third Monday of January each year. King Jr.'s actual birthday is January 15.

King Jr. believed that acts of service were the great equalizer. "Everybody can be great," he said, "because everybody can serve."

Service to the community always has been an important component to the education of Notre Dame students. Simply measure the many community and Christian hours of service spent annually by NDP seniors alone, and you come up with well more than 10,000, according to the school's campus ministry department.

Weddings/Engagements

Victoria Thompson '09 (NDP) married Kevin Remus on September 19, 2015. The mass took place at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

Alumni/staff/faculty rest in peace

William "Billy" Bates '80 (NDHS) 3-7-16

Lyla Lepisto '41 (SF) 2-26-16

Joyce Harworth '46 (SM) 2-20-16

Frank Sorbelli '56 (SM) 2-6-16

Jerry Brooks '65 (NDHS), brother of Roger, '71 (NDHS) 2-2-16

Gerald Gera Verno '40 (SM) 1-20-16

Thomas Lauinger '60 (SM), brother of Richard '48 (SM), Virginia '49 (SM), Elizabeth '49 (SM), Rose '51 (SM), Ed '58 (SM), Frank '66 (SM), brother-in-law of Dan Shadrack '63 (SM) 12-22-16

Constance Korolden '43 (SM) 12-21-15

Rosemary Roach '44 (SM) 12-16-15

Linda Pearce '60 (SM) 12-4-15

Madonna Petrusha '59 (SM), wife of Bob, '59 (SM) 12-3-15

Byron Bliss Jr. '66 (NDHS) 12-2-15

Ellen Cacioppo '40 (SM) 11-26-15

Sally Blascyk '64 (SM) 11-25-15

Robert Pazdro '70 (NDHS), cousin of Jim Mandl '66 (NDHS) 11-21-15, Eric Wencel '91 (NDHS) 11-19-15

Thomas Primeau '59 (NDHS), brother of Jim Primeau '62 (NDHS) 11-11-15

Jerry Zubalik '41 (SF) 10-29-15

Ron Ruth '58 (NDHS) 10-13-15

NOTE: For a complete list, see ndpma.org/prayers. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. ■

CONCUSSIONS, from page 11

The playing of crossover football games is not a new idea. Notre Dame agreed to play Catholic Central in 2005-2008. We played four years in a row and lost each game with a combined score of 212-31. The games were not competitive, the amount and severity of injuries were high and neither team benefited from or enjoyed the competition. While Catholic Central got an easy win, our players got injured. Is a win for a Central Division team more important than the safety of the AA Division athletes?

OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ADMINISTRATORS

As teachers, coaches and administrators, we have a legal and moral obligation to provide the safest environment possible for our student-athletes. When it comes to football, that includes having adequate equipment, teaching proper technique, limiting the amount of "hitting" in practice, implementing concussion protocol, monitoring heat indexes, ensuring athletes get adequate fluids and scheduling games against programs with similar-sized athletes and programs. These are common-sense steps that we can take to ensure that the sport is as safe as possible.

CLOSING

My father will turn 86 in April. He played offensive guard and inside linebacker for Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central from 1944-1947 and was a captain. He wore a leather helmet and weighing a mere 136 pounds, he was a tough son of a gun. But times have changed.

Athletes are bigger, stronger and faster than ever before. What used to be known as "getting your bell rung" is now known to be a serious sign of injury to the brain.

While we cannot eliminate all risk in football (or any other sports for that matter), we can mitigate those risks by implementing simple common-sense measures, such as responsible scheduling. This is critical in collision-based sports such as football.

It is hard to imagine, but some national pundits are questioning whether football will still be played at the high school level in the future. If we love the game of football, then it is incumbent upon us to take the steps necessary to ensure that we do everything we can to mitigate risk.

Until the CHSL recognizes the legitimacy of our position, we will remain at odds. Our hope is that some day, Notre Dame will once again return to the CHSL. Until that time, Notre Dame, under the guidance of Our Mother, will forge its own path as an independent, Catholic school and stick to our mission of forming Christian persons, upright citizens and academic scholars.

Respectfully,



Andy Guest '84 (NDHS)

Executive Vice President

Director of Advancement

Head Cross Country Coach

Assistant Track & Field Coach

Of horses and of courses



Sarah Morelli, a 2009 Notre Dame grad who currently is at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sarah Morelli is charging forward into a career as a veterinary surgeon. This 2009 Notre Dame grad, who currently is halfway through Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, said she likely would not be anywhere near her dream of becoming a practicing vet if it wasn't for the education she received in high school.

"I am halfway done with veterinary school and I'm so grateful for the skills Notre Dame gave me," said Morelli. "I feel that I not only got a great education at Notre Dame that prepared me for college, but I gained great study skills and habits that have made the rigorous veterinary curriculum and courses doable for me."

Morelli also is member of MSU's Polo Club team and, despite an extremely heavy load of courses, she said she's able to handle it all due in large part to NDP.

"Because of how prepared I was for college and veterinary school, I have been able to continue to competitively ride horses on the polo team," she said. "I feel that the teachers

"I do miss all the teachers at ND and although all of them played a part in getting me to where I am today, I do have the most wonderful memories from my classes with Dr. Heinbuck, Mrs. (Kochenderfer) Preiss and Fr. Strasz." She also had high marks for the times she spent in the school office helping Mary Jane Pasko and Marie Place.

It's no accident that Morelli is in veterinary school or plays polo. Horses have always been her passion and being

Future veterinary surgeon says Notre Dame was huge in preparing for college and career

at NDP did a wonderful job preparing me for college and gave me a competitive edge over my peers throughout college."

Morelli did her undergrad at Saginaw Valley State University where she earned a degree in biology. She also completed a fellowship at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Kentucky and will be doing an externship this winter at the Four Sixes Ranch in Texas. Her success thus far, Morelli acknowledges, did not come without the help of many of her teachers at Notre Dame who played a huge role in her post-secondary career accomplishments, both at SVSU and MSU.

able to turn her passion into a career will be a dream come true for her. Of course, polo also plays a role in her dreams.

"I love what I am doing and cannot imagine doing anything else," she said. "Even when classes get difficult, just heading out to the barn for polo practice helps me remember my dream and makes all of the studying worth it. My parents have also been a huge inspiration for me and I would not be here without their love and support. I also believe the skills that will make me successful in veterinary medicine are the ability to think on my feet and problem-solve, as well as my social skills for interacting with clients and coworkers."

Skills that came in no small part from her Notre Dame tenure, which she said she'll forever be grateful.

"I think it is important to reflect upon where I came from because everyone in my life, including those at NDP, played a role in shaping me into the person I am today," Morelli said. "So I feel it is important to look back and remember those people, and include them in the celebrations of my success. Without them, I may not have made it to where I am today. I also think it is important to be an inspiration to those who follow behind me. You never know when you will have a positive impact on someone else's life." ■



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Dream job in Denver

Position with Super Bowl champions is keeping 2005 Notre Dame alum busy in Colorado

When 2005 Notre Dame alum Matt Boyer matriculated to the University of Michigan, he fully intended to eventually pursue a career in law. So he double-majored in political science and communications, thinking that both would be useful in law school and for a career as an attorney. Boyer even applied to and was accepted to the University of Toledo's law school, where he planned on enrolling after graduating from Michigan.

But then he was bitten hard by the journalism bug.

"During my senior year at Michigan in 2009, I was working as a high school sports reporter for a TV show called 'High School Hammertime' on Fox Sports Detroit," he recalled. "I still planned to go to law school in the fall, but I had an incredible passion for the work I was doing with FSD. Then, when my boss there offered me more hours and a raise that summer, I decided to put off law school and take a chance in sports broadcasting."

He thought that if sports broadcasting didn't work out, he would just go back to his plan A and attend law school the following year.

But, it appears, things did work out and Boyer now is employed full time with the Denver Broncos Football Club as a coordinating producer and reporter for the team's digital media department. Which isn't such a bad gig, it turns out, since the Broncos just won Super Bowl 50 and Boyer was on hand in Santa Clara last weekend for all the goings on.

But getting from "High School Hammertime" to the Super Bowl champions wasn't necessarily on a smooth and straight road for Boyer, however.

After his stint with "Hammertime" ended in January 2010, Boyer applied for every sports broadcasting job he could find and eventually landed a job as sports director at KYMA-TV in Yuma, Arizona, where he worked for two-and-half years. Then, he accepted a sports photographer position at KUSA-TV in Denver, Colo., and eventually worked his way up to being a sports reporter/multimedia journalist with the station.

After three years with KUSA-TV, Boyer accepted the job with the Broncos and he's never looked back. Well, actually he did look back, but only to help him better understand how and why he thinks he eventually landed such a plum job.

"I'm so thankful that my parents helped send me to such a great high school and college," he said. "I was able to try a lot of different activities in both schools, and then figure out which one I thought might best lead me to a career I would love."

"I also thank NDP for giving me my first taste of journalism because that's where I first started to really grow as a writer," Boyer added. "When I got to U-M, writing and reporting for a living was not on my career horizon, but now that I think about it, high school was the first time I found out how much I actually enjoyed that type of work."

He noted that he will always be incredibly grateful to the many teachers at Notre Dame, including John Mills for showing him what great writing looked like and how to enjoy it. He said he also loved being able to write for The Leprechaun student newspaper at NDP, and he had a special shoutout to teachers John Smith and Ed Davis, who he said were incredibly helpful to him.

"I also loved playing on NDP's varsity tennis team," he said. "I made friends on that team with people I still consider to be my best friends today."

Boyer said it's always great to see NDP faculty and staff whenever he's back in Michigan.

"Recently, I was lucky enough to be in a wedding in Michigan and the ceremony was officiated by Father Joe," Boyer said. "Catching up with him reminded me of how great the staff really is at that school."

It is clear that Boyer appreciates the time he spent at Notre Dame. But it's even more clear that he is especially thankful for the role his family has played in his life.

"I'm incredibly grateful to my family for helping me get to this point in my career," he said. "Without them and their support, I wouldn't have the type of career I've had so far. It's also a great feeling to be able to celebrate my accomplishments with them, including the exciting Super Bowl run the Broncos had this past season!" ■



Notre Dame alum Matt Boyer ('05) is in Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., prior to Super Bowl 50. At left, Boyer interviews Broncos wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders after Denver defeated the New England Patriots in the AFC Conference Championship game.

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Patently, happily

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY KATIE (KOTERBA) PACYNSKI '06 (NDP)

Katie (Koterba) Pacynski graduated from Notre Dame in 2006. In the less-than-10 years since, a lot has happened in her life, including a few twists and turns along the way to becoming a successful patent attorney practicing in Pontiac. But she said the time she spent at Notre Dame was likely some of the most influential in her current career and life.

A graduate of the University of Michigan's College of Engineering and Michigan State

tomed to a challenging course load, thanks to Notre Dame," Pacynski said. "I took many Honors and AP classes while at ND, and having those difficult classes helped prepare me for the stresses and rigors of college courses."

Pacynski graduated cum laude from Michigan in 2010, with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in chemical engineering. While at the University of Michigan, she was also a member of the varsity cheerleading team, cheering on the Wolverines for football and basketball and competing in national collegiate cheerleading championships. She then earned her

After law school, Pacynski hired on with the Pontiac-based Dobrusin Law Firm as a law clerk and now works as an associate attorney with the firm.

According to Dobrusin, Pacynski's practice focuses on preparing and prosecuting patent applications in the U.S. and internationally for a variety of technologies, with a number of clients involved in the automotive industry. Pacynski also is a member of the Women's Bar Association and the Michigan Intellectual Property Inn of Court.

Pacynski is married to Steve Pacynski, also an attorney (corporate law at Clark Hill), and the two recently bought a house in Farmington Hills. She noted that a fellow NDP alum, Jacqueline (Mikulec) Welsh ('06), was the matron of honor at her wedding.

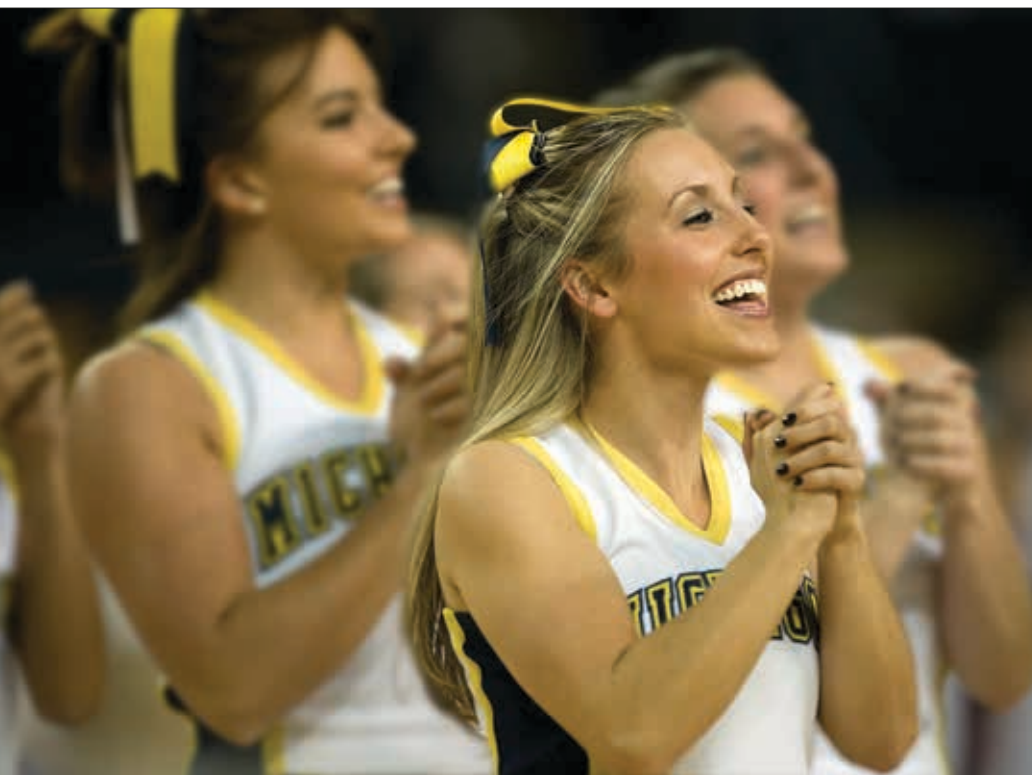
"I'm so grateful to have formed such a great friendship in my very first days at Notre Dame that has continued to grow over so many years," she said of her relationship with Welsh.

Notre Dame's alumni association contacted Pacynski recently for an update on her life, career and a remembrance of high school at Notre Dame Prep. She said she looks back at NDP not just with fond and fun memories, but with a healthy dose of gratitude for what it has meant to her career thus far.

ON HER COLLEGE EXPERIENCE AND HOW NOTRE DAME PREPARED HER FOR IT:

During high school, I set a lot of goals for myself, and I had a tremendous support system with my family, friends, and the faculty at ND to help me accomplish those goals. I was surrounded by like-minded people, who were driven to succeed, and that helped to push me even more. When I got to college, I sought out those same types of people. I cultivated a lot of friendships based on mutual respect, similar values, shared stress, late nights at the library, and determination to help each other so we all succeeded, just like when I was at ND.

While at ND, I was also a member of the varsity sideline and competitive cheer teams, so I had to manage my time well and stay organized. I did my homework and studied anywhere I could. I remember countless afternoons sitting in the hallways of ND between



While attending the University of Michigan, Katie (Koterba) Pacynski, front right, was a member of the school's varsity cheerleading team.

University's College of Law, Pacynski, who also was a member of U-M's cheer team, said Notre Dame completely set her up for managing the very busy years in college, law school and now, in a very flourishing career.

"The College of Engineering at Michigan is, without a doubt, very challenging and very intense, so I'm grateful that I was so accus-

Juris Doctor degree from MSU's College of Law, graduating magna cum laude in May 2013. While there, she served as a managing editor of the Michigan State Law Review and was the recipient of Jurisprudence Achievement Awards for the highest achieving student in patent application preparation and intellectual property practicum courses.

Notre Dame

Patent attorney and Notre Dame grad grateful for high school years

school and cheer practice or games, finishing homework and preparing for tests.

Those same time-management skills were even more crucial while in college. I was a member of the varsity cheerleading team at Michigan, so I had the privilege of cheering on the Wolverines for football, basketball and many other events. I got to compete in national collegiate cheerleading competitions. It was a phenomenal experience to be a part of the team, but even with practices, workouts, games, traveling, and everything else associated with being a varsity athlete, I still had to make sure that my schoolwork was first priority. Thanks to the organizational skills I developed at ND, I was able to have both a challenging major and a rewarding extracurricular experience at U of M.

Being a part of the cheerleading team at ND, and then U-M, also helped me to learn the importance of teamwork and appreciate the bonds formed between members. I also developed leadership skills that carried into undergrad, law school, and now my career.

ON HOW HER CAREER GOALS CHANGED:

Following high school, I attended the University of Michigan, and I majored in chemical engineering. The summer after my sophomore year, I had an engineering internship out of state with a plastics manufacturer. I really enjoyed the experience, and I had accepted an offer to return for another rotation the following summer. Unfortunately, shortly after accepting my offer, the internship program fell victim to budget cuts, and I had to find a new plan.

Still shaken from the loss of my internship, when registering for classes my junior year, on a whim (or perhaps divine intervention), I decided to take a one-credit elective called "Law for Engineers." That decision ended up being life changing. I became so fascinated with how technology and law intersect, and I really started to contemplate a career in patent law. I spent part of that summer after junior year studying for and taking the LSAT and applying to law schools.

After graduating with my BSE in chemical engineering, I went on to law school at Michigan State College of Law. I was blessed to have my boyfriend (now husband) attend with me. We are both competitive people, so

we motivated each other, and we both earned good grades and landed great internships (that turned into full-time employment) as a result. We both made Law Review, and we were both on the Editorial Board our last year of law school. Our relationship also survived the stress of studying for (and passing) the Michigan Bar Exam!

While in law school, I began working as a law clerk for a boutique intellectual property law firm, which is now the Dobrusin Law Firm, in Pontiac. From the very begin-



Pacynski is with her husband, Steve Pacynski.

ning, I had wonderful mentors at the firm, and the experience I gained in such a short time allowed me to pass the Patent Bar Exam while still in law school. (Patent attorneys have to pass both the Patent Bar Exam and a state Bar Exam.)

Since graduating from law school, I have been working full time for Dobrusin. My practice focuses on preparing and prosecuting patent applications, filed in the U.S. and internationally, for a variety of technologies. Our clients run the gamut from individual inventors to Fortune 500 companies, with many of our clients involved in the automotive industry. Not only do I have the privilege of working with some brilliant mentors and amazing role models, but I also get to call them my good friends. I love what I do and where I work.

ON WHO AND/OR WHAT HAS INFLUENCED HER IN PURSUIT OF COLLEGE AND CAREER:

I have been blessed to have a wonderful sup-

port system and a healthy level of competition throughout my life. My parents, from a young age, instilled in me the importance of an education and the desire to succeed. They inspired my brother [Joe Koterba '09 (NDP)] and me to set and achieve our goals and gave us the tools and opportunities we needed to do so. When I got to Notre Dame, I was surrounded by other students who had similar goals. We pushed each other to do better in a competitive—but not cutthroat—environment.

I still strive to improve myself. I have so much to learn and so much that I want to accomplish. My experiences, ND included, gave me a solid foundation, academically and spiritually, upon which I will continue to build.

As I mentioned above, I developed time management and organizational skills from being involved in extracurricular activities. These skills are more important now than ever, as I have clients that need assistance and deadlines that have to be met. The Firm where I work definitely has a team atmosphere. We work together to give our clients the best product possible, and we all have strengths that contribute to the success of the firm as a whole.

ON FAVORITE MEMORIES OF NOTRE DAME AND ITS FACULTY:

I have wonderful memories of cheering with the ND cheer team. We spent so much time together that we really became a family. We shared in each other's joys, and we leaned on each other whenever we needed. And we laughed. A lot. Those four years on the team were so much fun and really taught me a lot about friendship and teamwork. I miss having such a strong bond with that group of amazing girls, and it was a privilege to have been a part of the team.

We had so many great teachers at ND that it's hard to name a favorite. I had Dr. Heinbuck for Honors Chemistry and AP Chemistry, and I think those classes were what led me to pursue a degree in chemical engineering. I had a lot of good friends in those classes as well, and we still laugh about moments in the lab.

On why it's important for alumni to support their alma mater:

I never would have expected that I would

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ed a full-time doctorate while maintaining full-time work hours. My time as a bedside nurse will come to an end this April as I graduate with my DNP, at which time I will step into my new role as a nurse practitioner. Working as a nurse at Beaumont has opened many doors and I have been able to participate in a magnet-status recertification, shared governance council and process-improvement initiatives.

IRISH: What has been most influential in driving your aspirations toward college or your career? And what skills and strengths do you possess that you think will make you successful in this field?

NICK: My parents and my wife in their own unique ways. Both parents bypassed college and chose to build skills which would become the foundation for a successfully owned craftsmanship business of 35 years and a life-long career at General Motors. They always valued secondary education for me, though, and instilled a desire in me for both education and practical skills. They were persistent in helping me build the skills and knowledge that would be desirable to future employers, a message I vehemently pass on to all those inquiring about a path in this industry. Kaitlin, on the other hand, has always had the admirable quality of enjoying whatever it is she's doing. Her positive outlook and determination inspires me through uphill battles and long hours day in and day out. Pursuing a job I am fulfilled by does not come without costs, however, but both my parents and wife have offered the support I needed and influenced my desire from the very beginning.

KAITLIN: I love to help people. Nursing is my perfect fit because I am able to help others on a daily basis. I am hopeful that my optimism and ability to see the best in people will help me sustain momentum on this career path. Nursing is both physically and emotionally

exhausting. Some days end in tears, but I find my strength and peace knowing that I was able to make a difference in someone else's life. I also love to study. My interest in research and finding answers has kept me engaged in learning throughout my DNP program and will help me to advance my career once I am in practice.

IRISH: Do you have a favorite memory and/or favorite teacher from Notre Dame? Also, do you miss anything about NDP?

Nick: I have great memories of conversations shared with Mr. Osiecki, Mrs. Bembas, and John Smith, but I'm not one to reminisce. One thing that's hard not to miss though is being with so many friends for eight hours a day, 5 days a week. I feel that I made some great friendships and experiences at Notre Dame and there are so many people I will never forget—for one reason or another.

KAITLIN: ND soccer! Wow, I loved my soccer team and I miss that green turf. I actually met my husband playing soccer at Notre Dame, so I am eternally thankful that and for ND soccer camp. I also made so many amazing friends through the hours we spent on the field, running deuces, and riding the bus to games. The value of teamwork and hard work that coach Green inspired in me is something I still have today and I miss being part of something so powerful.

IRISH: As alumni, do you think it's important to support your alma mater, and if you do, what do you think is the best way to support it?

NICK AND KAITLIN: We have always felt connected to the people and places we spend time with. Notre Dame is no different. Without the school we would be very different people and it's hard to turn a blind eye to that kind of experience. Many have a love/hate relationship with their high school years, but we choose to remember it favorably and honor it with our words and giving whenever possible. ■

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was very similar to my freshman- and sophomore-year classes at Michigan State, he said. "I remember other students in my classes at MSU feeling completely overwhelmed by the pace of college. Fortunately, I did not have this problem. I was already used to very high expectations from my experience at Notre Dame."

In fact, he said he was surprised to find out how similar the coursework was between MSU and Notre Dame. "I recall looking at the syllabi thinking I was merely continuing my regular study routine from NDP."

Another teacher from Notre Dame who was part of Kulesza's "regular study routine" was Norm Kotarski, who retired in 2011.

"Before I began thinking about switching from physics to political science, Mr. Kotarski invited me to attend the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association (MIFA) student congress in Lansing," Kulesza said. "It was through this program and his support that I realized that political science was my true passion."

He said that without that invitation by Kotarski to go to Lansing, he likely would never have decided to enter into a Ph.D. program, much less come to the realization

that political science was what he was meant to do.

Kulesza also gives a big shout out to current Notre Dame social studies teacher Dave Osiecki.

"Mr. Osiecki's econ class ultimately made me decide to begin my undergrad program in economics," Kulesza said. "It was not until my junior year at MSU that I added the second bachelor's degree, but I had always intended to do graduate work in political science, not economics. That being said, the economics degree greatly helped me in getting admitted to graduate school."

So what does Kulesza want to do with his life once he leaves Purdue? For one, he may not leave higher education at all when he joins the working world.

"I am hoping to enter academia, perhaps in university administration," he said. "But ultimately I would like to serve in a political office. I am the type who enjoys not just studying politics, but being an active part of it. This sometimes differs from the norms of the discipline, but I believe for political science to stay relevant, we have to do more to practically apply our research." ■

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become a patent attorney, but I truly believe that God led me to where I'm at. I'm grateful to have grown up in an environment where our faith was celebrated and part of everyday classroom discussion. I'm glad I was encouraged to develop an unshakeable relationship with God and to continue to grow in my faith.

School isn't just about learning the material in a textbook. It's about developing as a person, and being exposed to such positive role models, high expectations, and Christian teachings definitely help to form "Christian people, upright citizens, and academic scholars."

I feel blessed to have the opportunities I did. Alumni contributions helped to shape my experience at ND, and it's important to pay it forward to provide the same, if not better, experiences for current and future students. ■

CLASS REUNIONS

INTERESTED IN PLANNING A CLASS REUNION?

Contact Beth Campbell, Director of Alumni Relations at alumni@ndpma.org or 248-373-2171, ext. 3.

A reunion-planning informational packet is available to you, and the alumni office can offer you help in getting started as well as throughout your planning process. We can provide you with a class list with classmates' contact information, and can print and mail your invitations, covering the postage.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PLAN 2016 REUNIONS

NDP Class of 1996, 20 year
 NDP Class of 2001, 15 year
 NDP Class of 2006, 10 year
 NDP Class of 2011, 5 year
 NDP Class of 1961, 55 year
 NDHS Class of 1976, 40 Year
 NDHS Class of 1981, 35 year
 NDHS Class of 1991, 25 year
 NDHS Class of 1996, 20 year
 NDHS Class of 2001, 15 year
 PC/OC all class years ending in 6 and 1.

NOTRE DAME PREP

None scheduled at this time.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1966

Larry Scemzak, Chet Szerlag and Bill Schroeder are planning the reunion. The targeted dates for the reunion are the weekend of June 3-5,

2016. Location(s) still to be determined. We have reserved a suite at the Tigers/White Sox game Friday, June 3, as our initial event for the weekend. For more information, e-mail Chet at ctszerlag@aol.com or visit <http://ndhs1966.info>.

Class of 1971

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Jeff Kohlitz at Jeff.Kohlitz@stjohn.org or 313-320-2503. Other classmates on the planning committee include Marty Tepatti, Mark Saba and Joe Godell.

Class of 1972

Planning for the 45-year reunion in 2017 has begun. Please contact John Berra at jmberra2003@yahoo.com for more information.

Class of 1986

Will be planning a 30-year reunion for 2016. Reunion committee: John Kaminski jkaminski1700@yahoo.com H: 612-822-4759 C: 952-261-5546; Dan O'Brien 248-840-8391 dobrien734@comcast.net; Paul Arnone paul.c.arnone@gm.com; Stephen Schultz stephen2000_fl@yahoo.com; Jonathan Zaidan jkmzc@sbcglobal.net.

OAKLAND CATHOLIC

None scheduled at this time.

ST. FREDERICK

None scheduled at this time.

ST. MICHAEL

None scheduled at this time.

NOTRE DAME UPCOMING EVENTS

THE CRUCIBLE BY ARTHUR MILLER

April 15-17: Notre Dame Upper Division Theatre presents The Crucible by Arthur Miller. Show is April 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. and April 17 at 4 p.m. in the NDP cafeteria. Directed by Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP).

NOTRE DAME UPPER DIVISION ART SHOW

Art show runs from April 11-22 in the upper division's main lobby.

BIG BAND DINNER DANCE

Friday, May 20: at LaFayette Grand, 1 Lafayette, Pontiac, Mich. Featuring performances from jazz band alums. Ticket information will be available soon. Please contact Joe Martin, jmartin@ndpma.org, for more information.

20TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 6: at Oakland University. For more information and to register, visit www.ndpma.org/golfouting. Sponsored by the NDPMA Booster Club. Proceeds to benefit NDPMA athletics.

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