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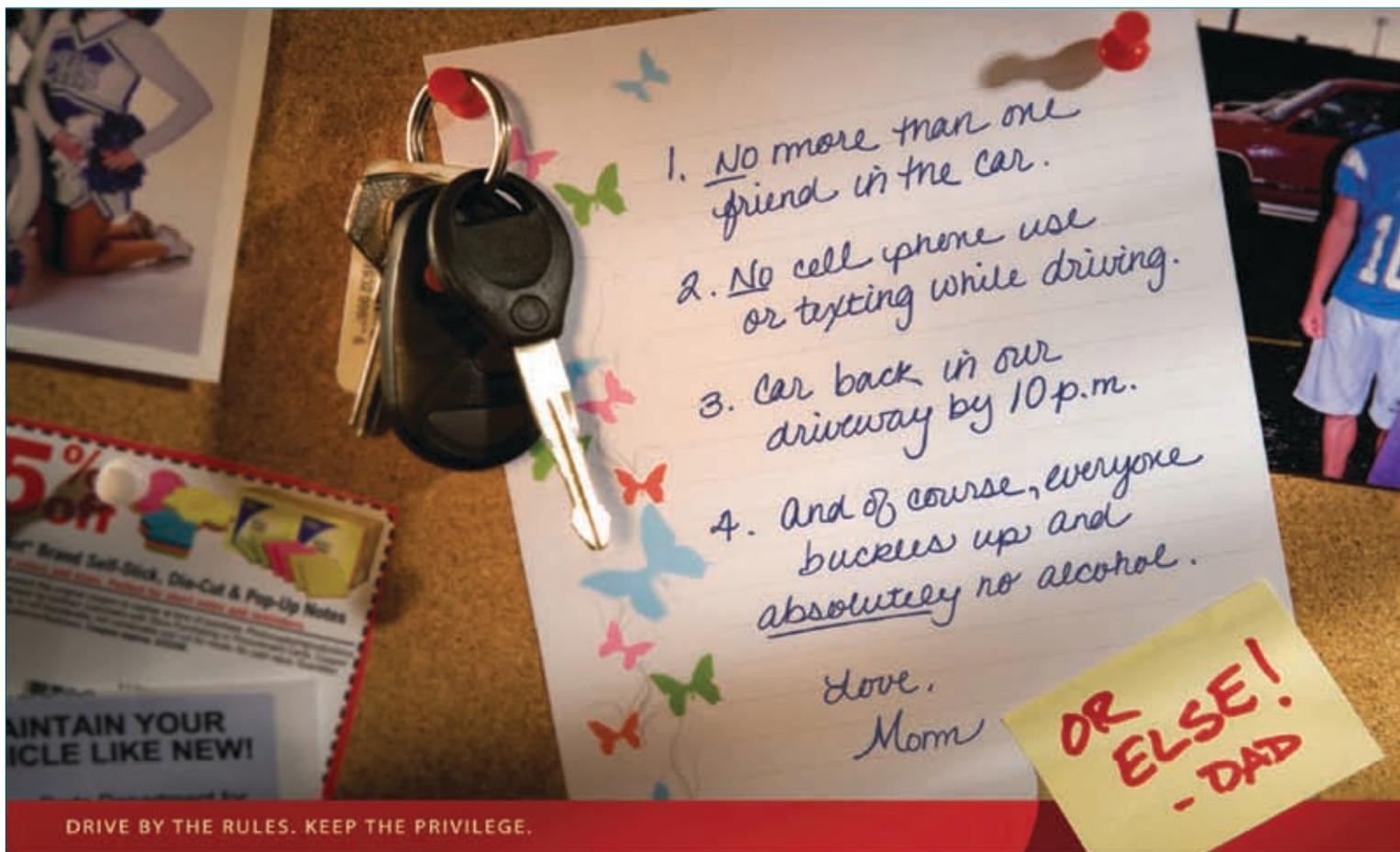
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A WORD FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Concluding my first year as alumni director at Notre Dame, it is fulfilling to look back on a fruitful year for the alumni association and exciting to look forward to furthering our goals. I am grateful for the support alumni have shown me in my new role.

Through the leadership of its board of directors, the alumni association continues to enhance and expand its event calendar, offering more opportunities for alumni to connect with Notre Dame and each other. This past year, inaugural Traveling Irish events were hosted in Grand Rapids and Utica, and next month we'll make our first stop in Chicago.

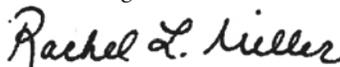
Alumni demonstrate a commitment to philanthropy, helping ensure a strong future for Marist education in metro Detroit. In May, the alumni association sponsored its first fundraiser to benefit Notre Dame's Father Bryson Memorial Scholarship Fund. With more than four hundred in attendance to see Dave Coulier '77 (NDHS) perform a family-friendly comedy show, nearly \$7,000 was raised to provide tuition assistance for deserving students. As well, alumni support of the Notre Dame Annual Fund increased significantly in 2012, with the number of alumni donors up by 25%, and total gift dollars from alumni up by 30% over last year! These are exceptional figures, and we truly are thankful to our alumni—from recent to retired grads—who show their support.

More and more class reunion committees are planning

successful milestone gatherings with collaboration from the alumni office. The NDP classes of 2006 and 2007, NDHS classes of 1962 and 1972, Pontiac Catholic class of 1972, and St. Michael and St. Frederick schools celebrated reunions this summer, while many other classes are planning reunions for the coming year. In August at its 50-year celebration held at NDPMA in Pontiac, the NDHS class of 1962 presented me with an honorary diploma and named me "one of the guys of '62" - what an honor that was! My new diploma is hung with pride in my office and symbolizes to me the camaraderie between alumni of two different Marist schools.

The Notre Dame Alumni Association grows stronger and more vibrant each year. Have you been an active member lately? We invite you to join us for homecoming on September 28. What better way to reconnect than by coming home for a visit to cheer on the Fighting Irish!

Irish blessings,



Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP)
Director of Alumni Relations



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW BOARD PRESIDENT

Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS) was elected in May as the president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board of Directors. Dan joined the alumni board in 2011 and is excited and proud to be serving the mission of the alumni association in this new leadership role. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Dan currently works as General Counsel at Liberty Title Agency in Troy. Dan also serves as the Executive Director at the Pontiac Area Vicariate Legal Aid Clinic, which provides free legal consultation and low cost legal aid to members of the Pontiac Area Vicariate. Dan and his wife, Anna, who is a Spanish teacher at Marian High School, live in Rochester Hills and are expecting identical twin boys in January! Below Dan reflects on what it means to him to live the mission of Notre Dame:

A few weeks ago I attended mass at St. Mary of the Hills in Rochester Hills, where Fr. Leon Olszamowski '65 (NDHS) was the celebrant. Fr. Leon asked during his homily, "What is this 'daily bread'?" He was referring to the part of the Our Father that says, "Give us this day our daily bread." I gleaned from both the scriptures and Fr. Leon's homily that we do not live on physical bread alone, but on the substance of the body and blood provided to us through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

This, and our faith in Jesus, is what provides our 'daily bread' or spiritual fulfillment, just like the Lord provided manna in the desert to Moses and the Israelites. This too inspired the Marist education and traditions we experienced at Notre Dame, and our participation in society as Christian people. Our school's mission is to "Work with God to form Christian People, Upright Citizens and Academic Scholars." As Notre Dame alumni, we strive to continue to live this mission, and it is important to focus on what it means in our lives.

The philosophical guidelines Marist educators are encouraged to follow in their teaching are: think big, nurture character, deal with reality, inspire respect, be yourself, watch the atmosphere (not the one in the sky), work with others, be warm hearted, and continue to focus on the mission. By continually practicing these guidelines our Notre Dame teachers followed while we were students, and supporting the mission that is alive today at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy, we will see how to be daily bread for others and better recognize the value of our alumni heritage.

Sincerely,

Dan Marchese '02 (NDHS)

Alumni may contact Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS) at dmarchese@ndpma.org.

HOMECOMING 2012!

Friday, September 28, 2012

Alumni tent celebration begins at 6:30 p.m.
BBQ dinner served.

Varsity football game vs. Divine Child—7:30 p.m.

Alumni Field, Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALUMNI AND FAMILIES!

Alumni from Notre Dame Prep, Notre Dame High School, Oakland Catholic, Pontiac Catholic, St. Michael and St. Frederick are invited. Afterglow reception at Red Ox Tavern in Auburn Hills.

State champion (XC) and three-time Olympian Doug Brown '70 (NDHS) will be honored at the game!



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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 6, 2012. 6:00 p.m. at NDPMA, Pontiac. \$50,000 Super Raffle drawing to be held at 9:00 p.m. Alumni Volunteer of the Year will be named. Tickets \$30.00 per person. Includes barbeque dinner, beer, wine, live music, dancing and entry to door prizes. Adults 21+ only. RSVP by September 17, 2012. Call Joan Kopytek in the advancement office at (248) 373-2171 ext. 2.

TRAVELING IRISH - CHICAGO

Saturday, October 27, 2012. Join the alumni association for its first-ever Traveling Irish event in the Windy City. For more info and to RSVP, visit www.ndpma.org/chicago. Contact Keaton Curran '10 (NDP) at keatoncurran@gmail.com with questions.

TRAVELING IRISH - GRAND RAPIDS

Wednesday, November 14, 2012. The B.O.B. in downtown Grand Rapids. For more info and to RSVP, visit www.ndpma.org/grandrapids.

ALUMNI HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, December 26, 2012. 3:00 p.m. at Troy Sports Center. All alumni hockey players and friends invited to play. To RSVP, visit www.ndpma.org/alumnihockey. Contact Mike Lesnau '06 (NDP) at mikelesnau@gmail.com or Scott Lockhart '98 (NDP) at scottielockhart@hotmail.com with questions.

RED WINGS GAME

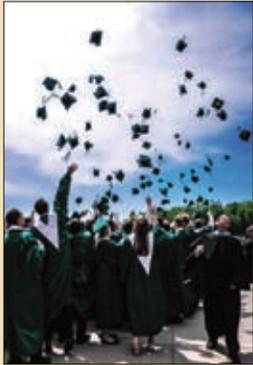
Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Tickets \$35.00. For tickets, visit www.ndpma.org/redwings. Contact Scott Lockhart '98 (NDP) with questions at scottielockhart@hotmail.com.

TRAVELING IRISH - ANN ARBOR VS. EAST LANSING

Coming in February 2013. Join us at The Pizza House in Ann Arbor and Harper's Restaurant in East Lansing. Watch the alumni e-newsletters for more information.



ND Prep graduates its 2012 class; new record in scholarships



On May 20, 2012, Notre Dame Prep's Class of 2012 received their diplomas, marking the completion of a high school career. But perhaps more importantly, it signals that these young men and women of Notre Dame are about as fully prepared as any for the next phase of their academic careers—and for life.

Many colleges and universities will welcome Notre Dame's Class of 2012 in the fall, including the University of Michigan, which is enrolling 24 graduates from NDP.

To date, nearly \$13 million in college/university scholarships and grants have been offered to the Notre Dame Prep graduating class of 2012, which numbered 159 students. This is a record amount in total for the school and the \$80,000+ per-student average exceeds the per-student average of 17 previous NDP graduating classes.

Also, this year's graduating class logged over 20,000 hours in community service—once again proving that besides turning out academic scholars, Notre Dame continues to graduate "Christian people and upright citizens."

NDP alum a meteorologist for National Hurricane Center

David Zelinsky '05 (NDP) works for the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami as a Hurricane Model Diagnostician and Meteorologist. Recently, Dave was interviewed and featured as the subject of the NHC staff newsletter. In the interview, Zelinsky was asked what planted the weather bug in him and answered, "When I was four, there was a huge cottonwood tree that fell onto my house outside of Detroit during a storm. That was the defining moment for me. When I was in elementary school, I would come home and turn on The Weather Channel rather than cartoons."

In 2010, Zelinsky participated in NASA's Genesis and Rapid Intensification Processes (GRIP) project, a NASA Earth science field experiment conducted to better understand how tropical storms form and develop into major hurricanes. As a student forecaster in the experiment, he flew on the NASA DC-8 during hurricane surveillance missions into Hurricanes Earl and Karl.

David graduated from Purdue University, and earned his master's degree from Florida State University. In his spare time, he enjoys long-distance running and playing ice hockey.

1970s Notre Dame Jazz Band album released on CD



Notre Dame High School's music director, Larry Egan, and the award-winning Notre Dame Jazz and Dance Band recorded an album in 1977. The album was originally produced

in limited quantities but is now available on CD through the alumni office.

Cost is \$15.00 per CD and shipping is included. Visit ndpma.org/ndjazzalbum.

Three Notre Dame alums inducted into hall of fame



Jeff Bultinck, left, Molly Coldren and Brogan Wells are in the CHSL Hall of Fame

On June 11, The Catholic High School League inducted three former Notre Dame Prep student-athletes into the CHSL Hall of Fame. Jeff Bultinck '06, Molly Coldren '08

and Brogan Wells '08 were honored at the league's annual dinner held at Fern Hill Country Club in Clinton Township.

Bultinck played baseball at Madonna University; Coldren was a shortstop on the Central Michigan University softball team; and Wells was on the volleyball team at Hillsdale College.

Sand volleyball courts added to Pontiac campus

Work has been completed on the new sand volleyball courts on Notre Dame's Pontiac campus.

Located between the softball and baseball fields, the area features two regulation-size volleyball courts side by side.

The surface of the court measure about 105 ft. wide by 80 ft. long and is elevated approximately one foot above grade. The cost of the facility was donated by two families from the Notre Dame community.

According to school athletic director Betty Wroubel, the courts will be an integral part of conditioning for all sports at Notre Dame, not just volleyball. "We think first and foremost it will be great for conditioning for all programs here," she said. "Plus it will be included into the PE curriculum for both the high school and ND Marist Academy. And it also could be used by both our parent and alumni communities. It's really going to be fun!"

Wroubel says she doesn't think any other high school in the area has such a facility "so it's still another great and unique thing about Notre Dame."

Stempin finishes pro basketball season in playoffs



Greg Stempin '97 (NDHS) professional basketball team in Portugal finished the 2012 season after losing a best of five series in the fifth game. Stempin led FC Porto in the opening game of the series with 26 points and eight rebounds but chipped a bone in his elbow in the last minute of the game. "I wasn't very effective at all in games two thru four, but we were able to win game four on the road and return home for game five," he said. "I had my strength back for game five and contributed 16 points and 12 rebounds but it

wasn't enough as we lost 56-53 in front of a packed house."

Stempin averaged 17.4 points per game during the regular season and 8.4 rebounds. He has two years left on his contract with Porto and recently got married in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.

ND Alumni Association welcomes newest members



The alumni association officially welcomed its newest members, from the Notre Dame Prep class of 2012, by hosting a celebratory barbeque on May 15 at the Pontiac campus. 159 seniors along with faculty and staff

were in attendance on a sunny afternoon outdoors.

The senior barbeque is a long-held tradition at Notre Dame. In recent years the alumni association began hosting catered barbeque events for the graduating classes.

Members of the class of 2012 were addressed by Director of Alumni Relations Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP), and guest speaker Harold Rutila '11 (NDP), who attends Purdue University.

Special thanks to Victoria Sidor '01 (NDP) for her efforts in organizing the event! Visit our Facebook page to view more photos from the barbeque.

Retired ND faculty and staff return to honor new retirees

At the 2012 end-of-year faculty and staff party, NDPMA bid farewell to two beloved teachers, Ellen Tessada and Kathy Bembas. Many retired faculty and staff members came to join the celebration, including Dolores (Connors) Elbode, Roy Johnson, Norm Kotarski, Marie Place, Anthony Borton, Sue Foster, Ken Parent, Ken Engler '61 (NDHS), Kirby Smith, Larry Sigel, Carol Belkowski, Kathy Downs and Dr. Laurie Alkidas.



Ellen Tessada, left, and Kathy Bembas retired from NDP this year.

Notre Dame graduates ACTing up again; post record-breaking ACT score

Notre Dame Preparatory School continued its string of obliterating previous academic records by posting a new school-record ACT average composite score of 27 for the 2012 graduating class. The score is higher than any average composite score earned at the school since it opened in 1994. Last year's graduating class posted a school-record 26.58 score and the 2010 class averaged 26.27, both of which far exceeded state averages for each year. Last year, the American College Testing Program (ACT) said the Michigan average was 20.00 and the national average 21.1.

Scores are on a scale of 1 to 36, with 36 being the highest. It is also worth noting that in the past four years, Notre Dame has had five students earn a perfect individual (student) ACT score of 36. Less than one-tenth of one percent of individual test takers nationwide score such perfection.



Notre Dame "lifers" graduate from NDP

Forty-five students of Notre Dame Prep, who are considered "lifers" due to their attendance of Notre Dame Marist Academy from at least the sixth grade, graduated in May from NDP. Twelve members of the class are Gold-Level Lifers, having attended Notre Dame Marist Academy's lower division through the twelfth grade.



NDPMA's Gold-Level Lifers attend from the lower division to high school graduation.

Notre Dame fields most CHSL scholar-athletes in school history



At its annual banquet this past spring, the Catholic High School League recognized athletes from 26 different Notre Dame Prep athletic teams. Among those, five were selected from all of the Archdiocese schools as the scholar-athlete leaders for their sport.

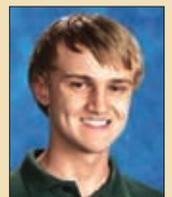
They are:

- Erin Collins (The Competitive Cheer Award)
- Christa Guest (The Girls Ski Award)
- Micaela Tremblay (The Edith Glusac Volleyball Award)
- Kaitlyn Roose (The Rev. John Zwiers Softball Award)
- Nick Watson (The Ralph Owen Baseball Award)

This represents the most awardees in a single year from Notre Dame Prep in school history. In addition to the student awards, Irish football coach Kyle Zimmerman picked up an award for leading his team to the CHSL Prep Bowl Championship.

Another NDP student with a perfect ACT

Eric LaRose, a senior at Notre Dame Preparatory School, has scored a perfect 36 on his ACT — the highest score available — and is now the fifth student in recent years from ND Prep who has achieved such perfection.



Eric LaRose

According to test administrator ACT, Inc., less than one-tenth of 1 percent of all test takers earn the top score. In 2011, only 704 students of more than 1.6 million test-takers earned a 36.

It was announced in April that LaRose's fellow senior Joe Soisson earned a perfect 36 on his ACT. Last year, Matt Siatczynski '12 (NDP) 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.

NDP runner is named athlete of the year by the CHSL

NDP senior Sara Barron has been named the Walt Bazylewicz Athlete of the Year by the Catholic High School League. The state-champion runner was selected from among 27 Catholic high schools in the Detroit area representing over 17,000 students. This is the third presti-

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Generation

The Gaynor family bleeds green—with three generations of their family all attending Notre Dame.

How many people can say their high school literally changed the course of their future? Well, for the Gaynor family, this definitely holds true.

The tradition of attending Notre Dame began with Raymond Gaynor and his twin brother Ronnie. They were part of the first graduating class of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, which opened in 1954. The school began in its first year with only a freshman class—adding a grade each year. Raymond and Ronnie, who never had a grade above them throughout their four years of high school, were part of this class and graduated in 1958.

Raymond, who died two years ago from lung cancer, played football throughout high school, and went on to play football at Ferris State University.

When Raymond had kids of his own, he made sure all the boys attended Notre Dame High School and all of the girls attended Regina High School, which was located next door to NDHS. Regina also held a soft spot in Raymond's heart. After all, that is where he met his wife, Marilyn, who was part of the first graduating class of Regina in 1960.

Raymond's oldest son, Mark, graduated in 1983, his middle son, Paul, graduated in 1984 and his youngest son, John, graduated in 1989.

Paul said, "We populated the school for a while."

"We wanted to go ever since we were little because that's where our dad went."

Paul has something else in common with his father, other than

the school where they both graduated. The school also changed Paul's future, leading him to his wife, Rita, a graduate of Regina High School. Rita's two brothers also attended Notre Dame High School—Carl Russo, class of 1987, and Richard Russo, class of 1986.

"She was an athlete," Paul said. "She played basketball and she ran track. I ran track and played soccer. We met through a friend of mine who played soccer with me. We were friends first. Our schools were literally right next to each other, so that's how it worked out."

Paul also played alto saxophone in the concert band, the marching band and the jazz band, led by Larry Egan. "(Egan) was probably one of the best leaders and conductors in the state of Michigan. He was that good," said Paul. "We had some really, really good musicians."

Paul said one of his favorite memories of high school was beating the senior class in the Irish games when he was a junior.

"The best part was we beat my brother's class," said Paul.

Paul and Rita both went to college at Wayne State University, and then Paul went on to the University of Detroit to receive his doctorate in dental science. Paul and his brother, Mark, opened their own practice, Gaynor Family Dental in Clinton Township, 21 years ago.

Notre Dame High School helped Paul realize he wanted to go into dentistry through a non-required Saturday morning medical biology class,

which was run by science teacher Larry Sigel.

"It was offered to seniors who were into sciences to get an idea of what they might want to go into. It was a really cool class. They would bring in people from each specialty, like a heart doctor, to talk about their field for two hours," said Paul. "I took full advantage of what was given to me. Going to school on Saturday? How many kids go to school on Saturday without having to be told?"



Photos: Above, Nathaniel Gaynor '12 (NDP) with his grandfather, Ray Gaynor '58 (NDHS), in 2008. Next page, top: Nathaniel after his NDP graduation with father, Paul Gaynor '84 (NDHS). Lower right: Ray Gaynor in 1958 with classmates at The Detroit News-sponsored Quiz Bowl. The five from Notre Dame defeated a team from De La Salle that year.

Three

The 2012 Notre Dame Prep graduating class included a member of the third generation of 'Irish' students from one family. Monica Drake, a 2006 NDP alum, takes a look at three generations of ND Gaynors.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY GAYNOR FAMILY

Even though he graduated almost 30 years ago, Notre Dame still plays a huge role in Paul's life. Paul keeps in touch with more than 30 classmates who graduated with him. And he credits his teachers for helping him and his brother start their business. As soon as the Notre Dame teachers heard about Gaynor Family Dental opening, several of them began going there and telling their friends about their former students' practice. Still, to this day, several of his teachers come into his office for check-ups.

Paul also coaches the JV boys soccer team at Notre Dame Prep and is the assistant coach for the varsity soccer team.

With the closing of Notre Dame High School in 2005, Paul's son, Nathaniel, went to Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac in 2008 and graduated this year. Despite the half an hour drive, Paul knew he wanted his children to continue attending Notre Dame schools. He said he was sad when NDHS closed its doors, but he knows the tradition is still living on at Notre Dame Prep. While researching other schools in the area, Paul said the academics at Notre Dame Prep blew everyone else away by far.

"It's a place where it's cool to be smart," said Paul.

Paul's daughters, seventh-grader Celia and fifth-grader Justina, will also attend Notre Dame Preparatory when they reach high school.

"At Notre Dame Prep, you can see that a lot of the same things have been brought over from NDHS. There's a lot of things that are the same. Obviously, the colors and the name. The difference is now there's girls involved," Paul said. "The education is fantastic. From when I started, it's probably even better now. It's a very difficult school and very challenging. It's what you're looking for in a school."

Paul's son, Nathaniel, is going on to Michigan State University to major in journalism and advertising. During the summer, he interned at the newspaper The Oakland Press.

Nathaniel said his favorite class at NDP was his International Baccalaureate English class with Mr. Anthony Butorac.

"Everything I like about English I learned from him," he said.

Nathaniel, who graduated with a 4.2 grade point average, was even more active in school than his father was, spending almost every waking hour at Notre Dame Prep.

Nathaniel was parliamentarian of the student council's executive board his senior year, a member of the National Honor Society, was in seven school plays, a member of the environmental club, ran track and played soccer and lacrosse. He also was one of the founders of the school's annual talent show with his friend Al Smith, based on the show "American Idol," and was Choir Director David Fazzini's assistant for this year's Concert on the Hill.

"I wasn't the only one who did a million different things. I liked that everyone was doing more than one thing. Someone wasn't just defined as 'a soccer player' or 'a band kid.' I was in the musical with a football player, a soccer player and a student council member. I like that NDP doesn't tell you to be one specific person, but it encourages you to be well-rounded," said Nathaniel. "In my grade especially and in the grades coming up, I didn't see cliques." ■

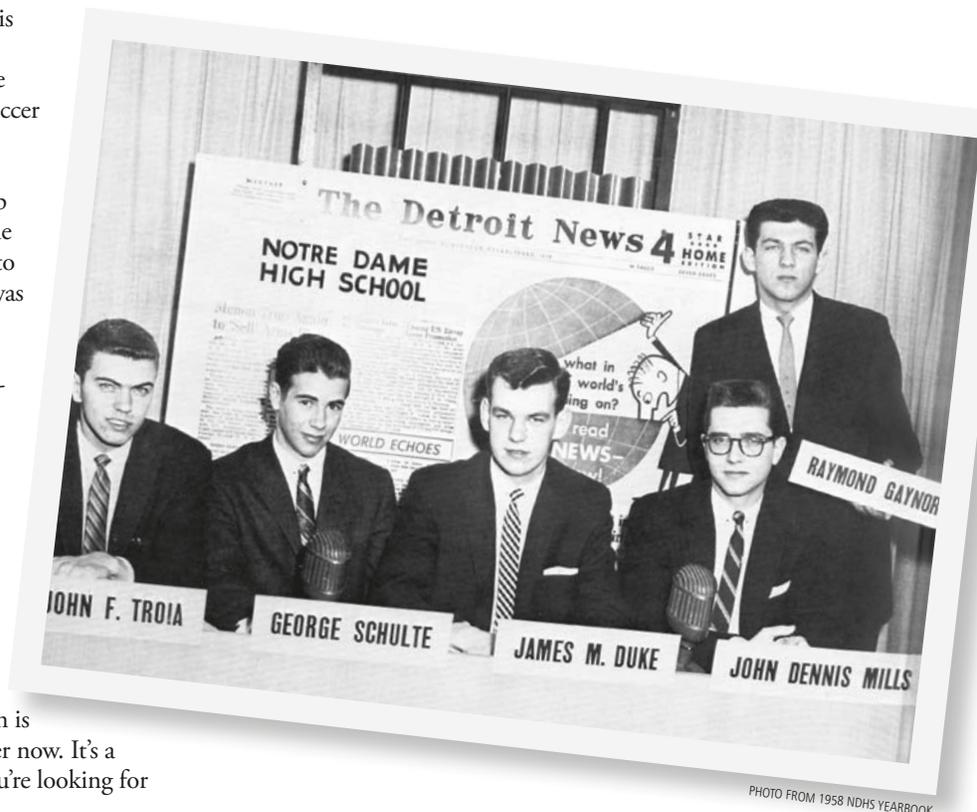


PHOTO FROM 1958 NDHS YEARBOOK

MARIST BROTHER

A recent survey by the Catholic Church indicated that there were approximately 40,000 priests in the United States, which includes about 27,000 diocesan priests and 13,000 religious priests. Religious sisters were at about 61,000, with nearly 16,000 religious brothers in ministry in this country.

Today, people are still choosing to become priests, sisters and brothers, but in fewer numbers. In fact, the number of men and women religious today more closely reflects a number consistent with the beginning of the last century.

In a basic definition of the difference between a priest and brother, a priest is ordained for a distinctive role as a minister of the sacraments, while a brother is a layman who also commits himself to Christ by the vows of poverty, celibacy and obedience and who usually lives in a religious community, but typically works in a ministry that best suits his talents and gifts. A brother cannot perform the sacramental duties of a priest, but might be a teacher, electrician, cook, lawyer, technician, parish minister, office manager or even an artist. He tries to live his faith by being a “brother” to others.

There have been a number of Marist brothers who have played key roles in the history of Notre Dame, both in Harper Woods and Pontiac. But their roles have differed to a large extent from the Marist fathers who have been at Notre Dame. In general, the role of religious brothers in the church has not changed much over the years as they have continued to provide the structure and hard work upon which many religious communities and schools are built.

That is never more evident than with the Marist brothers who have served at both Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods and Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac. Two brothers in particular are spot-on examples of how important the vocation has been to the ND community. Brother Leonard Haley, s.m., and Brother Louis Plourde, s.m., have spent more than 40 years combined providing an incredible amount of support to Notre Dame, including the Marist priests, the teaching staffs, the countless parents, and most importantly, the students.

Fr. Leon Olszowski, s.m., current head of school at NDPMA and who was principal at Notre Dame High School for seven years, said that above all else, the brothers always put the kids first.

“And both Haley and Plourde have been instrumental in keeping the Notre Dame ‘engine’ firing on all cylinders, beginning in 1961.”

Brother Leonard

Brother Leonard Haley, s.m., arrived on the Notre Dame campus in Harper Woods in 1961 from the Boston area, a fresh-faced 22 year old. “I took the train from Framingham to Detroit on an overnight trip that got me into the city at eight in the morning,” he said. “It was my first experience on an overnight train and when I got to the station in Detroit, Fr. Omer St. Onge, who was principal of NDHS at the time, was there to pick me up.” Also on the same train that day was the principal of Regina, Sr. Bernadette, who St. Onge also picked up and delivered to her school. It was Haley’s first time in Michigan. “I didn’t know a soul and it was my first experience traveling alone. It really was something—a little scary!”

Now 73 years old, Haley has retired from active ministry and is

living at the Marist retirement community in Waltham, Mass. He grew up in nearby Somerville, Mass., just outside of Boston, where he and his brother attended St. Theresa parochial school. Haley notes that Somerville is about a mile from Harvard University. “My mother worked a long time at Harvard and she actually knew an NDHS graduate there by the name of Don Jurivich (‘72),” he recalled. “In fact, one time during a summer vacation home, I went into a store near Harvard and who did I see? Jurivich. It was pretty cool.”

PHOTO PROVIDED BY LEONARD HALEY, S.M.



At a party held in Boston in Oct. 2009 celebrating his 50th anniversary as a Marist, Br. Leonard Haley, s.m., poses with four sisters of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Below, from the 1962 NDHS yearbook.

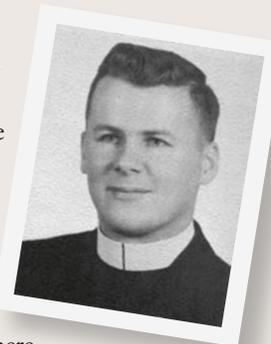
After graduation from Somerville High School, Haley entered the seminary and, afterwards, while working at Notre Dame, he also earned degrees in business and religious studies from Macomb College and U of D.

“When I was at U of D in the fall of 1972, there were actually three ‘72 Notre Dame grads also attending who I recognized right away,” he said. “That was a bit strange for me.”

With his business training and willingness to get just about anything done, he spent his tenure at ND assisting the school’s business office and administrators and did many other things that helped make the school run like a top. The late Joe Pompeo, who ran maintenance at Notre Dame for many years, once told Br. Leonard that “if you ever leave the school, it will take five people to do your work!”

Haley was at ND for a total of 11 years, but after what he said were the first nine enjoyable years at the school, he came to the conclusion that there might be something different for him to do with his ministry. “I wanted to do something different, so Fr. St. Onge encouraged me to finish up my degree and then decide my next move.”

He says he always wanted to work with the elderly and there just happened to be a parish on McNichols and Van Dyke in Detroit called Holy Name that needed someone to work with older parishioners. “I really enjoyed working at Holy Name,” Haley said. “The only thing was that it was a very Polish community and it took me



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awhile to learn how to best communicate with some of the people there. I even met a number of people whose grandparents had gone to Notre Dame or who still were students there. The Cendrowskis, for example. Mark '77, Dwight '70 and Gary '72. I met their grandparents at that parish."

Haley was at Holy Name for about three years when he asked to be transferred back east because his mother was in failing health and living alone. So he moved back to Boston and got a job helping with elderly patients at Massachusetts General Hospital.

"I actually worked at the hospital when I was in high school, so there were still some familiar faces there, which made it nice," he said. "From there I went back into parish work in the Boston area for the next 20 years or so working with the elderly. I also did office work at the Marist House in Framingham and took care of most of the garden outside the house. Ultimately I was asked to work with the elderly, retired Marist priests, which I continue to do to this day."

Haley said he had several opportunities to come back to Notre Dame after he went back east, but because his mother was in need of help, he decided against it.

He says the three most enjoyable "jobs" he's had since becoming a Marist brother were those at Notre Dame High School, Holy Name Parish in Detroit, and his time working at Mass General in Boston. "Especially Notre Dame, he said. "I used to hate when school ended for the summer and I had to go on vacation. I thought, now I have to wait almost three months for school to start again!"

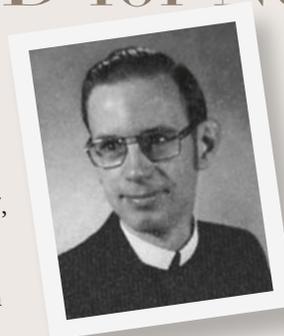
Brother Louis

Brother Louis Plourde, s.m., began his Notre Dame career in 1982 when he set foot on the Harper Woods campus. His job was to assist in the business office and with general work inside and outside the school.

"At first I was helping out with setting up for things like bingo, parents events, liturgies and then later on I started to help out in the office," he said. "One of the things I was doing on a regular basis was to help count Fr. Bryson's money. If you knew anything about how he was, he would just throw everything in a box—change, dollar bills, everything—and turn it into the office. I would then have to sort it out and get it ready for the bank." He said he really got to admire Fr. Bryson during that time, and all the good things he was doing for the school.

Plourde grew up in Lowell, Mass., about 30 miles north of Boston, where he attended St. Marie grade school followed by high school for the first two years at St. Joseph, which was run by the Marist Teaching Brothers, and then to the Marist Fathers high school seminary, called Marist Prep Seminary in Bedford, Mass. "Fr. (Clifton) Moors (teacher and administrator at NDHS) was one of my teachers in Bedford," he recalled.

From when he was very young, Plourde says he always wanted a religious vocation and thought initially about becoming a priest. "But when I found out you can be a brother, I decided to pursue that instead." That pursuit led him to the Marist Seminary in Framingham



and, during his second year there, decided to enter the Novitiate.

"Fr. George Szal, s.m., who was a Marist brother and then a priest, was in my class at the seminary in Framingham," he said. "Fr. Szal actually went to high school at De La Salle. Also, Fr. Leon was a year behind me at the seminary."

In September 1967, Plourde took his vows in Rhinebeck, New York, along with both Ken Parent (faculty NDHS and NDP) and Gerry Timmerman (later Fr. Timmerman, who spent time at NDHS).

"My first assignment after I professed as a brother was in Bedford and then in Framingham doing mostly maintenance work. "Myself and a few other brothers did most of the work on the house in Framingham, turning it from a seminary into a retreat house," Plourde said. "It really was a big job!"

Then it was on to Harper Woods to Notre Dame. "Fr. Demers was the rector at ND and he wanted a brother there so I got chosen to go," Plourde said. "I thought it was time for a change. I had been in the Boston area for a long time, and it was an opportunity to go and work somewhere else."

"I spent 12 years at Notre Dame High. I enjoyed working in the office with Chuck Stys '60 (NDHS), who was the school's business manager, and Dolores Lynch, an assistant to Chuck. I also drove a bus route for the last three years there. Bill Raymond and Fr. Leon were the principals during my time at NDHS and I worked a lot with Doreen Vermiglio and Rosemary Patterson, who worked in the main office."

He says some of his favorite times at NDHS were the festivals and carnivals the school hosted on an annual basis.

Plourde came to the campus of Notre Dame Prep in 1994 and fell



Fr. Louis Plourde, s.m., above, at one of his favorite places, Alumni Field (football). Top, Br. Louis, in a photo from the 1983 NDHS yearbook.

PHOTO BY MIKE KELLY '73 (NDHS)

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Stephanie Hamood '10 (NDP) from her CD cover. Above: Hamood recording in Nashville. Next page, top: Hamood with Anita Baker and her band. Hamood's CD "No Longer My Own" was released in August.

Honestly Writing



Singer-songwriter Stephanie Hamood is making music her way. But the 2010 NDP grad says she also counts Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen as musical influences, and that her musical inspiration originally started when she was a four year old at a Les Misérables performance. “I’ve known what I wanted to do for as long as I can remember. It’s always been about the music for me, and I honestly can’t see myself doing anything else,” she said. “My mom always played music growing up, so that kind of got me started. But when I saw Les Misérables onstage when I was four years old, I was just completely mesmerized by the power of live performance. My style and genre has evolved for me over the years, but that’s definitely where everything started for me.”

She’s also spent a considerable amount of time in Nashville, playing music, writing, co-writing, “meeting wonderful people, and being surrounded by music of all kinds.”

Now she has released her first album of original recordings, titled “No Longer My Own,” and has begun a tour opening for one of the most distinctive and beloved R&B singers on the planet, Anita Baker. Hamood was in the Detroit area recently to help drum up support for her album release show, which was August 12 at Meadow Brook Theatre. Her summer stop in southeast Michigan also brought her to the Notre Dame campus in Pontiac where she spoke to IRISH on her very young but blossoming career.

On taking professional music or singing lessons: I never did take voice lessons. I still sometimes wonder what kind of difference it would have made for me. I did take some guitar lessons for a little while, once I couldn’t learn anymore on my own. I just play to back up my vocals, really. Aside from all of that, I think the most practical lessons I’ve learned are the ones I’ve learned through playing the honky-tonks down South, alongside some of the most incredible musicians I’ve ever met. It’s amazing what you can pick up from some of those guys.

On her preferred genre of music: As far as genres go, I’m kind of all over the place. When I first started playing guitar seriously,

I played lots of folk music. Bob Dylan was—and still is—my ultimate influence. He really encompasses everything and I always discover something new every time I listen to him. At the same time, I listened to singers like Billie Holiday and Ella Fitzgerald pretty heavily. I also adore a lot of old-school country—and I don’t mean the new country stuff—that’s a different world. I’m talking about Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Webb Pierce, Lefty Frizzell. I really love the outlaws too (Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard). I realize that my voice doesn’t necessarily lend itself best to that stuff, but I love listening to it and playing it. Finally, I think Amy Winehouse was absolutely brilliant, and I’ve been awestruck by her writing and her vocals since the very first album. Like I said, my taste in music is pretty varied, I could never choose a single genre.

On writing her own music and songs: I didn’t really start writing or appreciate the concept of songwriting until I heard Dylan. It all suddenly made sense to me after hearing him and I began writing my own. I’m sure it’s different for everyone, but for me the writing has to be honest—if not, it isn’t worth much. I typically write autobiographically, about people, relationships, etc.

On playing at her parents’ coffee shop in downtown Rochester, The Dessert Oasis: The coffee house gig was really my first steady gig. Since it’s an acoustic thing, it’s just me and a guitar up there. I didn’t really know what I was doing when I first started performing that way, I just kind of figured it out as I went, learning different things along the way.

On how she got started with Anita Baker: She heard me performing at the coffee house one night, and then we talked forever after my set. I got to know her better eventually, and when I was recording my album in the studio, she came out and sat in with us, just to oversee everything and support me however she could. When she kicked off the tour in May at Radio City Music Hall in New York City, she flew me out and invited me to come on the road with her. She’s incredible. I just stand there in awe of her every time she walks out onstage and starts singing. She’s so talented and she’s a really wonderful person.

On her first time performing in front of large audience: Well, fortunately I didn’t have too much time to get nervous about it or think twice. We were in Atlanta, Georgia, and Ms. Baker asked me to buy her some time (she didn’t have an opening act at this particular concert). We had someone bring a guitar from down the street, as I was completely unprepared, and as soon as they tied it around me with a makeshift guitar strap, they sent me out in front of 7,000 people to play for them until Ms. Baker was ready to come on. It went really smoothly, even though my hands were shaking like crazy. But her fans were great.

On her new album: For a long time I had trouble performing my own songs in front of an audience, I still do, but I’m getting better. Eventually I realized that I had to record these songs and release them, instead of just hanging onto them. Now the songs are available to anyone really, and I think I’m okay with that (I hope so!) There is also a song that contains the lyric “. . . no longer my own” on the album, but it won’t jump out at you right away. CDs are available at The Dessert Oasis right now, and we kicked off the release of the album on August 12 when I played with my whole band at Meadow Brook Theatre. Meadow Brook gave me my first paying gig when I was 10 years old, acting in their production of “A Christmas Carol,” so it was awesome to be able to perform my own release show on that same stage. The whole band that plays with me on the album was there, and some other incredible Detroit musicians joined us throughout the night. Following the release show, I’ll be going back on the road with Anita and the band for another leg of the tour, beginning at the Hollywood Bowl in LA. (The album is available on iTunes, Amazon, etc.)

On how Notre Dame prepared her for her career: Many people at NDP pushed me in the right direction musically through an overwhelming amount of encouragement and support. Several faculty members contributed their wisdom and that ultimately led me in this direction. ■

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Ruairi McGreevy '12 (NDP), center, after his Acceptance Ceremony at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Joining him in Colorado Springs, Colo., were, from left, his uncle Mike McGreevy '73 (NDHS), brother Colin '08 (NDP), fellow cadet Nick Hafner '10 (NDP) and dad Mark McGreevy '76 (NDHS).

RECENT GRAD GETS 'BOARDS' AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY

In a ceremony held August 7, Notre Dame Prep grad Ruairi McGreevy '12 received his "boards," signifying his acceptance as a full cadet into the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Acceptance Day marks the end of basic training for the new cadets. They receive shoulder boards that formally identify them as full cadets in the Cadet Wing of the USAFA.

McGreevy chose fellow NDP grad and Academy cadet Nick Hafner '10 to pin one of his boards.

ALUMNI BOARD NAMES NEW MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

At the annual Notre Dame Alumni Association meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, two new members were elected to the association Board of Directors: Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP) and Daniel Terzano '10 (NDP).

Also at the meeting, the board bid farewell to its founding president, Jim Gammicchia '99 (NDP), who completed his three-year term. Under Jim's leadership, the NDAA Board of Directors was established in 2008 and Gammicchia was instrumental in creating its formal set of bylaws, which is used today. As well, he was involved in the creation of many of our annual alumni association events. In 2011, Gammicchia was the first alumnus to be recognized by Notre Dame Prep as "volunteer of the year."

The alumni board also bid farewell to Gina (Coppola) Cereska '00 (NDP), who served two years as the board's secretary. Cereska has worked very hard to keep the board meetings and documents organized and detailed. She also has provided leadership for the annual Alumni Irish Games event among other association activities. "Both Jim and Gina have contributed

greatly to the alumni association and will be missed," said Director of Alumni Relations Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP).

At the June 2012 NDAA meeting, an election was held for the open executive board positions. Current board members voted to elect Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS) as president (formerly serving as vice president), Victoria Sidor '01 (NDP) as vice president, and Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP) as secretary. Trent Thiry '00 (NDP) remains in the treasurer position, fulfilling his three-year term.

Alumni Board of Directors members for the 2012-2013 year are as follows:

- Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS)** - president
- Victoria Sidor '01 (NDP)** - vice president
- Trent Thiry '00 (NDP)** - treasurer
- Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP)** - secretary
- Frank Coppola '73 (NDHS)** - member-at-large
- Scott Lockhart '98 (NDP)** - member-at-large
- Jane Dika '02 (NDP)** - member-at-large
- Sarah Fredin '09 (NDP)** - member-at-large
- Keaton Curran '10 (NDP)** - member-at-large
- Daniel Terzano '10 (NDP)** - member-at-large

JOIN THE BOARD!

The 2012-2013 Notre Dame Alumni Association board has 10 current members and 5 available seats. If you are interested in learning more about joining this dynamic group of alumni, please contact alumni director Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP) at rmiller@ndpma.org, or board president Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS) at dmarchese@ndpma.org.



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The 2012-2013 NDAA Board of Directors. From left, Victoria Sidor '01 (NDP), Daniel Marchese '02 (NDHS), Daniel Terzano '10 (NDP), Jane Dika '02 (NDP), Keaton Curran '10 (NDP), Trent Thiry '00 (NDP) and Frank Coppola '73 (NDHS). Not pictured: Meredith Gifford '02 (NDP), Sarah Fredin '09 (NDP) and Scott Lockhart '98 (NDP).

COULIER WOWS AT BRYSON BENEFIT

PHOTO BY KEATON CURRIAN



Dave Coulier '77 (NDHS), center, with former NDHS teacher Mark Recor '62 (NDHS) and his wife after the show at Notre Dame.

Television and comedy star Dave Coulier '77 (NDHS) returned to Michigan in May to headline a benefit show at Notre Dame in Pontiac. He performed a hilarious and crowd-pleasing comedy routine on May 12 in front of a packed cafetorium on NDPMA's Pontiac campus. The night opened with a set of standards performed by the Notre Dame Prep Jazz Band.

Proceeds from the benefit, which was sponsored by the Notre Dame Alumni Association, benefited the Fr. John Bryson, s.m., Memorial Scholarship Fund. Fr. Bryson, who died in May of 2011, was a Marist priest who dedicated almost the entirety of his ministry to students at Notre Dame High School.

Sporting his old ND varsity hockey jersey at the show, Coulier, 53, reminisced about Bryson and talked about how he was delighted to help with raising scholarship money in Fr. Bryson's name.

Following the comedy show, Fr. Joe Hindelang, s.m., a fellow NDHS graduate ('68) and principal of Notre Dame Prep, presented Coulier with a specially framed photo of Bryson and Coulier that bore the inscription, "Thanks a Million - Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy, Fr. John Bryson Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser, May 12, 2012."

Andy Guest, Notre Dame's vice president for advancement, says the show would have made Bryson proud as Coulier "kept the audience in stitches for more than an hour and a half." He said the show, combined with donations from Fr. Bryson's memorial mass last year and from alumni and friends, raised more than \$13,000 toward the initial goal of \$20,000.

"Our expectation is that once we reach \$20,000 we will be able to establish a permanent endowed scholarship that will benefit students and keep Fr. Bryson's legacy alive so that future generations will always understand the special role that Father played in the history of the school," said Guest.

Additional contributions to the Fr. John Bryson, s.m., Memorial Scholarship Fund can be made by visiting the Notre Dame website and clicking the DONATE NOW button under the SUPPORT NOTRE DAME tab on the top navigation bar. Be sure to write "Fr. Bryson Scholarship Fund" in the comment section, so that your gift is applied appropriately.

Coulier will be back in town in November for a series of shows at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. See davecoulier.tv for more info and tickets. ■

Dear Alumni,

There is much going on at your alma mater these days. We would like to congratulate the Class of '12, which set records for both highest ACT average (27) and total number of scholarship dollars earned (\$12.9 million). One hundred percent of our graduates were accepted to 147 colleges and universities across the nation.

Based on the generosity of our families and alumni, we were able to complete two major capital projects over the summer. The two vintage science labs in the C-wing were renovated at a cost of \$200,000 and two side-by-side sand volleyball courts were added between the Beverly Gifford Music Center and the baseball field at a cost of \$50,000. Both projects will enhance the academic and athletic experience for our students.

We are planning vigorously for the move of the lower division in Waterford to a site across the street from the main campus in Pontiac for the fall of 2013. The plan includes the purchase of property, renovation of an existing church and the addition of a 10-classroom modular building to house between 150 and 200 students ages junior kindergarten through fifth grade. Eventually, a permanent structure will be built, so that the lower division continues to feed mission-centric families into the middle and upper divisions.

Enrollment continues to grow for the third year in a row. At the time of this writing, our freshmen class will consist of 196 young men and women (our largest class in six years), and we have had to establish a "waiting pool" for incoming students. As a result, we have hired 10-15 new teachers, staff and administrators.

We continue to make strides in alumni relations and enjoyed hosting the ND class of '62 at the school in August and visiting the NDP class of '07 at the Rochester Brewing company in June.

Most importantly, we continue to try and form students with moral character and Christian integrity. As is our tradition, we began the school year with two days of meetings for faculty and staff that included Mass and prayers. For without help from God, we could not fulfill our mission.

Please know that all alumni from Notre Dame Prep, Notre Dame High School, Pontiac Catholic, Oakland Catholic, St. Michael and St. Frederick are invited to visit us and be a part of our growing tradition.

Thank you.

Andy Guest '84
Vice President for Advancement



Art, Science

Andreana Rosnik '09 (NDP) is entering her senior year at Hope College where she is pursuing a double major in chemistry and mathematics, and a minor in Spanish. But perhaps what has been most remarkable during her college career, for the past three years, Rosnik has been conducting award-winning research, which has earned her recognition both nationally and on campus. In addition, when she steps outside of the research lab, Rosnik tutors students, assists her professors as a TA (teacher's assistant) and grading assistant, mentors first-year minority students through Hope's FACES (Fostering a Community of Excellence in the Sciences) program, holds leadership positions in campus math and chemistry clubs, and serves on the Leadership Committee of the Union of Catholic Students. Rosnik spoke with IRISH about her passion for the arts and sciences, and says Notre Dame prepared her for a challenging curriculum and kept her rooted in her Catholic faith.

IRISH: Why did you choose to attend Hope College?

ROSNIK: I selected Hope for a number of reasons. I first found out about Hope by reading "Colleges that Change Lives" by Loren Pope and then visited it several times, initially due to some prodding by my mother. Hope was small, the people were friendly, and I wanted to develop a broader education by studying at a liberal arts college. What ultimately drew me to Hope was its excellent departments in the natural and applied sciences division—and, more importantly, the research opportunities readily available to undergraduate students. Since so many math courses sounded fascinating, I figured I might as well major in mathematics, too.

IRISH: What inspired you to study chemistry, math and Spanish?

ROSNIK: I stuck with chemistry, since it was very natural to me in high school.

However, my interests veered from strict biochemistry and more into physical chemistry, the branch of chemistry that seeks to rigorously understand molecules, reactions and materials at the most fundamental level, weaving in much mathematics and physics in the process.

My Spanish minor arose out of my interest and competence in Spanish from NDP. I tested into Spanish IV with the AP exam, but after e-mailing Spanish professors at Hope, they wanted me to move into higher level courses. I took a placement exam and was placed into the introductory literature course—I passed all the grammar by examination. I only had to take two courses (two literature/culture courses) in order to obtain a minor, so I figured why not?

IRISH: Tell us about the student research you've conducted at Hope.

ROSNIK: I have conducted research since 2010 with Dr. Will Polik in theoretical physical chemistry. My work involves the derivation of a theory for more accurately describing molecular vibrations, with the ultimate goal being a more thorough understanding of chemical reactivity. I have derived equations for vibrational energies in polyatomic molecules using a combination of pencil-and-paper mathematics, quantum chemistry and computer programming. Using chemical and physical concepts to motivate the mathematics and then validating the mathematics numerically with computation has proven rewarding. I work during the school year, typically three to six hours each week, and I conducted research full-time both this summer and last summer. This fall I am (ideally!) finishing up the project, and I hope to publish a (very long!) manuscript detailing my derivations, computer code and applications to some example molecules.

IRISH: Your research has earned you national recognition and awards. Tell us about that.

ROSNIK: For my research I have been recognized at the collegiate and national levels. Last year the Hope College Dean of Natural and Applied Sciences provided funding

for my summer research, and this summer I received support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. I was awarded a Goldwater Scholarship, a prestigious national undergraduate research award. I hope this means my research has potential future impact! Soon I will begin applying for several grants to support my graduate studies, such as the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. Additionally, and perhaps more interestingly, I am applying for a Fulbright Research Grant to conduct research at the University of Barcelona in Spain on understanding electronic energy transfer in pigment-protein complexes similar to those involved in photosynthesis. I should know by early next year if I have a chance of being awarded a grant. If it is awarded to me, following graduation I will live and work in Barcelona for nine months.

IRISH: Have you studied or worked outside of the U.S. before?

ROSNIK: For four weeks this summer I lived and studied in Rome, taking a course called "Experiencing Rome." It was taught by two Hope professors. We focused on classical Rome and discussed how many elements of the classical world pervade the modern world and the human existence. We read "The Aeneid" and excerpts from "The Divine Comedy," though our coursework primarily consisted of visits to sites, including the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Vatican and many, many others. My main reason for going to Rome is rooted in my Catholic faith. This was the first chance I received to visit the Vatican. Another reason I decided to go was in preparation for the Fulbright. I had never lived in a foreign country before, so I wanted to experience that on a short-term basis before potentially plunging myself into another culture for a relatively long period of time.

IRISH: What was the best part of your experience abroad?

ROSNIK: The best part of my experience was visiting St. Peter's Basilica. I still tremble at the thought of it. I even attended Mass there twice! It was magnificent place, with something or someone new to see in every corner. Experiencing St. Peter's helped me

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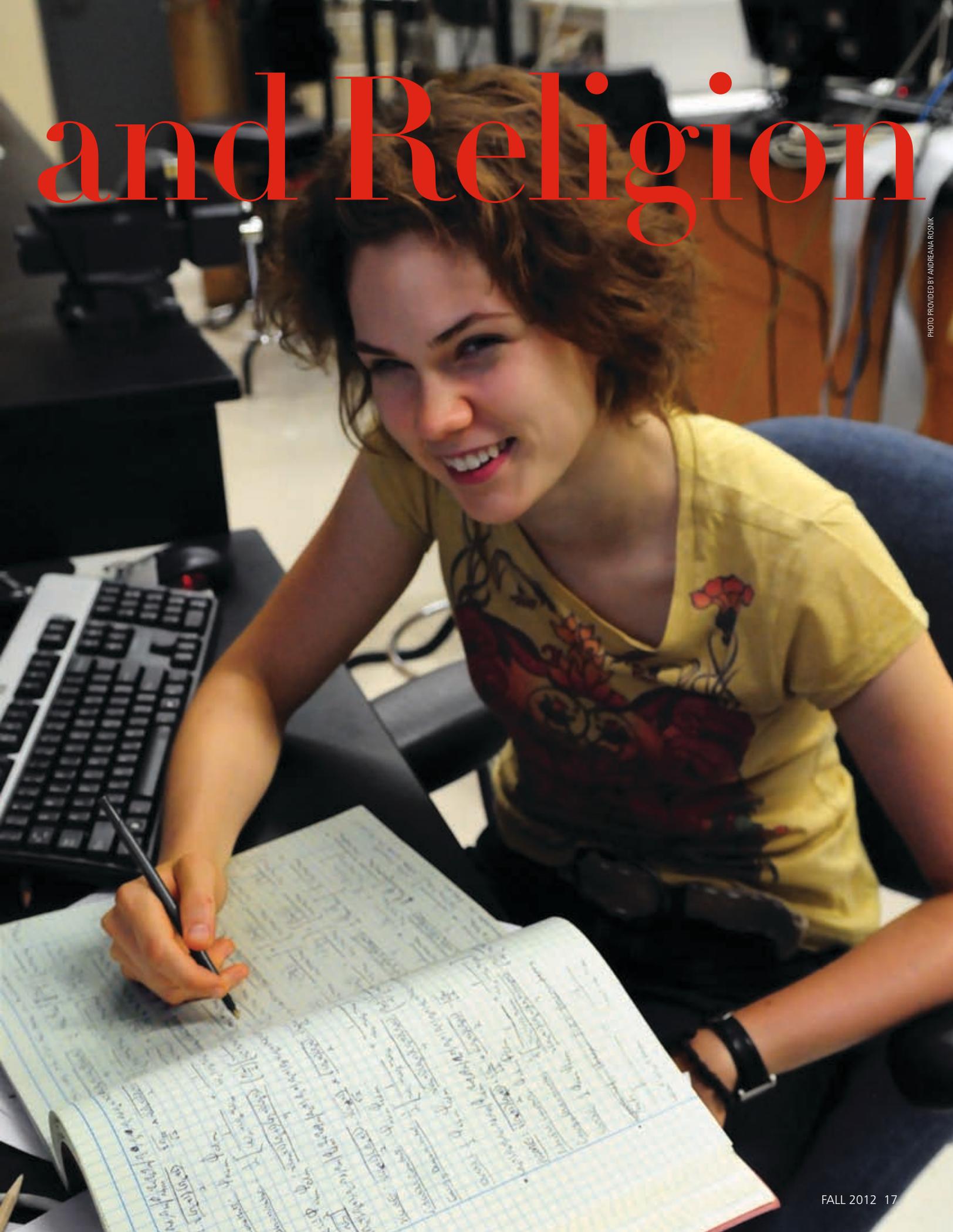


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NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH AT ND PREP HAS FIGHTING IRISH CHOPS



PHOTO BY MIKE KELLY '73 (NDHS)

In May of this year, Notre Dame Prep's athletic department announced that Whitney Robinson '98 (NDHS) is the new men's varsity basketball coach. Robinson, who is a graduate of Central Michigan University ('03), immediately met with many students at Notre Dame Prep.

"I'm very excited to be the new coach at NDP," said Robinson. "I fell in love with NDP instantly! The campus is amazing. . . likewise are the faculty, staff and student body. My high school years at NDHS were seriously some of the best years of my life! And I'm looking forward to duplicating those sentiments for the current and future student-athletes at NDP."

He comes to Notre Dame after four years as a basketball coach at Walled Lake Central High School in Walled Lake, Mich. Prior to this coaching experience, he was the coordinator and director of the Whitney Robinson Basketball Camps and assistant coach for Providence Boys and Girls AAU Basketball.

Robinson played professional basketball in Europe, Israel and Iceland and was involved with Athletes in Action, where he played and served as a mission worker in France, Beijing, Toronto and Cairo. His college playing experience included CMU, where he made the MAC All-Academic Team and earned Sixth Man and Defensive player of the year honors. He led his CMU team in steals during the 2001-02 season and scored over 1,300 career points.

He also played for Eastern Kentucky University during his freshman and sophomore years of college and earned All-American and Ohio Valley Conference All-Freshman Team honors.

At Notre Dame High School, Robinson was All Catholic and All League and was the state Class-B scoring champion for the 1997-98 season. He is an award-winning financial planner with MassMutual Financial Group and previously served as a financial advisor with Edward Jones. He also served as a volunteer chaplain with the Detroit Pistons (2010) and was house director of Providence Youth Outreach from 2003-05. ■

MORE ALUMNI HIRED AT NOTRE DAME

Six Notre Dame Prep alums have been hired by NDPMA beginning this fall:

Felicia Guest '06 (NDP) joined the faculty at Notre Dame Marist Academy's middle division, where she is teaching seventh- and eighth-grade humanities classes.

Erin Welsh '05 (NDP) joined the faculty of Notre Dame Preparatory School (upper division), where she is teaching English.

Laressa Colasanti '04 (NDP) joined the faculty at Notre Dame Marist Academy's lower division, where she is teaching junior kindergarten.

Amy (Nagler) Cullen '02 (NDP) joined the faculty at Notre Dame Marist Academy's lower division, where she is student-teaching third grade.

Kala (Thomas) Parker '00 (NDP) joined the staff at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy as associate dean of admissions. Parker works alongside fellow admissions team members Gregory Simon '89 (NDHS), Emily Giacona '01 (NDP) and Kathleen Offer.

Amanda (Younga) Knapp '00 (NDP) joined the faculty at Notre Dame Marist Academy's middle division, where she is teaching sixth- and eighth-grade humanities and language arts classes.



THREE-TIME OLYMPIAN TO BE HONORED AT HOMECOMING

Doug Brown '70 (NDHS), who was a three-time Olympian (1972, 1976, 1980), will be the alumni association's alumni guest of honor at the NDP homecoming football game on Sept. 28. Brown was a two-time American record holder and a five-time national college champion (Tennessee) in steeplechase. During his senior year at NDHS, he won the Michigan class A state championship in cross country.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY DOUG BROWN

Dear fellow alumni,

Before too long, we will begin in earnest to solicit contributions to the 2012-13 **Notre Dame Annual Fund**. We've just come off of a record-breaking year,

both in terms of the amount raised and the number of donors. It should come as no surprise that we would like those numbers to increase this year as the cost of providing a Catholic and college-preparatory education continues to rise.

As I begin my second year at the school, I will continue to stress a theme from last year: the importance of everyone contributing something to the **Notre Dame Annual Fund**, each according to his/her financial means. For some, that may mean \$10 or so. For others, it could mean joining the St. Peter Chanel Society with a gift of at least \$1,000. Whatever amount you're able to give, please know that you are investing in the lives of our students and that your gift will be spent wisely by the administration.

We just began our nineteenth school year here in Pontiac. When this school opened in August 1994, all but a few of our students were not yet born. Back then, we began laying the groundwork for the high-caliber school we are today knowing that our future students were yet small children. Just as we're preparing our students for career paths that might not yet exist, we're anticipating educating children whose lives have not begun. The future is full of possibilities that your gift can support.

In early October, you will receive a letter from the school asking for your support of the **Notre Dame Annual Fund**. Your favorable response to that appeal will not only earn our thanks, but you will save us time and money because we won't have to send reminders or call you about the **Notre Dame Annual Fund** throughout the rest of the school year. If you have any questions about the **Notre Dame Annual Fund**, please feel free to contact me at 248-373-2171, ext. 5 or fcastronova@ndpma.org, or drop by the office if you're in the Pontiac/Rochester/Auburn Hills area. I'd be happy to speak with you.

Remember: your gift is a vote of confidence in everything we do here at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy—where *with God we form Christian Persons, Upright Citizens and Academic Scholars*.

God bless you,



Frank Castronova '89 (NDHS)
Annual Fund Director



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Send your new mailing address, e-mail and phone number to the alumni office to ensure you receive communications about reunions and the alumni association. Visit www.ndpma.org/update.

ALUMNI BUSINESS DIRECTORY

In response to alumni requests for networking opportunities, the Alumni web site offers an Alumni Business Directory.

This directory of companies and businesses owned by members of the Notre Dame Alumni Association (graduates of Notre Dame Prep, Notre Dame, Pontiac Catholic, Oakland Catholic, St. Michael, St. Frederick high schools) is intended to provide information to other Notre Dame alums seeking products or services, and who wish to consider doing business with a fellow graduate. The Notre Dame Alumni Association encourages networking and the support of alumni businesses.

The information contained in the individual directory listings is that which is provided by the alum owner or employee; not an endorsement by the Notre Dame Alumni Association or Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy. Alumni who seek these products and services should apply common consumer rules and business practices when inquiring.

If you are interested in adding your name and company or organization to the alumni business directory, please complete the on-line submission form in the alumni section of ndpma.org.

FUTURE NOTRE DAMERS

Alumni are invited to consider NDPMA for their child's education. Students and families interested in learning about the school are invited to see it "in action." Contact Dean of Admissions and Diversity Gregory Simon '89 (NDHS) at 248-373-5300 or gmsimon@ndpma.org. Children of alumni receive a \$1,000 discount on annual tuition.

CLASS CAPTAINS

The Notre Dame Alumni Association Class Captain Network is a dynamic group of alumni volunteers who serve as a far-reaching extension of the alumni office. Class Captains represent their graduating class years, were leaders of their class and are committed to helping serve and engage the alumni of the school.

If you are interesting in becoming a Class Captain and have questions, please contact Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP), Director of Alumni Relations by emailing rmiller@ndpma.org or calling 248-373-2171 x3.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI REPORTERS!!

We are always looking for interesting stories about or from interesting alumni (that's all of us!). To share your news or news tip for the next issue of IRISH, send a note to Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP) at rmiller@ndpma.org, or visit ndpma.org/update. Thanks!

Former Notre Dame High School teacher Tom Schusterbauer laughed, surprised, cajoled (and coddled) his way through many years of schooling young men and women. He loved his job and after 41 years in the classroom, his many fans think he just might be the best teacher they've ever had.

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It's the last day of his gig at Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham. But Tom Schusterbauer is taking no prisoners. He's on the job on this sunny evening, on time (he says he's OCD—never been late in 41 years of teaching and three at Dick O'Dow's) and working the crowd like a pro. He's been helping out as a host on Tuesdays and some Saturdays at this popular watering hole on Maple Road.

But he is planning to give up his pub job tonight to spend more time on his volunteer work with Forgotten Harvest.

He appears to thoroughly enjoy this work at O'Dow's and looks like a natural there. And, as any former student of his can attest, he also was a natural when it came to the classroom.

Yes, Tom Schusterbauer loved teaching. And his students felt the same about him. In fact, when he retired in 2009 after 30 years teaching English at Mercy High School, one of his former students set up a Facebook page that quickly had more than 400 fans who worshiped him and what he brought to the classroom.

"A good teacher? More like 'life-changing,'" noted former Mercy student Elena Lamping, who said she "adored him" in a Detroit News article published shortly before he retired in 2009.

But before the all-girls Mercy gig, there were nine years of all-boys at Notre Dame High School, which brought him his first big batch of fans, but way before Facebook or the Internet. Schusterbauer was hired in 1970 at NDHS to help fill out the school's English department after getting his feet wet for a couple of years at St. James Catholic School in Ferndale.

"I liked every year I was at Notre Dame," he said. "Well, with the exception of that period of time when you could buy booze at 18.

"But specifically I enjoyed the rapport between teachers at ND and the relationship I had with the students. I challenged the kids, made them laugh, and—I hope—made them realize that it was all right to *feel*."

Schusterbauer as a teacher, by any measure, was "different." Quirky and unique, he engaged his classes like few others. He had an ability to bring out the best in his students by whatever means: argument, emotion, surprise, joking, all wrapped in a healthy dose of irreverence. He says he once taught a freshman class at ND to sing "Three Blind Mice," after which they paraded outside the school and serenaded the rest of the boys in the school. Mark Cendrowski '77 (NDHS) says he doesn't remember being involved in that, but does recall Schusterbauer's "big sideburns and knit ties."

Mark McGreevy '76 (NDHS), a teacher at Notre Dame Marist Academy in Pontiac, noted that before he took a Schusterbauer class,

he totally disliked writing. "But something transformed me—Tom Schusterbauer! He made writing enjoyable. Of all my wonderful teachers at NDHS, it is he who had the most influence on my own teaching style today. Thank you, Tom Schusterbauer!"

Many other former Notre Dame students to this day say he was a lot like the legendary English teacher Conrad Vachon, who also had a profound effect on his students—as well as on fellow teachers. Schusterbauer says that when he first got to ND, he was scared to death of Vachon. "I told [fellow English teacher] Bob Kelly that I was struggling with teaching Advanced Comp. He suggested that I sit in on CV's class. When I asked Vachon if he minded, he said, 'I don't give a damn what you do.'

"But later that same year, as I was walking to the library for the faculty Christmas party, Vachon came up to me and said, 'I'm hearing great things about you, Schusty.' Nothing meant more to me."

As to why he became a teacher in the first place, Schusterbauer, 65, says he kind of fell into it at first. "But I always wanted to make a difference in young people's lives and it seemed that teaching fit well with that. I wanted to open them to their own hearts and to the wider world."

He doesn't dwell on his own youth, however. "I grew up in too many places to name," he says, though he probably means that the process is continuing. He does admit that Rochester, Mich., is where he was born and that he's got a BA from U of M and a master's from Wayne State University. Oh, and he went to Brother Rice High School. (Who? . . .)

After leaving Notre Dame in 1979—"It seemed like a good move. Mercy also had a sterling reputation and they courted me."—Schusterbauer quickly learned of the differences in teaching all-girls versus all-boys.

"At Mercy, the girls were coddled—not by me. They also were very emotional about grades."

In 41 years of teaching, he has brought a bucketful of classes and subjects to his students, both boys and girls. He's taught AP U.S. history, drama, Power in Composition, Great Books, and has even created new courses, including Literature of the Holocaust, Literature into Film and Themes in American Literature.

Meanwhile, back at O'Dow's, when asked about what he sees as his legacy after all these years, with characteristic humility, Schusterbauer says he really doesn't know what to say. "But I do know that I tried my hardest to be one of the best teachers. And one of the high points of my stay at NDHS was being asked by the Class of '76 and the Class of '78 to be their commencement speaker. My experience at that school kept me teaching for 41 years." ■

PHOTOS BY MIKE KELLY '73 (NDHS)



Former NDHS teacher Tom Schusterbauer with Notre Dame annual fund director Frank Castronova '89 (NDHS) outside Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham, Mich.

Natural



gious award for Barron this year -- she also was selected as the Michigan winner of the Wendy's High School Heisman Award and named Michigan High School Association Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Barron, 17, is the second woman athlete from Notre Dame Prep to receive this honor. In 2008, Molly Coldren received the Walt Bazylewicz Athlete of the Year award.

NDP first high school in nation with innovative CAD system

Notre Dame Preparatory School has been chosen to implement the new V6 software inclusive of the Dassault Systèmes CATIA, DELMIA, SIMULIA and ENOVIA brands as the basis of its CAD curriculum. The V6 platform offers the unique distinction of featuring a data server accessible via the Internet, creating a collaborative manufacturing environment where eventually the school will be able to share designs with other schools around the world and co-create products via social-networking media.

According to Dassault, Notre Dame is the first school in the U.S. to incorporate V6 into its computer-science curriculum.

"We applaud Notre Dame for their forward-looking approach to education," said Dassault Systèmes Roy Smolky. "They are setting the pace for other schools to follow. Implementing V6 will provide ND students a real advantage as they go forward in their academic and professional careers."

60 alums and guests attend Detroit Tigers outing on Aug. 7



Sixty alumni and their guests attended the annual Detroit Tigers Outing at Comerica Park on Tuesday, August 7, as the Tigers beat the Yankees 6-5.

The alumni association hosted a pre-game gathering at Cheli's Chili downtown, which was sponsored by Frank Coppola '73 (NDHS)

of Coppola & Associates, P.C., in Clinton Township, and David Johns of DMJ Interiors in Rochester, Mich. David Johns is a '70 graduate of Detroit Austin, and the father of Jennifer (Johns) Miller '99 (NDP) and Michael Johns '03 (NDP). Free hot dogs and beverages were enjoyed by all. A special thank-you to Frank Coppola '73 (NDHS) and the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board of Directors for their efforts in planning a great event.

Weddings

Sean Puscas '07 (NDP) and Laura Comana on July 29, 2011. The couple was married at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

David Biondi '95 (NDHS) and Abby Schnieders on May 5, 2012.

Jason Dodge '98 (NDP) and Dawn Gallagher on May 25, 2012. Fr. Leon Olszamowski '65 (NDHS) officiated the wedding in New Jersey.

Sarah Fram '05 (NDP) and Elias Boueiri on June 2, 2012, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit.

J. Scott Moseley '02 (NDP) and **Danielle Kidder '04 (NDP)** on June 30, 2012. Fr. Leon Olszamowski '65 (NDHS) officiated the wedding.

Elizabeth Ramus '07 (NDP) to Mark Ireland on July 14, 2012.

Elizabeth Hearn '02 (NDP) and Brian Mirzoian on August 4, 2012 at St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Among the attendants was sister Erin (Hearn) Van Wagoner '00 (NDP).

Kyle Jackson '99 (NDP) and Lisa Wilhelm on November 10, 2012 in Bourbonnais, IL.

Jennifer Gammicchia '02 (NDP) engaged to Michael Corr of Okemos, Mich. A summer 2013 wedding is being planned. The couple became engaged on a mountain top in Washington state.

Erin Nolan '00 (NDP) engaged to Benjamin Strawbridge for a summer 2014 wedding.

Births

Connor Joseph Smith, born November 10, 2011. Proud parents: Carol Evola '99 (NDP) and husband Ryan Smith. Big sister Chloe is 2-1/2 years old.

Ava Madilyn Gehringer, born April 21, 2011. Proud parents: Kellie (Skalnek) Gehringer '01 (NDP) and husband Brett Gehringer. Proud uncles: Ryan Skalnek '02 (NDP) and Trey Skalnek '07 (NDP).

Lea Susan Kely, born May 2, 2012. Proud parents: Breanne (Duerr) Kely '00 (NDP) and husband Matthew Kely. Big sister Mallory is 2-1/2.

Virginia Grace Edgerton, born May 21, 2012. Proud parents: Kaitlin (Moxley) Edgerton '02 (NDP) and husband William Edgerton.

Isabel Alice Gerst-Lyons, born June 30, 2012. Proud parents: Katie Gerst '02 (NDP) and husband Jake Lyons. Proud aunt is Melissa (Gerst) Ford '00 (NDP).

William DeWitt Robb, born Feb. 29, 2012. Proud parents: Jon Robb '00 (NDHS) and wife Jennifer Robb.

Olivia Jung Hee Lim and **Hannah Suh Young Lim**, twin daughters born on July 16, 2012. Proud parents: Rebekah (Beyer) Lim '00 (NDP) and husband Dr. Chi Lim. Proud aunt is Carolyn Beyer '03 (NDP). Proud uncle is Daniel Beyer '05 (NDP).

Alumni/staff/faculty rest in peace

Gary Radzik '69 (NDHS). Twin brother of Glenn Radzik '69 (NDHS). 2-18-2012

John Dugas '85 (NDHS). 2-19-2012

William "Bill" Elsey '66 (NDHS). 2-22-2012

Michael Ryan '67 (NDHS), brother of Patrick Ryan '63 (NDHS). 2-26-2012

Michael Simek '67 (NDHS). 2-27-2012

Edward J. DeSantis, attended NDHS from 1960-1963. 3-19-2012

William "Wild Bill" Jennison '03 (NDHS), brother of Laurence Jennison '96 (NDHS). 3-26-2012

Frieda Lorenz, retired kitchen employee of Pontiac Catholic. Passed away at age 95.

Michael Figa '42 (St. Frederick), father of Thomas Figa '79 (PC), Jane Wiant '82 (PC), and Jacqueline Rapacki '81 (PC). 4-4-2012

Eugene Boylan '59 (NDHS). 4-17-2012

John Sedrowski '73 (NDHS). 4-22-2012

Thomas Ostin '70 (NDHS). 4-30-2012

Lawrence Blascyk '57 (SF), husband of Sally Blascyk '64 (SM). 5-2-2012

Frank Joseph Denryter, Jr. '68 (NDHS). 5-3-2012

Frank Harla '68 (NDHS). 5-22-2012

Patrick Ryan '63 (NDHS), brother of the late Michael Ryan '67 (NDHS). 5-25-2012

Lois (Oliver) Serra '48 (SF). Wife of the late Albert Serra '48 (SF), sister of Dorothy (Oliver) Cauley '40 (SF), sister of the late Arlyle (Oliver) Doyle '43 (SF), sister-in-law of John Cauley '40 (SF), and sister-in-law of Maria (Serra) Mauro '46 (SF). 6-4-2012

Sister Evangeline Nestor, I.H.M. (formerly Sister Carmeline), was a teacher at St. Frederick and Pontiac Catholic. 6-10-2012

Gerald R. Trombley '60 (NDHS). 6-19-2012

Terrence Chesney '79 (NDHS). 6-22-2012

James Dean '48 (SF). 6-27-2012

Sr. Constance Hoffman, I.H.M. (formerly Sr. M. Olivia, I.H.M.), taught at St. Frederick. 6-27-2012

Robert "Bob" Lech '62 (NDHS). 7-13-2012

John Tempia '62 (NDHS). 7-27-2012

Chucky Porta '71 (NDHS). 8-24-2012

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.

Morley Chocolate Factory

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STILL THE CANDY MAN

Dan Morley '77 (NDHS) grew up surrounded by candy. He and his siblings, including Tom '72 (NDHS) and Mike '75 (NDHS), worked at their dad's business, Morley Candy in Eastpointe, from an early age—12 years old, according to Dan. Today, Dan is the only one still active in the candy business. Back in the mid 90s, the family sold control of the company to a Detroit-based, private-equity group, which subsequently sold its interest to a different investment team. In 2002, Morley Candy bought the Sanders brand to grow the retail and wholesale business locally. It made sense since Morley had been making all of Sanders products since the early 90s.

"Today the candy company itself, now headquartered in Clinton Township, is still privately owned by a group of investors that runs the day-to-day operations and I still have a minority interest in the company," says Dan. "Some of the other Morley family members sold their shares to pursue other personal interests and my brother Tom attends the shareholder/board meetings representing the remaining families interests."

Mike Morley now works at a trucking company, T.M. Morley Inc., wearing three or four hats while managing day-to-day operations. In the late 90s, Tom launched a new company called Functional Foods Co. "We are primarily a product-development house that supports brands in the food and beverage industry," Tom said. "We look for food brands that are specifically committed to a health and wellness platform."

Dan—still the candy man—is an independent rep and distributor managing the Morley and Sanders brands nationally in fundraising. "I also sell to other distributors and groups locally in the Detroit area," he says. He's actually been quite successful at this having been named top salesman for ten consecutive years.

He credits his success to "a solid foundation in the Lord, which has kept me focused on dealing with the many struggles in business over the years. And one of my proudest accomplishments is having a family with kids now as adults who still like being around mom and dad!"

Recalling his high school alma mater, Dan admits that over the years it has been difficult keeping in touch with his friends from Notre Dame. "However, I do see Bob Gutman, who I regularly hunt with, and I had a chance recently to go on a golf outing up north with a number of 1977 classmates. It was nice reminiscing about the 1976 Catholic League football championship team and talking about the wonderful experiences at ND. It's really a shame they closed it."

He says his family is healthy with a son recently graduated as a secondary school English teacher and a daughter in college working to get into nursing school. "I feel truly blessed to have been able to enjoy the many continued successes of my family." ■



NOTRE DAME PREP ALUMNI

Lisa Savagian '12 (NDP) received a first-place award for her creative nonfiction story "The Death of a Boxer" as part of Columbia College Chicago's Young Authors Award 2012. Savagian was chosen over more than 300 entries from across the country in the category of Creative Nonfiction.

Ruairi McGreevy '12 (NDP) received his "shoulder boards" in August, signifying his acceptance as a full cadet into the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. McGreevy chose fellow NDP grad and Academy cadet Nick Hafner '10 (NDP) to pin one of his boards.

Alexandra Genord '11 (NDP) is entering her sophomore year at the University of Notre Dame. Over the summer, Alex completed an internship at the Vatican Museums, working in the Office of the Patrons of the Arts. The organization is responsible for all of the fundraising for the conservation and restoration of the artwork in the Holy See collection.

Matthew DePorré '11 (NDP) completed his freshman year at the University of Notre Dame studying engineering. Over the summer, Matt worked at his dad's dental practice.

Taylor Aiello '11 (NDP) completed her freshman year at the University of Michigan, where she played on the club soccer team. Taylor's team won an invitation to the collegiate club soccer championships.

Caitlin Kos '11 (NDP) is beginning her sophomore year at Grand Valley, pursuing a major in health communications with a minor in biomedical sciences. Caitlin worked at a home health care agency in Rochester over the summer.

Brandon Madden '10 (NDP) is preparing to publish his second book, entitled "Anew." The book is based on a man who can't remember his identity or past, and his struggle to recover memories.

Maureen Moynihan '10 (NDP) is finishing her second year at Ohio Northern University, majoring in the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Program. The program is six years long, and one of only nine "direct" Doctor of Pharmacy admission programs in the U.S. Maureen wrote, "Please tell Mrs. Derico that my International Baccalaureate training at NDP has really helped - especially with writing organic chemistry laboratory summations and creative writing. The IB challenge at NDP has been instrumental in my initial academic success."

Alayna Lekosiotis '09 (NDP) is a marketing major at Michigan State University, where she is also a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and the Women in Business Students Association at MSU's Broad College of Business. NDPMA recently featured Lekosiotis in an alumni profile - to view the article visit www.ndpma.org/alumniprofiles.

Matthew Dondanville '09 (NDP) recently graduated from Grand Valley State University

Alumni Notes & Info

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and moved to Bloomington, Ill., for a job with Cloudpoint Geographics, Inc. Matthew is pursuing a dual Masters degree.

Sarah Yahrmatter '09 (NDP) attends MSU and is a member of the pistol team.

Paige Aiello '09 (NDP) attends the University of Notre Dame, where she is on the women's rowing team. Paige rowed in the Second Varsity boat the last two years and in the Novice (freshman) boat her first year. Her boat has won the Big East Championship each of her first three years at ND, as has the team with overall first-place finishes. This past spring her team earned an invitation to the NCAA Division 1 National Championships (only the top 16 teams in the country are invited).

Emmalily Hoxsie '08 (NDP) participated in the Fuller Center Bike Adventure over the summer, for which she bicycled down the East Coast an average of 74 miles per day. As part of the program, Emmalily participated in Fuller Center building projects, helping build homes for the poor.

Desiree Messina '08 (NDP) attends Oakland University, where she plays lacrosse and was the team captain. Despite several injuries and setbacks, Desiree received All-League as both a sophomore and a junior, and led her team to the National Tournament this year for their third year in a row. There, Desiree was awarded All-League as a midfielder, All-American First Team, Player of the Year, and was voted a member of the National All-Tournament Team. In her spare time, Desiree coaches lacrosse for Troy High.

Caroline Drolet '08 (NDP) graduated from Albion College with a degree in psychology and a minor in art. She will be attending graduate school in Canada in the fall. Drolet was honored earlier this spring for several years of dedication to regional victims of sexual assault.

Lauren Rink '08 (NDP) interned with Target for their national "back to college" advertising campaign. Lauren was featured in a circular ad as part of the campaign.

Patricia McCormick '08 (NDP) has been accepted to Harvard Business School's MBA program. It's a four-year program: first, Patty will work for two years with her current company, Accenture, and then attend the MBA program full-time at Harvard for two years.

Sarah Burns '07 (NDP) is a Marine Corps Base Public Affairs officer. In June Sarah visited her brother, Christopher Burns '10 (NDP) while he attended Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. for the summer training program, Protamid.

Sean Murphy '07 (NDP) graduated from Gonzaga University in 2011 and recently completed a 500-hour personal training course. Chris is a NPTI and TW-CC ACPPT certified personal trainer and is hoping to work with student-athletes.

Sean Puscas '07 (NDP) graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2011 and attends medical school at Ohio State. Sean married his wife, Laura, in 2011 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of UND, and the couple resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Ashley Hall '06 (NDP) is living in Fort Worth, Tex., and working for Alcon Labs as an associate engineer.

Elizabeth Merrelli '06 (NDP) is a nurse in the St. John Providence Health System.

Dennis Strach '06 (NDP) is a Novice in the Congregation of the Holy Cross, living in Colorado. There as a seminarian, Dennis will spend a year of prayer and discernment removed from the distractions and pace of full-time work or study in order to focus on deepening his prayer life and understanding of God's call.

Felicia Guest '06 (NDP) joined the faculty at Notre Dame Marist Academy's middle division, where she is teaching seventh and eighth grade humanities classes.

Lauren Rimar '06 (NDP) taught English as a second language, and gymnastics at a private English school in Bangkok, Thailand, through August 2012. There, she also did marketing for the school.

Bryan Goudzwaard '05 (NDP) is a financial analyst for Houlihan Lokey and is living in London, UK.

Erin Welsh '05 (NDP) joined the faculty of Notre Dame Preparatory School (upper division), where she is teaching English.

David Zelinsky '05 (NDP) works for the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami as a Hurricane Model Diagnostician and Meteorologist (see IRISH News). David graduated from Purdue University, and earned his master's degree from Florida State University. In his spare time, he enjoys long-distance running and playing ice hockey.

Laressa Colasanti '04 (NDP) joined the faculty at Notre Dame Marist Academy's lower division in Waterford, where she is teaching junior kindergarten.

Leah Howdyshell '03 (NDP) is a nurse at Harper Hospital (Detroit), working with cutting-edge research on the Neurosurgery Intensive Care Unit.

Lyndsey Clements '03 (NDP) is an ER staff nurse at the DMC Surgery Hospital and a Pediatric ICU staff nurse at St. John's Hospital. Lyndsey is pursuing a master's in Nursing at Wayne State University for Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

Caryn (Naborczyk) Strzalka '03 (NDP) is a certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Beaumont Hospital in Grosse Pointe.

Amy (Nagler) Cullen '02 (NDP) is married to Steve Cullen '03 (NDP). Amy joined the faculty at Notre Dame Marist Academy's lower division, where she is student-teaching third grade.

Colleen Ellis '02 (NDP) is a nurse in Crittenton Hospital's intensive care unit (Rochester, Mich.).

Nicole Klimek '02 (NDP) is a nurse in Troy Beaumont's Cardiac Care Unit.

David Weyh '02 (NDP) "I attended Michigan State University from 2002-2006, then attended dental school at the University of Detroit-Mercy from 2007-2011. I got married in 2010 to my wife Mia Weyh. I was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force in 2007 and am now attending a one-year

advanced general dentistry residency at Travis AFB in northern California. In August 2012, I shipped out to Ramstein AB in Germany for a three-year assignment as a general dentist.

Kelly Patrello '02 (NDP) is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at St. Joseph Mercy, Ann Arbor.

Gerry Mattei '02 (NDP) and his wife Molly live in Burbank, Calif.

Julie Kherkher '01 (NDP) recently began working for Dokka Fasteners as a sales rep. Prior to that, Julie had worked for Palace Sports and Entertainment, where she was very helpful to the alumni association in planning the annual "Night at the Palace" event.

Elizabeth Hollenkamp '01 (NDP) is a pediatric oncology nurse at University of Michigan Hospital.

Jennifer (O'Rourke) Bennett '01 (NDP) is married to Anthony Bennett (also attended NDP) and they have three children: Nikolas who is 8 years old, Jacob who is 4 years old and Emily who is 3 months old. The family resides in Shelby Twp.

Dustin Rutkowski '00 (NDP) and wife **Emily (Komer) Rutkowski '00 (NDP)** opened Auto Dr. LLC in October 2012. The auto repair and maintenance shop is located in Ira Twp., Mich. Special pricing for alumni. For more information visit the Alumni Business Directory at www.ndpma.org/abdirectory.

Kala (Thomas) Parker '00 (NDP) joined the staff at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy as associate dean of admissions. Kala works alongside fellow admissions team members Gregory Simon '89 (NDHS), Emily Giacoma '02 (NDP) and Kathleen Offer.

Amanda (Younga) Knapp '00 (NDP) joined the faculty at Notre Dame Marist Academy's middle division, where she is teaching sixth and eighth grade humanities and language arts classes.

Erin Nolan '00 (NDP) is teaching for Chicago Public Schools and planning a Summer 2014 wedding to fiancé, Benjamin Strawbridge. **Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP)** has been serving as the full-time alumni director at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy since July 2011. Rachel and her husband, Tommy, live in Clarkston, Mich. and will welcome their first baby in October 2012.

Jim Gammicchia '99 (NDP) completed in May 2012 his 3-year term as President of the Notre Dame Alumni Association Board of Directors. Jim's tireless work and dedication to the alumni association is sincerely appreciated by everyone at NDPMA and we wish him well on his future endeavors!

Kyle Jackson '99 (NDP) completed his residency in pediatrics at Northwestern, and now is a physician in the neonatal intensive care unit at Northwestern. Recently, Kyle spent a month in Mwanza, Tanzania, working on the pediatric ward of their regional hospital. Next summer, he will begin his pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship at the Johns Hopkins/National Institutes of Health combined program. Kyle is engaged to Lisa Wilhelm, who is the dietician on the pediatric surgery team at Northwestern. The couple is planning a November 10 wedding in Bourbonnais, IL.

We'd love to hear from you!

Send a note to let us know what you're up to: e-mail Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP) at rmiller@ndpma.org, or visit ndpma.org/update.

Brothers, from page 10

immediately in love with the school.

"I still love it here—I love Notre Dame Prep," he says unabashedly. "Even if I had an opportunity to be transferred back east, I would still prefer to be here. It would take a lot to get me out of here."

Currently dividing his time between handling the campus mail and running the school's printing and copying department, Plourde, 67, is a definite fixture on campus. And his devotion to school athletics is legendary. Known as "super fan" at NDP, he has been a regular attendee at many, many of NDP's athletic events over the years. His enthusiasm for the school and especially for its student-athletes has contributed greatly to successes on the field and court over the past 17-plus years. In fact, the Catholic High School League honored Plourde with its "Distinguished Service Award" at the league's annual Hall of Fame banquet in 2011.

He says there are a lot of great NDP memories, especially being present for the 2007 state championship in volleyball. "It was lots of fun, huge! Fantastic season! CHSL champs too! Unbelievable!"

"In general, I hopefully have a positive impact on the kids," he said. "But the students and the parents also have always been extremely nice to me. And I can be a complete advocate and fan of the kids! As always, it's about the kids!"

He says he also enjoys his role in setting up for and participating in all the many liturgies during the school year. "I am officially the sacristan for the school."

Olszamowski sums up Plourde's devotion to the school by saying that if "Louis had his way, he would never die and always be at some event at Notre Dame Prep." Olszamowski also says that he wants Brother Louis to do the eulogy at his funeral. "I can't trust anyone else." ■

Rosnik, from page 17

find my center once more in my Catholic faith and helped me contemplate my role in the Church, my community and the world.

IRISH: What are your post-graduate plans?

ROSNIK: I plan to attend graduate school

ROSNIK: I am eager to learn, and I ask many questions in order to learn even more. I think very analytically, which often leads to substantial meditation on the topics that capture my interest. Researchers should have these qualities, and I believe I possess

variety of ways to write and read, which many students lack or forget. Taking AP courses taught me how to study and handle a lot of material at once, tasks many students struggle with when entering college. Additionally, the Catholic environment of personal responsibility

has helped me think how my actions affect others; this sense of accountability was instilled in me both at home and at NDP, and I'm very grateful for it.

IRISH: Do you have a favorite memory from Notre Dame?

ROSNIK: Kairos, hands down (or up, rather, in praise to God). On my Kairos retreat, I began to come to terms with myself and learn how important and vital other people are in my life.

IRISH: Were there any teachers at Notre Dame who particularly made an impact on you?

ROSNIK: Without Mrs. Mulrenin and Dr. Heinbuck, I never would have discovered my love for chemistry, so I am eternally indebted to them. If not for both Dr. and



Andreana Rosnik '09 (NDP), left, with colleagues in an inorganic lab class at Hope College in April. They are working on synthesizing thermoelectric materials.

and obtain a Ph.D. in physical or theoretical chemistry. After completing a postdoctoral position or two, careers as a professor, research scientist (in the private sector or government) or even scientific writer or editor sound interesting. I currently have no particular leanings towards any of these careers. I'll just see where the next five years or so take me!

IRISH: What has inspired you to pursue this path?

them. Without the science and mathematics courses I took at NDP, I might not have rediscovered my childhood love of science.

IRISH: Do you think Notre Dame prepared you to succeed?

ROSNIK: Notre Dame particularly helped me develop my written communication skills. As a TA and grading assistant for the science department, I have seen in students' writing and reports some very cryptic, dry or just plain terrible English. From AP composition and literature at NDP, I learned a

Mr. McCaskey, I never would have seen how awesome physics and calculus can be. If not for Mrs. Derico or Mr. Osiecki, I wouldn't have learned how to critically question—and respond to—human behavior and how it influences history and modern culture. Without Ms. Swieca-Brockman and Mr. Devine, I would not have given myself the chance to explore and enrich my artistic side. I could go on and on. Thanks and blessings to all teachers at NDP. ■

Alumni notes, from page 24

Meaghan (Crowe) Reiser '99 (NDP) is a commodity manager for Intel, and lives in Oregon with her husband, Joshua.

Jeff Zawacki '98 (NDP) and his wife, Farida, live in Long Beach, Calif.

Cicely Boothe-Martin '98 (NDP) lives in Montgomery, Ala., and works in the medical field.

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Whitney Robinson '98 (NDHS) was hired as the men's varsity basketball coach at Notre Dame Prep.

David Biondi '95 (NDHS) was featured in an article by the Catholic Key Online, which discussed the journey of catechumens joining the Catholic Church. From the article: "Though never baptized, Biondi, 35, is a graduate of two Notre Dames — Notre Dame High School in Detroit, and Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind. 'I've always considered myself Catholic, and I've been thinking about doing this for years,' Biondi said. 'But the busy-ness of life and launching a career in pharmaceuticals with all its travel requirements always seemed to get in the way' — until he met Abby, and she introduced him to the Rite of Christian Initiation Team at Guardian Angels Parish in Kansas City. 'I've examined my life a lot,' he said. 'It's a path that I've been led out on that I didn't even know I was on!'"

Jason Mlynarek '91 (NDHS) and his wife, Kelly, have three children: Jake, Gracie and Carter. The family lives in Macomb, Mich. Jason is a financial advisor for LPL Financial.

Anthony DeNardo '90 (NDHS) and his music group, The Muggs, toured Spain, France, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands in May and June 2012, supporting their third full-length release entitled, *Born Ugly*. This was their biggest tour yet. Denardo also released a solo album, *Kid Gloves*, under the artist name, DUDE.

Elias Khalil '88 (NDHS) co-authored a book about Detroit's Cass Corridor. The book is part of Arcadia Publishing's popular series, "Images of America," which chronicles the history of communities across the country. Each book celebrates a town or region, bringing to life the people, places and events that defined that community through historical accounts and photographs.

Paul Housey '88 (NDHS) continues work with Building Bridges, a charity organization dedicated to quality education and mentoring for children, an annual holiday gift-giving program, and children in long-term hospital care. Housey organized a golf outing to benefit the charity in July, which raised \$26,000 in scholarships for deserving children.

Eric Johnson '88 (NDHS) and his wife Koni have two children: Ethan 11 yrs. old, and Joshua 13 yrs. old, who will attend Notre Dame Marist Academy in the fall. The family lives in Clarkston, Mich.

Charles Loose '87 (NDHS) began working for the Steier Group, a fundraising consulting group out of Omaha that specializes in religious, particularly Catholic, fundraising.

Brian Brown '84 (NDHS) is living in Macomb, Mich., with his wife, Melissa, and has five children: Justin, Sean, Ethan, Alexis and Briella. He is a managing partner at Longhorn Capital Advisors, LLC.

Christopher Holsbeke '82 (NDHS) owns Holsbeke Construction in Mt. Clemens, Mich., specializing in residential and commercial concrete, masonry, waterproofing and general contracting. Chris' son, Christopher '11 (NDP) is also in the business.

Gari Ruthenberg '81 (NDHS) is a priest in the order of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Fr. Ruthenberg resides in Aurora, IL. **Michael Borders '71 (NDHS)** is married to Cheryl and has two sons, Daniel (13) and Andrew (12). The family lives in Warren.

Ronald Hebert '71 (NDHS) was hired as NDP's boys lacrosse coach in Spring 2012.

Derek Wit '70 (NDHS) and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Chapel Hill, N.C. The couple has four children: Julia Zupko, Katharine Mundorf, Elizabeth Gragg and Andrew Wit. Derek works for Nayo Technologies as a Manufacturing and Distribution Business Analyst. Derek says, "Dennis Embo and I live in the Raleigh, N.C., metropolitan area and are curious if any other ND alumni settled in the Tar Heel State?" Contact the alumni office if you'd like to get in touch with Derek and Dennis.

Rick Brown '69 (NDHS) is the vice president and treasurer of Saturn Electronics & Engineering. He lives in Macomb, Mich., with his wife, Wendy.

Frank Migliazzo '69 (NDHS) is a Merrill Lynch Private Wealth Advisor and was recently recognized on the Barron's "America's Top 1,000 Advisors: State-by-State" list, published in February 2012. Frank serves on the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan and in the past has served on the board of trustees at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy. Frank resides in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., with his wife and their three children, two of whom attend NDPMA.

Samuel Mocerri '58 (NDHS) sent a note in response to the Fr. Champagne article in the Spring issue of IRISH, "First of all let me say I am happy to see Fr. Champagne is doing well. He was a mentor to me and straightened my act out as a student, which helped me to succeed in life. I was in Fr. Champagne's Latin class as a freshman, which I failed miserably, and for my last three years was in his business classes. At the time I was 6'-6" and on the basketball team and the tallest member in the school. I remember my classmate, Robert Novak, who was required one day to stick his head in a garbage pail as punishment for being a wise guy. That was one of Fr. Champagne's punishments. When he got mad he turned red as a beet and would push up the sleeves on his cassock. In fact I received one of his love taps in the Latin class for being a wise guy. That was it for me and I never caused a problem again. My aim is to wish Fr. Champagne well and hopefully we will meet again in heaven. I will be 72 in September and there are days when he just pops into my thoughts. Fr. Champagne, I wish you well and may God bless you always." **Raymond Zess '58 (NDHS)** is retired and living in Lady Lake, Fla.

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William "Larry" Davis '84 (PC) has owned a brick-paving business for the past 15 years. After graduating from PC, he attended OCC and worked in sales and bartending. Larry has two daughters, 20 years old and 14 years old. ■

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The Notre Dame High School Class of 1962 celebrated its 50-year reunion on Thursday, August 16, in the Notre Dame Preparatory School cafeterium in Pontiac.

Special guest Father Robert Champagne, s.m., 90, a founding Marist at Notre Dame High School in 1954 and a favorite teacher of the class of '62, flew in from Massachusetts to attend. More than eighty alumni and guests enjoyed a strolling dinner while the DJ played 1950s and 60s music reminiscent of the famous ND record hops.

The class presented alumni director Rachel (Alexander) Miller '00 (NDP) with an honorary NDHS Class of 1962 diploma and named her "one of the guys of '62" in appreciation for her collaboration on the reunion event. In addition, Fr. Leon Olszamowski '65 (NDHS), president of NDPMA, was invited to give a welcome address, sharing recent updates about the school.

Special thanks to the reunion-committee members and their wives who helped make the evening a success: Jerry Alderman, Jerry Lesperance, Tom Lueck, Victor

Marrocco, Mike Petrucci and Jack Hettrick. Photos and video from the reunion are available at www.ndpma.org/photogallery and www.facebook.com/notredamealumniasociation. ■

Below, members of Notre Dame High School's Class of 1962 pose in front of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy on August 16, 2012. Fr. Champagne, seated center, was a special guest of the class at their 50-year reunion. He told the men that when they were in school, "even though I was very strict, I loved you all. I still do."



CLASS REUNIONS

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY

Class of 2002, 10-year. Saturday, November 24, 2012. Contacts: Steve Skok, Skok@doeren.com; Bill Higgins, wbhiggins@gmail.com; Teresa Elliott, Teresa.Elliott@microsoft.com; Jane Dika, jane-dika@hotmail.com.

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Class of 1963, 50-year. Date TBA, September 2013. Tentative plans for a reunion weekend include a Tigers game, dinner at a Detroit casino, and a Sunday morning Mass downtown. Contacts: John McCabe, (586) 822-5153; Don Herman, (586) 781-0220.

Class of 1965, 50-year. Being planned for 2015. Contacts: Dennis Berger, dennisaberger@aol.com, (909) 223-4483; Fr. Leon Olszamowski, lolszamowski@ndpma.org.

PONTIAC CATHOLIC

Class of 1973, 40-year. Event details are TBA. Contact: Nancy Mazza '73 (PC) at nancylmazza@yahoo.com.

ST. FREDERICK

2012 All-Class Reunion. Sunday, September 9, 2012. Old school building available for morning touring. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul church in Pontiac. Luncheon to follow at Santia Hall in Keego Harbor. Tickets available at Kennedy's Irish Pub on W. Huron St. in Waterford, or contact Jim Russell at 248-363-4209, or st_freds_alumni@yahoo.com.

ST. MICHAEL

2012 All-Class Reunion.

Sunday, September 16, 2012. Mass at Shrine of St. Joseph in Pontiac. Reunion celebration at Scott Lake Banquet Center in Waterford. Special recognition for classes of 1942, 1952 and 1962. Reservations required. Reservation form available at www.ndpma.org/reunions.

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