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A WORD FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR



Upon the completion of my first few months as the new director of alumni relations, I am even more excited than ever and looking forward to the many opportunities to connect with all of you! The traditions and love of this institution displayed by all who call themselves Irish inspire me and confirm my decision to take this position. In my short time, I already have been able to connect with so many of you and look forward to sharing in the friendships and camaraderie in the days to come.

I am thrilled to build upon the strong foundation that has been set before me and look forward to the opportunity to take the Notre Dame Alumni Association to the next level. The energy on campus is high; I can even feel it outside of my office window, which overlooks the lower division playground.

The passion I have seen since being on campus comes from all faculty, staff, families and students. It's contagious! And it motivates me that much more to work hard and live the Notre Dame mission in my daily life.

If you haven't had a chance to reconnect with Notre Dame lately, I invite you to come back for a visit. No matter what building you attended in high school, you will be welcomed back to get a chance to feel a part of this amazing mission. Whether you come back for a tour, homecoming or to watch a sporting event, our doors are always open. The alumni office is now housed in the Fr. Colin House located right next to the lower division academic building. Stop by and see me anytime; I would love to meet you.

I consider myself extremely blessed with the opportunity to serve you and will forever cherish my new Notre Dame family.

Irish blessings,

Beth Campbell
Director of Alumni Relations

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

Dear Alumni,

There have been many significant changes to Notre Dame over the last 15 months, including the move of the lower division to 1425 Giddings Road (across the street from the main campus) and the move toward independence through the purchase of the buildings and assets at 1300 Giddings from the Archdiocese of Detroit (page 11). These changes are important for all alumni, including those of us who graduated from Notre Dame on 20254 Kelly Road and those of us who were graduates of St. Michael, St. Frederick, Pontiac Catholic or Oakland Catholic.



These moves are designed to ensure an on-going Catholic presence in southeast Michigan and the continuation of the Marist teaching tradition for future generations of students.

While there have been many changes, there are many things that have remained the same. Our teachers continue to dedicate their lives to the education of students, even though they could often make more money elsewhere. Our students continue to learn in a highly respected academic institution, where respect for self and others is emphasized on a daily basis. We continue to offer Mass, confession, prayer and faith-based counseling on a regular basis. Our goal is to develop well-balanced students prepared for life. Our mission is to form Christian persons, upright citizens and academic scholars.

I am always amazed at the quality of our academic product, which is quickly achieving both national and international acclaim. The 166 members of the class of 2014, as an example, earned a record \$14.7 million in scholarships and grants and were accepted to more than 150 different colleges and universities across the nation, including Princeton, the University of Michigan and the University of Notre Dame.

As the prestige of the institution grows, so should your pride as alumni. As one board member recently stated, "We want to grow the Notre Dame brand to the point where students include Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy along with their respective colleges on their job applications and resumes. We want a Notre Dame education to mean something for our alums."

I was a graduate of Notre Dame High School in 1984 and have been a member of the administration team at Notre Dame Prep and Marist Academy for nearly a decade. My pledge to alums is that I will do everything I can to continue to help steward this great institution to the best of my ability for as long as I can.

We have many exciting plans for the future, but we will need the support of those who have benefited from our Marist or Catholic education in order to realize these plans. And, as always, we continue to open our doors and invite all alumni to contact or visit whenever they can.

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Guest '84 (NDHS)

2014 Homecoming and 5K Fun Run/Walk



Homecoming Game: Friday, October 3

Alumni tent celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3.

Buffet served at 7 p.m.

Varsity football game vs. Fr. Gabriel Richard at 7:30 p.m.

William Kozyra Alumni Field

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy

Free game admission for all alumni!

Look forward to seeing you at NDP's Homecoming football game and alumni tent celebration, Friday, October 3, at Notre Dame Prep's William Kozyra Alumni Field. The Irish will face Fr. Gabriel Richard HS. Alumni tent festivities to begin around 7:00 p.m. Plan to join us for a fun-filled, family-friendly evening! There will be free barbeque food, drinks and a premium, sideline view of the game for all of our alumni and their guests.

5K Fun Run/Walk: Saturday, October 4

This year's homecoming celebration will include a new event on Saturday morning, October 4, at 8 a.m. when the alumni association will be hosting the first ever **5K Fun Run/Walk** on the campus of Notre Dame. Sign up by visiting the [alumni page at ndpma.org](http://alumni.page.at/ndpma.org).

If you are interested in volunteering on the homecoming event-planning committee, please email Beth Campbell at bcampbell@ndpma.org. ■

Notre Dame's annual fund sets multiple records

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy announced this summer that it has raised a record \$471,372 in unrestricted gifts when its 2014 Notre Dame Annual Fund closed June 30.

The fund total, which comprises gifts from nearly 1,000 alumni, parents, faculty and other friends of the school, represents a 10 percent increase over 2013 and is the highest amount in school history. More than 300 alumni combined for \$50,000+, and ND Prep alumni giving tripled.

"The dollars raised will support today's Notre Dame students in the form of classroom enhancements, extracurricular activities and financial aid," said Gregory Simon '89 (NDHS), director of the Notre Dame Fund. "In addition, it will be applied to continuing teacher development and allow us to more fully support our areas of greatest need."

Simon notes that the number of gifts from alumni also set a record

with a 2.5 percent increase over last year's number, which itself was substantially higher than in any previous annual fund period at NDPMA.

Notre Dame alum Joseph Sobota ('95), a high-ranking administration official in the City of Pontiac, quite clearly appreciates his Notre Dame and Catholic experience. He is a product of Catholic education from preschool through undergraduate school and says he is fortunate that his parents sacrificed to send him to parochial schools and to Notre Dame.

Sobota stresses, however, that it's important for those who benefited from a Notre Dame education to give back. "My motivation for contributing to Notre Dame Prep," he says, "is to ensure that an exceptional Catholic and Marist education will still be possible for others well into the future." ■



Gregory Simon '89 (NDHS) is director of the Notre Dame Fund.

Notre Dame grads match record in academic scholarships and grants



On May 18, 2014, students in the Notre Dame Prep Class of 2014 received their diplomas, marking the end of their high school career and the beginning of a college career.

According to the latest data compiled by Notre Dame's counseling office, more than \$14.7 million in college/university academic scholarships and grants have been offered to the Notre Dame Prep graduating class, which numbered 166 students. This \$88,000+ per-student average matches the record per-student average from last year, which topped the previous 18 NDP graduating classes.

Many colleges and universities will welcome Notre Dame's Class of 2014 in the fall, including Princeton, the University of Michigan and the University of Notre Dame. New York University and Northwestern also will see Notre Dame Prep grads among their new students this fall.

The 2014 graduating class, which for the third year in a row averaged 27 on the ACT, also logged more than 12,000 hours in community service—once again proving that besides turning out academic scholars, Notre Dame continues to graduate “Christian people and upright citizens.”

Notre Dame student art delivered to Haiti

ND Prep IB and AP art students with big hearts share their talent globally with orphans in Haiti through the internationally recognized Memory Project.

Last school year, as part of the worldwide Memory Project, a number of Notre Dame Prep juniors in the International Baccalaureate and AP art programs created portraits of and for Haitian children who were affected by the devastating 2010 earthquake or who have experienced substantial hardship in their young lives. Many of the children live in orphanages in Haiti and eagerly await the delivery of the art.

Ben Schumaker, founder and director of the Memory Project, which is headquartered in Wisconsin, said when Notre Dame's portraits were delivered, the kids were very excited.

“In total, our team members delivered the Notre Dame portraits to four orphanages,” he said. “At one, which cares for children who lost their parents in the earthquake of 2010, many children had been sent to visit their relatives for the school holiday.”

A video showing the portrait deliveries is available here: www.memoryproject.org/Haiti14.

Sandy LewAllen, who is chair of Notre Dame's art department, told her students that they are truly living the school mission, “By giving of your talents for those in need, you are making a difference in the lives of these orphans,” she said. “I am so proud of all of you



for wanting to do this project and doing it with your hearts.”

Another NDP student with a perfect ACT, sixth from Notre Dame since 2009



Michael Soisson, who is a senior at Notre Dame Preparatory School, has scored a perfect 36 on his ACT — the highest score available — and he is now the sixth Notre Dame student since 2009 to achieve such perfection.

According to test administrator ACT, Inc., less than one-tenth of 1 percent of all test takers earn the top score.

The ACT comprises four sections — English, math, reading and science — that are each scored on a scale of 1 to 36. A student's composite score is the average of the four individual scores. Last year, the national average was about 21. Of the 1.8 million students who took the exam, only 1,162 earned a 36.

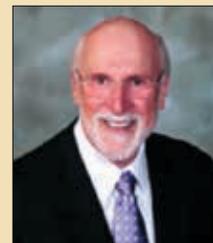
In 2012, Notre Dame's Eric LaRose and Michael's brother, Joe Soisson, each earned a perfect 36 on their ACT tests. In 2011, Matt Siatczynski scored a 36. In 2010, Jon Sheperd scored a 36, and Ryan McIntosh, who graduated from NDP in 2009, also achieved a 36 on his ACT.

Notre Dame alum releases important research on automotive OEM/supplier relationships

John W. Henke, Jr., Ph.D., '58 (NDHS) has just released a groundbreaking study that measures the costs related to poor supplier relationships. Research by his company, Planning Perspectives, Inc., proves and predicts a direct cause-effect relationship between an automotive OEM's supplier relations and the OEM's profitability or, in other words, an automaker's return on supplier relations.

“Our study proves that the most significant economic impact a supplier has on its OEM customers' profits comes from the non-price-related benefits it brings to the automaker,” said Henke.

Henke's findings were released in August at this year's Center for Automotive Research Management Briefing Seminars in Traverse City, Mich.



John Henke, Jr., Ph.D., is a 1958 graduate of Notre Dame.

Notre Dame IB graduation rate again surpasses worldwide and U.S. averages

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy announced this summer that 85 percent of those enrolled in the school's International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP) have successfully received an IB diploma, again beating the worldwide average of 78 percent and the U.S. average of 70 percent. Last year, 100% of Notre Dame's DP students earned the IB diploma, a rare accom-



plishment for IB schools worldwide.

In addition to the Diploma Programme, which is for students in the upper school, NDPMA offers the International Baccalaureate curriculum to students in its lower and middle schools.

This year, more than 135,000 students from over 141 countries participated in the examination session for the DP, which is known for its extremely high academic rigor. They join a community of more than one million DP graduates across the world. The marks are internationally moderated so that the same standards apply everywhere.

NDP boys lacrosse with highest GPA in Michigan



Five from Notre Dame Prep have been named to the Michigan High School Lacrosse Association's boys all-state list in Division 2. Peter Eichorn, Ian Genord, Jake Jeszke, Reid Siano and Mark Thierbacker earned spots on the list based on their 2014 season.

In addition, according to MHSLCA, the Notre Dame team earned the highest overall grade point average in the entire state of Michigan with a 3.966, besting teams from many other elite private and public schools. NDP's Eichhorn, Hunter Hoenschied and Thierbacker also were named to the individual academic all-state list for Division 2.

Notre Dame Prep ended its 2014 season with a 13-6 record after falling in the state regionals to East Grand Rapids.

NDHS alum helps raise \$30,000 for scholarship fund

More than \$30,000 was raised at the 19th annual Building Bridges Golf Outing on July 24 at the Greystone Golf Club in Romeo, Mich. Proceeds from the event, along with other donations received throughout the year, will help fund 20 full-ride scholarships at Notre Dame Prep at an annual cost of more than \$125,000.

"Most of the scholarship recipients are from Pontiac. They are always talented young men and women, yet without financial means," said Building Bridges founder Paul Housey, who is a Notre Dame High School alum, Class of 1988. "NDP is an incredible partner to Building Bridges, covering half of the total tuition cost and making the outreach to these financially challenged families a core part of its mission."

The Building Bridges organization's work has included helping to educate school children through its school-based program, ongoing mentoring activities with children at Christ Child House in Detroit and an annual holiday gifting program that provides hundreds of gifts to children whose families cannot afford even a single gift.

According to Housey, Building Bridges also recognizes that thousands of caring adults in the area are looking for a way to give back to their community by sharing their time, talents, knowledge, experience, hard work and positive spirit with these children.

NDP International Baccalaureate student does missionary work in Ghana

During the summer, NDP senior and International Baccalaureate student Stephanie Stoneback spent a few weeks in Ghana in West Africa as part of a youth missionary group. She and her fellow missionaries brought much-needed water, education, the Gospel and, most importantly, hope to many young people in this impoverished country of 27 million. Stoneback writes about her experience:



Notre Dame Prep senior and International Baccalaureate student Stephanie Stoneback is with young students in Ghana.

"This summer I took the trip of a lifetime to serve the people of Ghana, Africa. With 40 other missionaries from across the nation, I traveled to Kumasi, Ghana, Africa. For several weeks, we visited schools, orphanages, villages and churches all throughout the area.

"We dedicated, prayed over and opened 40 boreholes and hand-pump wells across Kumasi to help bring water to the people living there. Additionally, we designed a curriculum for the schools that would teach students not to give up on their dreams.

"Finally, we were able to engage in ministry, spreading the Gospel of the Lord to people who had never heard of it before. We had the opportunity to pray for people of all ages who had needs ranging from improvement in education to eye disease.

"This trip truly opened my eyes to a different culture and a wider perspective of the world, one that I have been learning about throughout my time in the IB program here at Notre Dame Prep. I was able to immerse myself into a completely unknown lifestyle where clean water and a soccer ball from a dollar store are more valuable than a million dollars to an American.

"I had the ability to connect with so many young people and witness the tears that poured down their faces as they watched the first droplets of water emerge from a brand new borehole. I was able to talk to the committed teachers of the Ghanaian schools about their curriculum and it inspired me even more to pursue my personal dream of going into education.

"Praying for children, bonding with them by dancing and playing soccer, giving them advice, learning their language and seeing the light in their eyes as they smiled are moments I will never forget. I strongly recommend taking a mission trip or a studying abroad to anyone who is interested!"

School and NDHS alum/coach have starring roles in university video

Notre Dame Prep and its boys basketball program provide the backdrop for a recently released video produced by Central Michigan University to promote its high-profile alumni.

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Bryson's bands

Exclusive interviews fill out a review of a number of the bands Fr. Bryson booked at Notre Dame in the 60s and 70s.

In March of this year, a panoply of legendary Detroit rock musicians gathered at the Premiere Center in Chesterfield Township to celebrate the life of rock poster artist Gary Grimshaw and the music of the 60s and 70s. Members of the bands SRC, the Rationals, the Frost and Savage Grace among many others performed songs from that era to benefit the family of Grimshaw, who died in January at the age of 67.

What was remarkable about that night, along with the pleasure for those in attendance of once again hearing such musicians as Gary Quackenbush, Scott Morgan and Dick Wagner, was that it could very well have been a reunion of bands that at one time graced Fr. John Bryson's cafeteria stage at Notre Dame High School.

In the documentary "Louder Than Love: The Grande Ballroom Story," an award-winning 2012 documentary that featured the gritty, raw sound of Detroit music from 1966 to 1972, the Motor City was heralded as the world's epicenter of creative, edgy rock with bands such as the Amboy Dukes, Frijid Pink and the Frost.

The movie focused on the Grande, but there was a huge scene elsewhere in Detroit and its suburbs that allowed both the "long hairs" and the clean-cut, high-school boys and girls experience the dynamic Detroit music scene.

Fr. Bryson, the "DJ priest" from Notre Dame, who died in 2012 at the age of 87, certainly did his part. So let's allow Chuck Miller, lead guitarist and founder of the band Holy Smoke, to sum up Bryson's efforts back in the day: "Fr. Bryson should be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame!"

Miller and a couple of other Detroit rock luminaries, including Frost frontman Wagner, who died July 30, were interviewed in early summer by IRISH magazine about their memories of those early years and playing at teen clubs and schools like Notre Dame.

What follows is a summary of a handful of the bands that played regular dates for Bryson

at Notre Dame in the late 60s and early 70s. We are skipping most of the more nationally renowned groups that played occasionally at NDHS.

Through Bryson's influence and reputation, he managed to book appearances by the likes of the Supremes, Stevie Wonder, Bob Seger and Marvin Gaye. But the bread and butter of Notre Dame's Friday or Saturday night teen scene were the groups playing for the few bucks they were paid and looking for their own big break.

LEGENDARY GUITARIST REMEMBERS NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

The Frost was one of the most popular Michigan bands of the late 1960s. Led by guitarist, singer, and songwriter extraordinaire Dick Wagner, the group seemed poised to achieve national recognition with a collection of songs that were both heavy and tuneful. But the group was saddled with a record company that undercut its recordings with inadequate distribution and a lack of promotion that severely

As an example of the kind of talent brought in by Fr. Bryson for concerts, here is a schedule snapshot taken from July 1969 to January 1972 of bands that played at Notre Dame. These shows were in addition to the regular dances held every Friday at NDHS. Bryson was one busy priest!

Freewood: 7/08/69

Wilson Mower Pursuit, Madrigal: 7/11/69

Mixed Generation: 7/25/69

Head Over Heels, Chip Stevens Blues Band: 9/05/69

The Third Power: 9/12/69

Savage Grace: 10/3/69 (two shows)

Toby Redd: 10/10/69

Wilson Mower Pursuit: 10/26/69

Frijid Pink: 5/22/70

Comstock Lode: 9/11/70

Frost, The Free, Plain Brown Wrapper: 6/12/70

The Freeman James Band: 8/28/70

Comstock Lode: 9/11/70

Dilemma: 9/18/70

Insanity's Horse: 9/25/70

The Frost, The Free, Universal Family: 10/2/70

Toby Redd: 10/9/70

Truth: 10/19/70

The Third Power, Plain Brown Wrapper, The Rumor: 10/30/70

SRC, All The Lonely People, Insanity's Horse, Virgin Dawn: 11/20/70

The Früt, Julia: 8/06/71

Jonathan Round: 9/10/71

Jonathan Round, Still Eyes: 9/17/71

Springwell, The Rumor: 10/8/71

Briar: 10/15/71

Freedom Street: 10/29/71

The Wizard: 12/3/71

The Freeman James Band: 12/10/71

Dilemma: 1/14/72

hampered the Frost's attempts to break big outside Michigan.

Dick Wagner was born in Oelwein, Iowa, in 1942. After his family moved to Michigan,

Wagner grew up in the musical hotbed of southeastern Michigan. Like many teens in the 50s, he was turned on by the new sound of rock and roll. His love of Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Elvis Presley,

Jerry Lee Lewis and other early greats inspired him to pick up the guitar.

Completely self-taught, Wagner first played guitar in a Waterford, Mich., band called the Invictas. The band achieved local success, and was considered good enough to back Jerry Lee Lewis at a roller rink in Ortonville and Roy Orbison at the Devil's Lake Pavilion near Adrian in 1960. Wagner next joined a popular Detroit-area club band called the Eldorados as their lead guitarist and later formed the Playboys after moving to Saginaw.

After changing the band name to the Bossmen, the group recorded and distributed its first single, "Take a Look (My Friend)," on its own record label. The catchy Beatles-inspired song was played regularly on Saginaw-area radio stations, and the Bossmen became a local hit.

As a result of recording and appearances on the emerging teen club circuit, the Bossmen began to rapidly develop a fan base around the state. Wagner did most of the songwriting for the Bossmen, and he produced a batch of popular radio-friendly singles including, "Here's



Frost founder Dick Wagner, front, with members of the band in 1969.

Congratulations," "Help Me Baby," "Bad Girl," "Wait and See," and "On the Road" during the next three years on a variety of self-owned labels.

A couple of changes to the band in terms of personnel and names led to it finally being called the Frost in 1968.

The first big splash for the Frost in the Detroit area came at an outdoor concert in front of a crowd of over 10,000 at the Meadow Brook Theatre. The concert also featured the MC5 and the Stooges, but the Frost stole the show with its combination of heavy guitars, melodic songs and great vocals.

"It was fantastic. The kids loved us and the crowds were energetic."

Dick Wagner of the Frost on playing at NDHS

The Frost also played local Detroit-area clubs and high schools, including Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. IRISH magazine interviewed Wagner on June 13 from his home in Arizona, perhaps one of his last interviews before he died July 30. He said he definitely recalls playing Notre Dame.

"It was fantastic. The kids loved us and the crowds were energetic," Wagner said. "We also were playing at places like the Grande Ballroom during that time. We were playing all original music and the people loved it. There was nothing better than that."

When asked if he thought the crowds at

high schools were better behaved than those at the

Grande, he said, "Well you know, kids will be kids. What they did outside, I wouldn't know, but inside they were very energetic, well-behaved."

The band was at the peak of its popularity in Michigan during 1969 after releasing the album "Frost Music" on Vanguard Records, and they served as an opening act for many major artists playing in Detroit including Blind Faith, John Mayall and Three Dog Night. The album's centerpiece, a combination of "Take My Hand/Mystery Man," was a staple on Detroit's FM stations for months. Unfortunately, when the musicians played outside Michigan, they found they were getting virtually no promotion from Vanguard Records, which was not doing a very good job of getting their album into record stores.

The Frost ultimately broke up in 1972 and Wagner went on to form a number of other bands with limited success. He later signed on with Alice Cooper and Lou Reed, providing both songwriting and guitar playing for the internationally recognized musicians as well as with Aerosmith, Peter Gabriel, Etta James, Rod Stewart, Tina Turner, Ringo Starr, Guns & Roses, Tori Amos and, yes, even Frank Sinatra.

Wagner died on July 30 in Scottsdale, Ariz., succumbing to respiratory failure after two weeks in intensive care following a cardiac procedure.

BAND ALSO PLAYED AT VFW HALL IN HARPER WOODS

SRC, another mainstay in southeast Michigan's garage band scene and an occasional Notre Dame stage presence in the 1960s, had roots in Motown, the soul music blasting out of Detroit, and the British Invasion bands led by the Beatles. Billy Lee and the Rivieras (soon to be renamed Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels) was one of the first successful garage bands in the Motor City to feature a lead singer. The band first gained a name for itself at The Village, one of Detroit's early music clubs located on Woodward Avenue.

One of the few bands on the scene in 1963 that highlighted a singer was the Tremelos, out of Birmingham, Mich. With John Boyles on lead vocals and bass, E. G. Clawson on drums, 14-year-old Gary Quackenbush on lead guitar, and his brother Glenn on keyboards,



Wagner performs a solo at a benefit concert a few years ago. He died July 30 of respiratory failure at the age of 71.

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Traveling man

Larry Aubert '64 (NDHS) with his friend, Lillie, at the Taktsang Monastery in Paro, Bhutan.

1964 alum Larry Aubert has been to 95 countries, give or take. . .

Retired chemical engineer Larry Aubert '64 (NDHS) has lived in one place—Cincinnati—for more than 30 years. He still lives there. But he is far from being a homebody. Very far, usually. Aubert and his friend, Lillie, recently returned from a trip to Indonesia, which included stops in Java, Bali, the Komodo Islands and Taiwan. In fact, Taiwan is the 95th country he's visited, give or take—there are so many, he's not quite sure.

But what it seems he is pretty sure about is that his love for traveling began when he was a kid, even before Notre Dame High School. "Our family always traveled when my dad had vacation," Aubert said. "He did not use his vacation time to finish household chores. He packed up the family and a tent, picked some part of the country and we were off on a camping trip. I did the same as I raised my own kids. Now, since I have more time and money after retirement, I just expanded my travels throughout the world."

FROM U-M TO P&G

Back in Michigan, though—actually way back—after he graduated from the University of Michigan in the late 60s with a degree in chemical engineering, Aubert started a 33-year career at Procter & Gamble, which brought him south to Cincinnati, location of the company's world headquarters. He spent his entire professional career in research and development at P&G, primarily in the health care and personal care areas. He started in process development where he formulated new products such as Sure aerosol antiperspirant. After a number of years in process, he said he moved into P&G's package-development area and worked on brands such as Crest toothpaste and Scope mouthwash.

"I was responsible for the development of all packaging components—from tubes, bottles, closures, labels, etc., to cartons and shipping containers," Aubert said. "I also worked on the big transition in packaging from glass to plastic, designed child-resistant packaging and even got involved with developing internal P&G training classes for specific technologies within the company. I'm particularly proud of the fact that I was able to mentor quite a few new hires and summer interns over the years at P&G and was able to witness and also contribute to the big technology change from paper systems to computers."

Aubert wasn't the first nor the last in his family to do such work. He said his father, his uncle, a brother and even his son were all trained as chemical engineers.

THE "GEORGE PIERROT" OF CINCINNATI

Many older alums might remember the "World Adventure Series" with host George Pierrot that aired in the 60s and 70s on local Detroit TV. Pierrot took viewers to some of the world's most exotic places. Aubert can't say for sure whether that program also may have contributed to his love for travel, but it probably had something to do with it.

And like Pierrot, Aubert has publicly presented travelogues of his many trips and recently started to post videos on YouTube. He says he has more than 60,000 photos and videos on file from his travels.

So after visiting nearly 100 different countries during his travels, surely he had a favorite or two. We asked. "I really do have difficulties in favoring one place over another because each country is unique," he said. "However, I've particularly enjoyed my recent trips to Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Botswana and Antarctica. These cultures and landscapes are so different from what we see in this country that it makes a lasting impression on anyone who visits, including me."

He said Nepal and Bhutan were rugged, primarily agricultural societies, but seemed very peaceful compared to our modern world. "And the people are what always amaze me. They are friendly, outgoing and willing to share what little they have. Burma overwhelms one with the thousands of temples. People in small villages are living the same lifestyle that their ancestors were living hundreds of years ago.

Antarctica also had many highlights for Aubert with the massive penguin population, old whaling stations, research stations, and massive ice floes that in some cases were measured in miles. "And the safaris in Africa were nothing like I'd ever experienced," he said.

Aubert says the foods he's eaten on his trips were as exotic sometimes as the the countries themselves. "I've eaten three-inch-long grubs, guinea pigs, kangaroo, plus numerous small insects, including beetles, grasshoppers and a few other unidentified creatures." Yum!

NOTRE DAME MEMORIES

Aubert has many fond memories of his time at Notre Dame High School and like most alumni was very sad to see the school close in 2005. He says he vividly remembers and enjoyed Mr. Raymond and his math classes. "I joined the math club, learned to use a slide rule and earned eight credit hours of college calculus with him," he said. "Yes, I was a nerd, but I never missed a football game and was always proud to be a Notre Dame student." ■

NOTRE DAME TAKES A BIG STEP FORWARD

In a deal worked out over 18 months with the Archdiocese of Detroit, Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy has become an independent Catholic school by virtue of its purchase of a majority of the property and assets on its Pontiac campus.

NDPMA Head of School Fr. Leon M. Olszamowski '65 (NDHS) said the ownership change is intended to ensure "the continuation of Catholic education and the Marist Fathers and Brothers' apostolic mission at the school for future generations of southeast Michigan families."

Under this arrangement, according to Olszamowski, the school's Board of Trustees has total fiduciary and oversight responsibility of the school. "The Marist Fathers will continue to administer the school in the name of the board and is charged by the Archbishop with maintaining the Catholicity of the school," he said.

As a result of the transaction, ownership of the property (64 acres), buildings and assets of the school has been transferred from the AOD to a Michigan nonprofit, tax-exempt educational corporation called Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy, which will be governed by the board. The Catholic sponsorship and educational-program management by the Marist Fathers continue at the school as before. All academic, athletic, art and other programs—as well as the school's administration, faculty and staff—also continue without change.

Olszamowski said the agreement was a critical part of the school's strategic plan developed and released two years ago by the Board of Trustees. "It is a major step forward that will help us achieve our key initiatives and further strengthen an already strong academic institution."

Not included in the deal with the archdiocese is land already owned by the Marist Fathers of Detroit, Inc., which was gifted to the new non-profit entity. The tennis courts, the recently constructed lower-division building and the advancement offices (20,000 sq. ft. total building space) are located on those nearly 20 acres of land.

The Marist Fathers and Brothers have been sponsoring the mission at Notre Dame in Pontiac since 1994 when the Archbishop of Detroit, Adam Cardinal Maida, asked the Boston-based order to take over the campus, which closed as Oakland Catholic High School in June of that year. Maida made the offer to the Marists based on the academic reputation of Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods, also operated by the Marists at that time. The site originally was built as Pontiac Catholic Central High School in 1968, when two Pontiac-area schools, St. Michael and St. Frederick, merged. In 1988, the school was renamed Oakland Catholic, but the new name did not revive enrollment and the school closed in June 1994.

Fr. Joe Hindelang, '68 (NDHS) who is principal of the high school, said Notre Dame will continue its ties to the archdiocese as an approved outlet for teaching the Catholic faith. "Also, the Marists' main mission of education will continue at NDPMA," he said. "We have been in the U.S. for more than 150 years and education has been one of our main missions from the beginning."

Andy Guest '84 (NDHS), executive vice president and director for advancement for NDPMA, said one of the biggest changes as a result of the transaction is that now Notre Dame is controlled by a 22-member school board that has more power to set policy and control financial decisions. "In the past, the board had a more advisory role," he said. "This means the Marist administrators will not have to worry as much about the financial decisions, but will have the freedom to focus on academics and religious education at the school."

Included in the acquisition are the athletic fields and the buildings that house the school's middle and upper divisions, the Jim Grimaldi Athletic Center, Beverly Gifford Music Center and Betty Wroubel Athletic Performance Center, all totaling about 153,000 sq. ft. of building space. ■

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Princeton and Harvard grad says Notre Dame debate experience informed career choice



Above: Nick Pilchak '00 (NDP) outside of his San Diego office. At right, Pilchak with wife, Kristin, and at his office with son, Michael.



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prosecutor

NDP's foundation of faith helped keep him grounded in religion when others tried to discourage

Nick Pilchak graduated from Notre Dame Prep in 2000. He matriculated to Princeton University for his degree in politics, then got a JD from Harvard. But it was his experience at Notre Dame, and most especially his time on the debate team, that helped lead him to his current position as assistant U.S. attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California in San Diego. Also, he says, a couple of California girls had something to do with it.

When Pilchak was a freshman at Notre Dame, Norm Kotarski was starting a debate team and asked Pilchak if he wanted to join. "I spent four years at NDP arguing with other high school kids as well as debate coaches (our own, those from other schools), judges, my family and innocent bystanders," he said. "I wasn't very good at it, but I enjoyed it a lot."

He says high school debate also created just the right personality imbalance so that when he got to Princeton and went to an exhibition debate where four college kids spent an hour brilliantly (and viciously, he notes) one-upping each other about some random subject, he thought, "These are my people."

Pilchak cautions, though, with tongue firmly in cheek. "A word to any older alums with high school-age children: Don't consider letting your kids join the debate team unless you're willing to run the very serious risk that they will grow up to become attorneys. I've seen it happen too many times."

For Pilchak, however, nothing compares to arguing on one's feet against an intelligent and motivated opponent. "One of the most refreshing things about my current job is that I get to do it day in and day out—and on behalf of the United States of America, which is a pretty good client."

"TOO SMART" TO BE RELIGIOUS

When Pilchak first got to Princeton, it was bit of a surprise for him that his Catholic faith, which was so much a part of his Notre Dame Prep education, turned out to be such big help to him as a college student. As a member of the university's debate team, Pilchak traveled often to other colleges on the debate circuit. He sometimes wore his Catholic faith on his sleeves and more than once encountered comments about how he was "too smart" to be religious.

"Of course, it was relatively easy to be Catholic at a Catholic high school like Notre Dame where doing something else made you the exception," he says. "It was much different at college. Traveling to other schools and debating at Princeton, people seemed genuinely puzzled about my adherence to my religion. The well of confidence and competence in the faith that NDP helped build up in me was

one of the pillars I leaned on in a time when many people encouraged me to walk away from it."

BUILDING CHARACTER

Another major contribution that Notre Dame made for Pilchak was what he says was the long, thankless process of teaching him to write.

"Many schools, even good ones, don't focus much on writing," he said. "For example, I married someone—I won't mention her name because she spoke with me on condition of anonymity—who writes very well but went through 22 years of school without ever diagramming a sentence. I can't remember now whether that particular practice was inflicted on me at NDP or earlier in grade school, but I consider it a badge of honor. Now, for the rest of my life, in an emergency situation I can rely on pure instinct to figure out which word is modified by the preposition.

"But seriously, if any of my English teachers are reading this, don't let these quotes fool you. Many people consider me a decent writer. Some of them even speak English as their first language!"

Math, he says, was a different animal altogether. "With apologies to Mr. Borton, another one of the best teachers I've ever had, I didn't use the math I learned at NDP for one minute after I got out of calculus my senior year," he said. "But I'm still glad I took the class, because now that I'm a father, I'm required to believe in 'character-building experiences.'"

CALIFORNIA GIRLS

IRISH asked Pilchak what brought him to California in the first place. "Girls," he says without hesitation. "Two girls in particular—my wife, Kristin, and our daughter, Elizabeth." Pilchak and his wife have been living and working in California since 2012 after he left a large law firm in Boston to take an assistant U.S. attorney position in San Diego. The fact that Kristin was born and raised in San Diego made the move an easy decision. Plus, they had a one-year-old daughter (Elizabeth) at the time with a son soon to follow. Having one set of grandparents close by—well, it just seemed like the perfect move for them.

"I do miss Michigan, though," Pilchak says. "It feels very strange to raise children who only know snowmen from the movie 'Frozen.' But Elizabeth's little brother Michael has inflicted so much damage on our house, I doubt that we'd be able to sell it even if we wanted to move."

MADE A DIFFERENCE

When asked about a teacher or teachers who may have made a big impact on him while at Notre Dame, Pilchak again doesn't hesitate.

"My favorite teacher would have to be Norm Kotarski, who also was my debate coach. He contributed so much to my high school experience and was clearly so invested in the success and development of his students. He believed in me, and I'm grateful for that. That said, there were lots of excellent teachers when I was there—and I'm sure there still are. [Editor's note: Yes, many!] All of them made a tremendous difference in my education and my life." ■

The video is available online here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mnpdTOnwo>.

A film crew from CBS Detroit was on the Notre Dame campus in June to record an interview with NDP head boys basketball coach Whitney Robinson.



Whitney Robinson '98 (NDHS) begins his third season as NDP head basketball coach.

Robinson graduated from Notre Dame in Harper Woods in 1998 and went on to Central where he played basketball for the Chippewas before graduating in 2003. ND Prep hired Robinson in 2012 to head its basketball program.

During the interview, Robinson said getting the basketball job at NDP was a dream come true. Coming from the environment at Notre Dame in Harper Woods to Notre Dame in Pontiac, he said, "was completely seamless."

"I love what I'm doing here and truly appreciate the opportunity to instill the same values and work ethic I learned at Notre Dame in these young men here in Pontiac," he added.

Notre Dame alum musician performs at the Fr. Colin House

Notre Dame alum and recording artist Stephanie Hamood stopped by the Notre Dame Alumni Association office on June 23, 2014, and performed four songs for a small group gathered in the main room of the Fr. Colin House on the campus of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy.



Hamood's performance is the first of the alumni association's recorded "Colin House Concerts Series," in which Notre Dame students and alumni are invited to play in an intimate setting on the school's Pontiac campus. Video is available on the NDPMA website.

A 2010 Notre Dame Prep graduate, Hamood was back in the Detroit area from Nashville, where she spends time playing in clubs and small concert halls. Lately, she has been performing with the band Blue Mountain Belle, which Hamood formed with guitarist Nick Bourgeau. The band also recently performed at the Magic Bag in Ferndale in early June.

ND Prep gets accolades from state for sportsmanship



The Michigan High School Athletic Association has notified Notre Dame Preparatory School that its athletic program had demonstrated "positive sportsmanship throughout the entire 2013-14 school year," putting the program in rare company.

According to John E. Roberts, executive director of MHSAA, the association received zero negative officials' reports of concern, ejection or sportsmanship about Notre Dame Prep during the previous school year. "It is a credit to your student-athletes, coaches, administration, staff and community for demonstrating such positive sportsmanship throughout the entire school year," Roberts said. Such an accomplishment is very rare, according to school officials.

More than 470 MHSAA member schools in Michigan received at least one report of concern, most with two or more. Teams eligible for

evaluation included varsity, JV, freshman and seventh- and eighth-grade teams, which were monitored by MHSAA during the 2013-14 seasons. Schools are evaluated in a number of categories, including officials'-reported concerns along with player ejections, coach ejections and fan misbehavior.

Two Notre Dame alums and booster club honored at hall of fame event

Destiny Tolliver '10 (NDP), a captain on the University of New Hampshire's volleyball team during her senior year, and Doug Brown, a former steeplechase Olympian who graduated from Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods in 1970, were inducted into the CHSL Hall of Fame. Tolliver was inducted because she is a graduating college senior athlete, and Brown was inducted as an alumni athlete since he graduated from college before the CHSL began inducting college seniors in 1976.



Doug Brown '70 (NDHS) and Destiny Tolliver '10 (NDP) at the 2014 CHSL Hall of Fame Banquet.

In accepting his award, Brown said, "I am very grateful for the opportunity that I had to attend Notre Dame. If it wasn't for former teachers such as Conrad Vachon, Hal Rice and Roy Johnson, I wouldn't have been the person that I am today. Also, I am very grateful to Fr. Leon, Fr. Joe Hindelang, Mike Kelly, Betty Wroubel and all my friends at Notre Dame Prep who have welcomed me home with open arms."

In addition, NDPMA's booster club was honored as the league's Booster Club of the Year at the annual event, which was held at the Fern Hill Golf and Country Club in Clinton Township.

Notre Dame graduates match record-breaking ACT score, beat state average by more than 7 points

Notre Dame Preparatory School continued its string of matching or beating previous academic records by posting an ACT average composite score of 27 for the 2014 graduating class. It's the third straight year the graduating class hit that score. In 2011, Notre Dame's graduating class posted a then school-record 26.58 score and the 2010 class averaged 26.27, both of which far exceeded state averages for each year. According to the American College Testing Program (ACT), the Michigan average was 19.9 and the national average, 20.9. Scores are on a scale of 1 to 36, with 36 being the highest.

NDP junior wins track state championship in 3200-meter run

Notre Dame Prep junior Nathan Mylenek earned a 2014 MHSAA Division 2 track and field state championship at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids.

Although Mylenek qualified and was entered in both the 1600-meter and the 3200-meter runs, it was decided that he would scratch the 1600 and focus his efforts on the 3200. The



Then-NDP sophomore Nathan Mylenek, left, leads the 3200-meter at the 2014 state track and field championships.

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Writing, fighting Irishman

Notre Dame Prep alum (2012) has much in common with a tough, Irish writer from the early 20th century

Jim Tully was an American writer, the son of Irish immigrants, who grew up in Ohio in the late 1800s. He also was a professional boxer, and he wrote often about it in a career that garnered much acclaim in the 1920s and 30s from the literati of that time.

So it's not a stretch to say Tully was in fact a real "writing, fighting Irishman." And with a big heart, say those who knew him.

Enter Al Smith, a 2012 graduate of Notre Dame Prep. Currently a junior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Smith, who also is "very Irish," according to his mom, recently was given one of the most renowned writing awards conferred by U-M, the Avery Hopwood and Jule Hopwood Creative Writing Award in writing. It was the second year in a row he had won it. It's a big deal. Past Hopwood winners include Frank O'Hara, Lawrence Kasdan and Arthur Miller.

What's also a pretty big deal and just a tad ironic is that, yes, just like Tully, Smith is a boxer—a member of Michigan's boxing team.

"While it's a great thrill being on the boxing team, I had no experience when I tried out during my freshman year," he said. "But I needed to learn all I could as quickly as I could for the sake of my own skull."

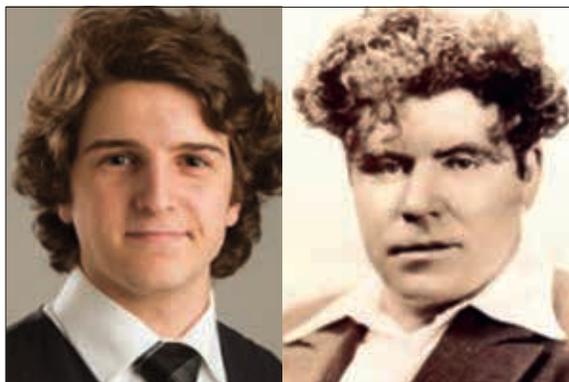
He said the coaches are boxers themselves who really know their stuff, helping newcomers like him become seasoned boxers. "The team is a great bunch of guys with a family-like mentality, helping one another learn and grow," he said. "And I think that played a big part in us winning the national championship team title this year as well as five individual championships."

But getting back to Smith's writing prowess—perhaps a bit safer pursuit—and the Hopwoods. He said it all started when an English professor at Michigan read one of the personal narratives he wrote for a freshman class and suggested that he enter the prestigious writing contest. "I was skeptical that I could win," Smith recalls, "but it would be an

interesting experience. So I wrote a short story, 'The Tragedy of Dan Flince,' which ended up winning the 2012 underclassmen short fiction Hopwood award."

Then he found out there was another Hopwood contest coming up in 2013 and he wanted to try something different for that one.

"Instead of a short story, I wrote a one-act play, 'A Weekend in the Cabinet,' and that, also to my surprise, ended up winning the Undergraduate/Graduate Hopwood in drama. [Editor's note: Jim Tully also wrote for the



U-M student and 2012 NDP alum Al Smith, left, is a writer and boxer. So was Jim Tully, right.

stage.] It was a very bizarre experience. I was a music student among actual writers. But I'm glad I did it because being outside of my own comfort zone helped me realize that my niche might not be as small as I once thought."

CAREER INSPIRATION BEGAN AT NDP

Smith originally believed his career niche definitely was going to revolve around music. He came to U-M to study performing arts technology, which basically means sound engineering and music production. He credits NDP and especially choir director Dave Fazzini for developing those skills and his love for music.

But what he's also discovered since arriving at Michigan is that NDP was a big factor in his early success with writing, too. "I think having a series of great English teachers at NDP—[Anthony] Butorac, [Ed] Davis, [Sharon] Dericho, [Kathy] Bembas—gave me the tools to really excel in writing and composition."

In a general sense, Smith considers himself very lucky to have been able to attend Notre

Dame and get the kind of quality of education he received there. "I also believe that it was the support of other families and alumni that made my excellent high school education possible," he said. "So it's only fair for me

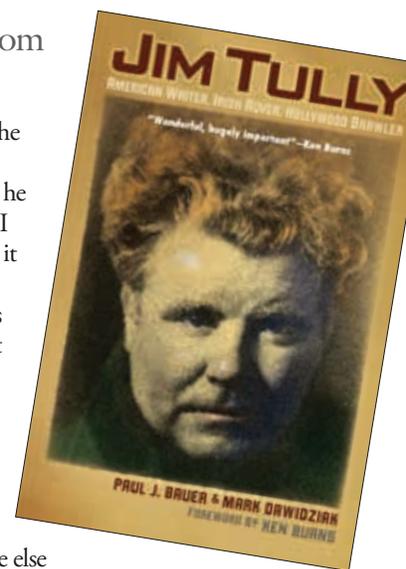
and for everyone else who profited from their kindness to give back to the ND community so the next generation of Notre Dame students can enjoy the same caliber of education we had."

About a possible professional career, Smith said he's still not sure. "I can't fully answer at the moment what I'll be doing after college, but what I can say is that I hope to have a job in the film and music industry doing something creative. Ideally, I'd like to be a screenwriter or a producer/songwriter, depending on how the next few years go. I realize these are lofty goals, but I'd rather aim high and fall short than aim low and second-guess myself for the rest of my life."

DOG DAY

Second-guessing was not something Smith and a friend did on their most recent spring break. He said they were on the road heading through Arkansas one day when they saw two four-legged animals dart out in front of their car. "We thought they were coyotes at first, but they stayed oddly close to the road," he said. "So we stopped the car and two dogs—covered in ice and bone thin—approached and pawed at the window. There was no else one around, so we didn't hesitate to just pick them up and try to get them rehabilitated somewhere."

They dropped the dogs off at a local animal shelter in Arkansas, hoping their owner or owners would claim them before the shelter had to put them down. Meanwhile, back in Michigan and about ten days after he left the dogs down south, Smith decided to call the shelter to check on them. Unfortunately, no one claimed the dogs, and they were slated to be euthanized in two days. So Smith, this time with his father



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'Teaching the heck out of French'

Notre Dame grad remembers school's 'best years' and a special French teacher

Notre Dame graduate Gary Corte ('68) is a busy guy, what with a four-decade career still going strong and lots of grandkids. He says life has been treating him well thus far, and who could argue.

Now in his 42nd year with Aero Box LLC, a packaging design and manufacturing company with headquarters in Roseville, Mich., that was founded in 1956 by his parents, Corte is fortunate enough to do much of his work at home in Clinton Township during the summer or in Georgia the rest of the year. "Thank you, modern technology," he says.

And it's this modern technology that also allows Corte and his wife of 42 years, Nancy, to spend more time with "three beautiful daughters, all Regina grads," and now eight grandchildren, the latest arriving very recently. "We now have four grandsons and four granddaughters."

There is no doubt that Corte is very proud of his kids and grandkids. It shows very clearly. What's also without a doubt is the real pride he has for the four years he spent at Notre Dame High School. "I may be a bit biased, but I sincerely believe that those four years coincided with some of the best years in Notre Dame's history," he said. "We weren't necessarily tops in academics—although very near the top—but we excelled in athletics, and that is what I believe brought the classes together and instilled pride in our school."

Corte played football and basketball at NDHS for all four years.

He recalls that turnout for all the sporting events while he was at Notre Dame was excellent. "Not just the football and basketball games, but hockey was a major sport for us as well," he said. "Parents really wanted their sons to attend Notre Dame because they understood that it would be more than simply a wonderful academic experience. It would be a place where lifelong friendships could be made." Which was especially true in Corte's case. "Bob Silveri, Tom Imbrunone and

I became friends in the second grade at St. Veronica and then through Notre Dame and Western Michigan University. "Tom and I were roommates throughout all four years at WMU. Add Mike Vito, Phil Nader and Mo Geromette from freshman year at Notre Dame through today, and you see friendships lasting well over 50 years."

Corte said some of his best high school memories include things you would never find in a school today. "For example, I recall vividly a favorite teacher of mine, Fr. DesRosiers, sitting on the edge of his desk, smoking a cigarette and teaching the heck out of French," Corte said. "I actually went on to become the only male graduate of WMU in 1972 with a degree in French, so you know his classes had a tremendous effect on me."

Corte really misses one particular thing from Notre Dame. "I miss the camaraderie among my fellow students," he said. "While I'm quite partial to the opposite sex, I really enjoyed going to an all-male high school. Kind of hard to explain if you haven't experienced it."

All in all, Corte said, life's been very good to him. "And with everything I've learned from my time at Notre Dame and beyond, I think I can say that I have been pretty good to life as well!" ■



Gary Corte '68 (NDHS) with wife, Nancy, on July 25 at a Notre Dame Alumni Association-hosted event at the Stray Cat Lounge (owned by Scott Baumgart '84).

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Notre Dame Prep Names New Head Football Coach

Notre Dame Preparatory School announced in April that it had hired Patrick Fox as head varsity football coach. Fox replaces Kyle Zimmerman who has taken the top football position at Davison High School.

With more than 30 years of coaching experience, Fox comes to Notre Dame from Milford High School in Highland, Mich., where he served as head coach from 2000 to 2007 and then from 2011 through last season.

He began his head-coaching career in 1988 at Ortonville Brandon High School and then in 1989 as varsity coach at Berkley High School in Berkley, Mich., where his teams earned an OAA championship and a spot in the MHSAA round of eight. He coached at Berkley until 1997 when he accepted a position as head coach with Ann Arbor Pioneer High School where he coached until 2000, earning a record of 16-11. In 2010, Fox served as offensive coordinator on the Northville High School varsity team, which gained a 250-point improvement offensively over its previous season.

Fox is the winningest head football coach at both Berkley and

Milford high schools and in 1996 and 2002 earned regional coach-of-the-year honors from the MHSAA.

In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Fox taught government, physical education and history at Berkley, Pioneer and Milford high schools. He is a widely sought-after speaker on football nationwide and is a key contributor to the Frank Glazier Mega Clinics and Championship Coaching Systems. He also will be teaching physical education at Notre Dame Prep.

Fox holds a master's degree in sports administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Michigan State University. He also did postgraduate work at both MSU and Northern Michigan University. He currently lives in Northville with his wife and two children.



Notre Dame Prep named Patrick Fox head football coach on April 15, 2014.

In a relatively young career in medicine, Kyle Jackson '99 (NDP) has already had his share of success. He's authored a number of important and well-received journal articles in the field of cancer stem cells and adult stem-cell biology and he's currently doing some pretty important work with pediatric cancer patients at Johns-Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. But this success may not have occurred had it not been for some tough, hard work as a member of the Fighting Irish track and field team.

In those early days of NDP, the school didn't have many hurdles available, which was tough for someone like Jackson, who specialized in the low and high hurdles.

"We had one, single hurdle. To practice I would jump over that one hurdle, jog back in a circle and then jump over that same hurdle, again and again," he said. "After practice, I would ask the coaches to trust me with the hurdle to take it home on weekends to practice some more. When the end of my senior season came, I medaled at the regional finals and it was one of my proudest moments in high school because I knew how many scraped knees, pulled muscles and how much hard work had gone into that one moment."

Looking back to that point in his life, Jackson thinks it's exactly that sort of hard work that prepared him for when things got harder during his residency and then harder still during fellowship. He says it takes a great deal of commitment and perseverance to make it through his 30-hour hospital shift or an 80-hour work week (with dozens of additional hours at home) and finish the work that needs to be done to make sure his patients receive the care they deserve.

"Along those lines, and it isn't anything I can take credit for, but having the support of those close to me was equally important. I've been blessed with an immensely understanding and supportive wife—Lisa, who has at times carried me and has always been there for me. Concurrent and prior to her support, my family and friends have always been there when things have been tough and I couldn't have

made it to this point without that help."

ALWAYS KNEW HE'D BE A DOCTOR

Jackson says we've probably heard this a million times from other alums, but he really knew in high school what he would be doing for a living. "While I was at Notre Dame I thought it would be great to become an orthopedic surgeon," he says. "Soon after graduating, though, my family experienced a tragic loss when my aunt passed away from cancer. I also had an uncle who died from leu-

involved in cancer, especially Ewing's sarcoma a bone and soft tissue cancer that affects children disproportionately."

SPECIAL MOMENT

Realizing that he's been blessed with a successful start to his career as a doctor, Jackson says a few highlights already stand out. He says one of his favorite moments was near the conclusion of his master's in public health program when he was presenting his research in front of students and faculty as well as the hospital's molecular epidemiology department.

"I was discussing a method of cultivating human, adult mammary stem cells in culture and their estrogen receptor expression as a potential model for the development of estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer. Sounds complicated and it really is. But I invited my parents to the talk, which was the first time they were able to see me present in that professional context. I believe they really enjoyed it.

What I hadn't told them was that at the end of my presentation, after I had given credit to my lab mentors and collaborators, I included a slide thanking my parents for all their hard work and effort to put me in a position to make such a presentation. That was a special moment for me and them."

More recently, Jackson says there have been a lot of small-scale highlights in building relationships with his patients and sharing in their medical successes. "It's quite an arc to travel with a patient from an initial cancer diagnosis that will often start with something along the lines of 'Yes, this is cancer, but we can cure it, and here's how we're going to do it,' followed by often grueling

therapy, and finally leading up to telling the patient and his or her family, 'I have great news. Your cancer is gone!' That's a huge highlight for me every time I get to relay that news!"

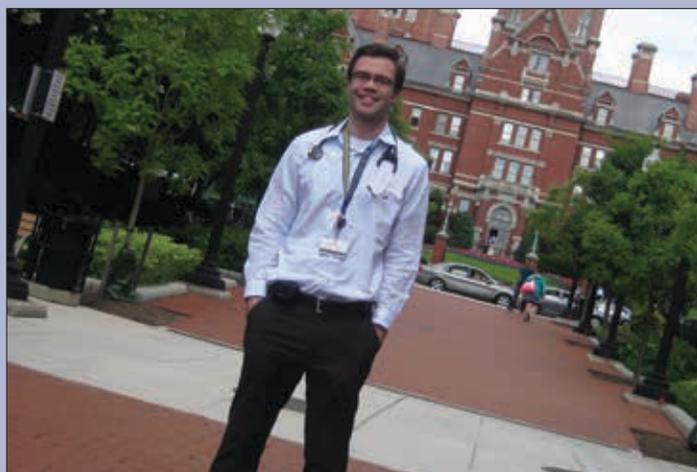
NDP A SPECIAL SCHOOL

We asked Jackson what he remembers fondly about Notre Dame and he said even though it's probably a cliché to say winning Irish Week during his senior year was a very special event for him at NDP, it really *was* one of his greatest memories.

He also has special spots in his memory

Commitment

Ninety-nine alum and Johns-Hopkins doctor says Notre Dame Prep and running track helped set him up for career in medicine.



kemia, but that was before I was born. Those events gave me a clarity and purpose that I've never lost: I wanted to work to change and improve the way cancer is treated so that others wouldn't have to go through what my family went through."

Jackson also preferred the pediatric side of cancer care. "With their enthusiasm, honesty and overall innocence, I couldn't imagine not helping children who had such devastating illnesses," he says. "In my job, I get to work with kids, building relationships with them and their families, and on other days I get to go into the lab on the seemingly never-ending quest to find the underlying mechanisms

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the Tremelos did very well playing high school dances, weddings and University of Michigan fraternity parties.

It was at a U-M party when the musicians met a student named Ed “Punch” Andrews. Andrews was impressed with the Tremelos, and



SRC was fronted by lead singer Scott Richardson.

he hired them to play at a New Year’s Eve party in Grosse Pointe where he introduced them to Dave Leone. Andrews and Leone were long-time friends who shared a dream of becoming record executives.

The Tremelos soon released a single that was met with some local popularity. They then changed their name to the Fugitives, and when Leone and Andrews opened a new teen club in a VFW hall in Harper Woods called the Hideout in 1964, the Fugitives were hired as the venue’s house band.

Looking to take another step forward in establishing a career in music, the new Fugitives hooked up with rock-and-roll visionary Hugh “Jeep” Holland in Ann Arbor. Holland had come to Ann Arbor to attend U-M but found his true calling when he started running the campus branch of Discount Records, got into local band management and started making recordings on his newly formed A-Square label.

It was Holland’s idea to have Scott Richardson, the dynamic lead singer of the Chosen Few, join the Fugitives in late 1966. The Chosen Few had recently opened the Grande Ballroom along with the MC5, but the band, which also included future Stooges Ron Asheton and James Williamson, was on the verge of breaking up.

Richardson was a good fit for the Fugitives since both bands loved the British groups of the day and played covers of songs by the Stones, Yardbirds and the Who. The new combination, now called the Scot Richard Case, would quickly become one of the hottest groups in southeast Michigan and the most classically

“mod” of all the Michigan bands.

Soon the band’s sound became more psychedelic, influenced by the likes of Procol Harum, for whom the band would later open, and it released three well-received albums on Capitol Records.

The group’s fortune and fame would soon wane, and the early success of SRC could not be sustained. According to Gary Quackenbush, “SRC was about as far from a bar band as you could ever imagine, but we found ourselves playing in them, so we knew it was sliding at that point. The band was also suffering from poor management. The whole last year we were without a manager. We did it all ourselves, and we were deep in debt.” Discouraged and out of funds, SRC played its last gig in January of 1973.

In the years after the break up of SRC, Scott Richardson relocated to Los Angeles and got involved in the film business. Richardson served as a writer for “Hearts of Fire,” which featured Bob Dylan, and also worked on the sets of two of the “Lord of the Rings” films. Gary Quackenbush did session work, taught guitar and multitrack recording, and established SRC Records. Richard Haddad died in a car accident in 1977, E. G. Clawson died of cancer in 2003 and Al Wilmot passed away in 2005.

SRC was voted into the Michigan Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame in 2010.

LEAD SINGER REMEMBERS DJ PRIEST

The beginnings of Savage Grace were on the east side of Detroit in the late 1960s. Session guitarist Ron Koss, a self-taught musician who paid his dues in the local bar scene and who had recorded sessions with Wilson Pickett, Marv Johnson, and Hank Marvin and the Midnighters, joined forces with classically trained keyboardist John Seanor and rock drummer/percussionist Larry Zack to form the core of “The Scarlet Letter.” The group recorded two albums for Mainstream Records before the musicians realized they were not your average rock band. The band decided to hire a bass player who could sing and Ann Arbor native Al Jacquez was added on lead vocals and bass.

The new band spent three months in daily rehearsal, writing and stretching the boundaries of their music before performing throughout the Midwest in clubs, ballrooms, colleges, high schools, and pop festivals.

Savage Grace created quite a buzz at the time as a unique band known for its performances and musicianship. The band earned opening gigs for Three Dog Night, Procol Harum, Sha Na Na, the Moody Blues, Small

Faces and many others. At one festival, Yes, Soft Machine and Alice Cooper opened for Savage Grace.

An opening set for Creedence Clearwater Revival resulted in a contract with Reprise Records. The band’s first album, simply titled “Savage Grace,” was released in 1969. Standout tracks were “Come on Down,” “Lady Rain,” and an impressive reworking of Bob Dylan’s “All Along the Watchtower.” The group continued to work the road, wowing audiences at the Goose Lake International and Atlanta Pop Festivals.



Lead singer and bass player Al Jacquez is shown in front on the cover of Savage Grace’s debut album. Below, Jacquez as music director at Northridge Church in Howell.

With such success behind them, the band still found time to play the local Detroit-area music scene. Notre Dame was one such stop when Savage Grace was in town.

Bass player and lead singer Al Jac-

quez was interviewed by IRISH magazine this past June. He recalled Notre Dame and its “DJ priest.” He said that sometimes at Notre Dame there would also be another band playing the same night.

“I loved doing those shows,” he said. “The kids were enthusiastic and better behaved than most of our other gigs.” But it didn’t really matter where Savage Grace played, he said. “We were just happy to get a show and get paid! Back in those days, we were working all the time, from the Grande to the Eastown to Notre Dame. It was all about the music!”

In the fall of 1970, Savage Grace relocated to Los Angeles. “Savage Grace 2” was released in May of 1971 and the group resumed touring with the likes of Jimi Hendrix and John Sebastian. But performance opportunities soon began to dwindle. The band’s delicate balance of musical styles and personal differences eventually unraveled due to months of inactivity, and the musical partnership finally ended.



Jacquez said that when Savage Grace signed with Warner Brothers' Reprise Records, the band members were all 17 or 18 years old. "It was unbelievable," he said. He thinks Savage Grace was the last band that Warner Brothers worked with and really nurtured along.

"The music quickly changed after that and now it's to the point where you have the likes of Justin Bieber selling out arenas," he said with exasperation.

Jacquez moved on and created a blues, soul and rock-and-roll band called Measured Chaos with bandmate bassist Mark Gougeon (the new Savage Grace, Mitch Ryder), guitarist Mark Tomorsky (Mark Lindsay, the Grass Roots), and drummer Frank Charboneaux (Eric Burdon, Mick Taylor). He also serves as the music director for NorthRidge Church in Howell, Mich.

BAND FOUNDER AND GUITARIST GETS BIRTHDAY CAKE FROM BRYSON

The roots of the band Holy Smoke, which was a regular feature at Notre Dame on Friday and Saturday nights in the early to mid-70s, can be found at Grosse Pointe South High School (actually, back then it was the only high school in Grosse Pointe). That was where classmates and musicians James Montgomery and Chuck



Holy Smoke and Chuck Miller were regulars at NDHS during the 70s.

Miller got together to form the Montgomery-Miller Blues Band.

Montgomery, who would eventually become one of the best blues harpists (harmonica) in the world, was, even in high school, a real student of the blues. He introduced his friend Miller to the likes of the Butterfield Blues

Band, Junior Wells, Buddy Guy, Muddy Waters, John Hammond and John Mayall, with Eric Clapton and the Blues Breakers.

Now 65, Miller said their small blues outfit played everywhere on the east side. "We even played at a place called the Euphoria Coffee House, which was located at a church on Kercheval and Lakepointe," he said.

"We played Chicago-style blues. We played at our high school talent show and played the song 'Born in Chicago.' We brought the house down. Can you imagine?! In 1966 white suburbia—playing the blues?"

Besides coffee houses and their high school, the Montgomery-Miller Blues Band played at the Grande Ballroom under the pseudonym Cosmic Expanding.

After high school, Miller played in a number of other bands, including the March Brothers, Shakey Jake and the Mutants, but it was with the band Holy Smoke, which he formed in 1973 with Gary Gowman, Steve

“Fr. Bryson... should be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame!”

Chuck Miller of Holy Smoke

Starks, John Fonti and Rick Craven, that Miller saw the success and relative longevity that most young musicians craved.

Notre Dame was a favorite place to play, according to Miller. "There was a huge high school thing going on in Detroit in the 60s and 70s," he said. "When I was in high school, there would just be a DJ and the place would be packed. Then they would have bands and DJs and then mostly bands. And the places would still be packed. It really was a



Miller, above right and below, re-formed Holy Smoke in 2006 and currently plays in clubs around metro Detroit.



great time to grow up!"

Miller said that during the 80s, he began to notice a deterioration of high school dances. "But in the early days, we would have 1,800 people at Notre Dame for dances," he said. "And Fr. Bryson—he was great! He

really should be in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! All the major bands played at Notre Dame."

Miller recalled that on one of Holy Smoke's gigs at Notre Dame, Bryson somehow found out it was his 21st birthday. "Father had a birthday cake for me. He was awesome. Occasionally he would say we were too loud. But we had two lead guitarists in the band and we had two stacks of Marshall amps. And Father always had an incredible stage set up for us with our logo blown up on a big sheet of Lexan plastic." Miller noted that artist Gary Grimshaw, a famous designer of rock posters in the 60s and 70s, designed the Holy Smoke logo.

Holy Smoke eventually broke up in 1978, but Miller, who also works at Guitar Center (19 years), reunited the band in 2006 and is now playing occasional shows in the area. "I think it's great that we're now playing again," he said, "although it's not quite the schedule that we had back in the heyday. Back then, our booking agency would sometimes have us playing 27 days in a row in 14 different venues. Crazy times!" ■

(Michigan Rock and Roll Legends contributed to this report.)

When 2000 Notre Dame Prep alum Julia Shenck and her parents were considering high schools for her next stage of education, NDP was on her parents' radar. But it wasn't on hers.

"When I went through the interview process to attend 'the Prep,' I was not happy or open to the idea of the school and what it had to offer," she said. "My parents, however, knew exactly what I needed."

Shenck now recalls her four years at Notre Dame with much fondness. "NDP allowed me



Notre Dame Prep graduate Julia Shenck ('00) always knew what her career would be.

you want to become a more advanced rider, I can help," she says. Her business also provides guidance on maintaining proper handling techniques after professional training has been completed.

"I also take care of injured horses and, along with our staff veterinarian, we provide sports therapy as part of their recovery process," she said. She gets to watch many vet procedures and medical treatments, thus enabling her to "witness the wonders of modern science." As a matter of fact, she said, her staff veterinarian, Dr. Roland Thaler, has performed stem-cell harvests via liposuction and stem-cell placements—right in her buildings on the farm.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JULIA SHENCK

Parents knew best

Alum and business owner says going to NDP was right move. Notre Dame Prep graduate Julia Shenck ('00) owns horse farm and horse training center in Dryden, Mich.

to take college-level courses and flourish more because of all of the diverse classes offered," she said. "By NDP always demanding the best of me and my work, I was greatly prepared for what was ahead of me academically and in life."

What was ahead for Shenck was a Michigan State University education and a career as a horse trainer and horse farm owner that she said was always part of her dream. "Believe it or not, I've always known my career and life path would lead me to be a horse farm owner, trainer and caregiver."

FAST LEARNER

A high school graduate at 16 years old and a college graduate at 20, Shenck also was way ahead of most contemporaries when she opened a new business in 2004 right after finishing her bachelor's degree in animal science. She loves to reel off all of the services offered at her



40-acre Shenck Training Center in Dryden: boarding, lessons, 4-H and training—for horses "and people!" Shenck says that training riders is just as important, if not more important, than training horses.

"If you want to learn how to ride or if

"Dr. Thaler was the first veterinarian in the world to perform stem-cell therapy using ultrasound-guided liposuction," Shenck said. "I have seen and been a part of many successful outcomes, but unfortunately I have also seen injuries and horses that we were just not able to save."

Witnessing the few "downs" along with the many "ups" in her career thus far has not tamped down her enthusiasm, however. And there have been some naysayers, she says, when it comes to her professional career. "Some people have not always been very supportive of my career choice," Shenck said. "Even my own mother questions it sometimes, but I have encountered so many positive people and great horse stories along the way that I'm reminded every day that I am exactly where I'm supposed to be. I truly believe that because I treat every horse like my own and that I had such a great education at NDP and MSU, I am better prepared than ever to be successful for a long, long time."

TEACHER FAVES REMAIN ANONYMOUS

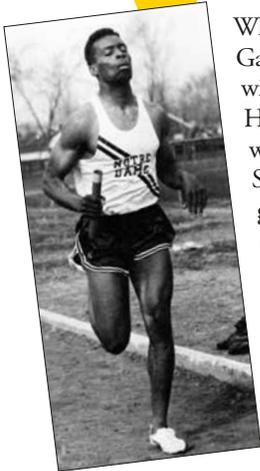
Shenck was asked if she had any especially favorite teachers when she was at Notre Dame Prep. "I'd have to say there were three of them: my government teacher, my world history teacher, and my AP English/composition teacher. She wants them to remain nameless because "who doesn't like a little mystery?"

She said all three teachers made it feel as if the students were living right in that moment in time and space. "They made the topics enticing and flavorful enough to capture my attention, and made me want to expand on the subjects we were learning about, which for me says a great deal," she said. "As these three teachers can probably attest to, sometimes it was a major project just to motivate me in the first place. But all three hold a very special place in my heart and are charter members of the 'Julia Shenck Dream-to-Life' Club. They each opened my eyes to potentials that I didn't know I had—potentials that once unlocked were no doubt a big reason for my success now." ■

Services offered at the 40-acre Shenck Training Center in Dryden include boarding, lessons, 4-H and training.

Brick wall

Gary Coakley '69 (NDHS) says he would have "run through a brick wall" for Bo Schembechler at U-M



When 1969 NDHS alum Gary Coakley started working with disadvantaged youth at Holy Cross Children Services, which has offices in Detroit, Saginaw and Clinton, Michigan, he realized quickly that while playing football for Notre Dame High School's head coach Walt Bazylewicz and later for the University of Michigan's Bo Schembechler was tough going, it wasn't anything like what some of the kids at Holy Cross went

through.

As program director for one of Holy Cross' Boysville campuses, he found that the struggles of many of the children there were "very, very real."

"Some of these children who were in jails or corrective facilities have committed felonies, serious crimes—they have hurt people. But, what are we to do?" Coakley said during a 2011 speech he had given at an event called "The Detroit to Prison Pipeline: A Conversation About Prevention," which was sponsored by the Prison Creative Arts Project, a U-M nonprofit group that works to create voices for the incarcerated through creative expression. "Do we turn our back on them? These children often have children themselves."

Coakley said he worked with adolescents 14 to 17 years of age, and many of them struggled to read children's books intended for elementary schools.

"[These youth] struggle to read the simplest words, like 'butter' or 'ice cream,'" Coakley said. "[Reading these types of books] is an important part of children's lives and of their education. Their minds need these experiences to develop, to understand and to remember."

Employed by Holy Cross for 32 years, Coakley started there as a treatment specialist, working directly with the students. After two years, he was promoted to the residential manager position. "My responsibilities were to hire and train treatment specialists and to coordinate the activities for the students," he says. "I can describe my experience as the hardest job I could ever love. Working with these young men gave me purpose, and as my time with Holy Cross came to a close [he has since moved on from Holy Cross], I consider myself

very lucky to have had the chance to serve."

But still, he retains many wonderful memories of his fellow staff members there and the young men he met.

"I was honored to have worked with hundreds of staff who tried so hard to help these kids and their families. The Holy Cross Boysville campus was a very unique world out in the country serving inner-city youth. At one time we had up to 160 students at our campus. It was more than just a job. We had these kids 24/7, and we were responsible for all their needs. They went to school on site. We fed them, clothed them and tried to attend to their emotional and physiological



Above: Gary Coakley '69 (NDHS) on his wedding day, June 11, 2011, with wife, Cindy Lou. Top left: Coakley ran track for Conrad Vachon at Notre Dame. Bottom: Coakley on U-M's 1972 football team. He is no. 40 in the front row.

needs. Taking care of them was a real mission for us."

While certainly not having the same gravitas as his work with disadvantaged youth, Coakley says he put nearly the same effort into playing football for Bo Schembechler at the University of Michigan. "I would have run through a brick wall if Bo asked me to," he says.

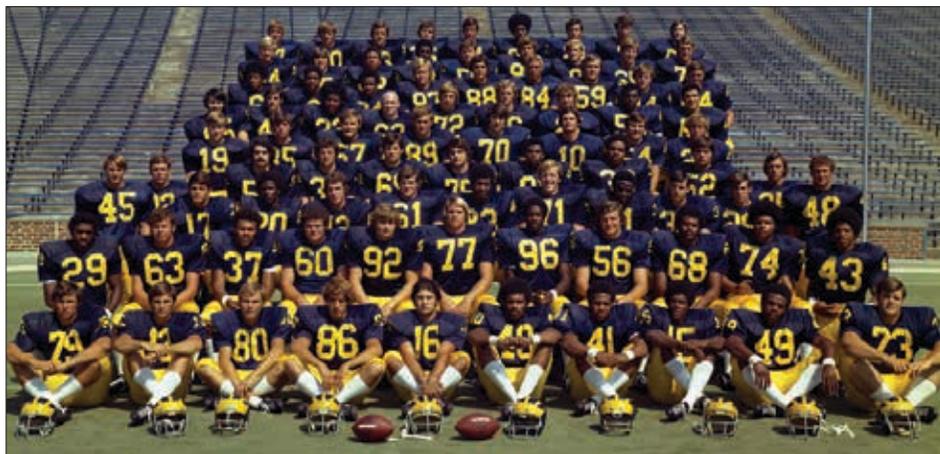
Coakley earned a football scholarship at U-M after a stellar career at Notre Dame High School. He was a four-year starter on Notre Dame's varsity football and basketball teams and ran track for four years for Coach Conrad Vachon. He recalls his good high school friend and classmate Ed Tazzia holding up a congratulatory sign in the gym after he scored his 1,000th point in basketball. "He would always keep track of my stats," Coakley says.

Being the first African-American student to attend Notre Dame, Coakley says, was initially very lonely and very different. "Everyone was curious but nice for the most part. Being an athlete helped in the transition, but I never felt totally 'in.' I did have a lot of friends there, but I don't want to start naming them because I wouldn't want to leave anyone out, although I did mention Tazzia, didn't I!"

FROM HARPER WOODS TO ANN ARBOR

Playing football for the University of Michigan and earning a degree there is something Coakley says he's very proud of. "To this day, when people find out about my relationship with U-M, they are very curious," he says. "I often act like I don't want to talk about my experience because it was so long ago. But I actually do love telling them. Some of my memories and

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Globetrotter

World traveler and Notre Dame Prep grad lands in the Australian Air Force

Eric Leen lived in Rochester Hills and graduated from Notre Dame Prep in 2013. But he had come far to get to NDP. Very far.

Leen was born in the United Arab Emirates, immigrated to Australia where he lived for three years and then moved to the Rochester Hills in 2011 when his dad was transferred by General Motors to company headquarters in downtown Detroit.

In terms of schooling, prior to Notre Dame, Leen attended Marcellin College from seventh to tenth grade in Melbourne, Australia, after spending second through sixth grade at Cambridge International School in Dubai. He started school at Modern Academy, also in Dubai, up to the 1st grade.

He started at Notre Dame in the 11th grade, but progressed very far and very fast at the school. One of NDP's 30 valedictorians in 2013 with a grade-point-average of 4.438, Leen also was NDP's senior representative of the National Chinese Honor Society, a member of FIRST Robotics and the National Honor Society and was part of the Fighting Irish varsity

tennis team. He also spent many hours volunteering at his local church in the Detroit area.

Currently he is studying at the Australian Defence Force Academy/University of New South Wales (ADFA/UNSW) in Canberra, the capital of Australia. He plans to remain in the Royal Australian Air Force after school as an electronics engineering officer.

Leen took a few minutes away from school and the air force to answer a few questions from IRISH magazine.

IRISH: We know you've had leadership experience while at NDP, but are you continuing to develop those skills through your current university experience?

ERIC LEEN: After graduating from NDP, I definitely continued to develop and use my leadership skills. During my six months in a civilian university (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology), I led a group of seven people in a couple of engineering projects, which helped us earn really good scores. I also used my leadership skills at my air force officer selection board, which helped get me selected by the Royal Australian Air Force as an electronics engineering officer and to study at the Australian Defence Force Academy. I

continue to develop my leadership now at ADFA by doing small roles within my division as well as on the playing field.

IRISH: Tell us about your experience in the air force? Do you believe your education at Notre Dame prepared you for success?

LEEN: So far my experience in the air force and at ADFA has been great. I have made a lot of friends who have interests similar to mine, and these are relationships that would last for a life time. The initial

weeks of training were a great experience. It was a shock at first, but as the days progressed, I got used to the military environment and was keen to learn new skills such as effectively operating a rifle, navigation, fieldcraft and more. The education at NDP helped me prepare not only for university but also develop the thinking and leadership skills that helped get me into the air force.

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

LEEN: My love for science, engineering, technology and aircraft drove me to choose this career in the Royal Australian Air Force. In order to be successful in this role, you are required to communicate effectively, lead by example, know your job role and the details of the tasks assigned to your team and be able to think effectively. All of these are attributes that I developed during my time at NDP and will continue to develop at my time at ADFA.

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

LEEN: There are a lot of things I will treasure from my time at Notre Dame. Irish Week, the Senior All-Night Party, being a pit crew member of the Killer Bees during their best season to date, and of course graduation day. If I had the opportunity to relive every moment of it, I would. All the teachers at NDP were awesome, but my favorite teacher has to be Ms. Yaroch, my IB biology teacher. She is funny, smart, trustworthy and overall a great role model not just as a teacher, but as a person. Even though IB Biology was a hard class, it was a class that I always looked forward to. I miss all the good friends I made during my two years at NDP. It's especially hard when you live halfway around the world, but I definitely keep in touch with them.

IRISH: Any other takeaways from your tenure at Notre Dame?

LEEN: Definitely! I changed as a person ever since I attended NDP. If I did not attend Notre Dame, I believe that I would not have been able to make it into the air force. The school made me open up to society and utilize the skills that I had as well as develop new ones. For that I feel obliged to support the community through any means—the community that helped me get this far in life. ■



NDP alum Eric Leen, after marching at the Chief of Defence Force Parade, which marks the passing of initial training and induction into the Australian Defence Force Academy.

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idea paid off and Mylenek won by a wide margin after a strong kick in the final 300 meters to become a state champion.

Coach T.J. Kulick said afterward that the race set up real well for Mylenek. “He stuck to the plan that we laid out for him. We knew that if he stayed with a certain group of runners, he had a chance to win. He always has such a great kick on the final lap and that worked for him again today.”

NDP senior gets Congressional Medal from U.S. Rep. Rogers

U.S. Representative Mike Rogers, R-8th, congratulated Notre Dame Prep then-junior Oana Danciu in May for receiving the Congressional Award Bronze Medal, which is given annually to young people who have set certain personal goals and then actually achieved them through four main components: public service, personal development, physical fitness and exploration/expedition.

In conferring the award to Danciu, Rep. Rogers said that it was great recognition of her hard work and commitment. “I wish you the best of luck in your future educational and personal goals and encourage you to keep up the great work.”

It is the first time a student from Notre Dame Prep has received this honor.

“I was excited and very pleased,” Danciu said after learning of the award.



Oana Danciu, with NDP Principal Fr. Joe Hindelang '68 (NDHS), after accepting her Congressional medal.

“It was a long process and a lot of work that began when I was a freshman, so it’s great to see closure finally.”

In earning her Congressional Medal, Danciu, who also is a member of Notre Dame’s robotics team, spent over 100 hours volunteering at her local public library. Plus, to earn her personal-development goal, Oana wanted to learn more about the computer aspect of a business and did so by volunteering with a tutoring program where she handled most of the tech-based needs of the program. And she organized and went on a 17-day, 16-night trip to Spain to learn about that country’s history and culture.

Notre Dame alum named to global position at GM

NDHS alumnus Tony Cervone was named senior vice president of GM global communications in June. He reports to CEO Mary Barra and rejoins GM from Volkswagen where he served as executive vice president of group communications for Volkswagen Group of America.

Cervone graduated from Notre Dame in Harper Woods in 1981. His son Austin graduated May 18 from Notre Dame Prep and another son Connor graduated from NDP in 2012.

In comments released from General Motors on the day of the announcement, CEO Barra said, “Tony brings an ideal mix of outside perspective and experience that complements a deep background in GM and today’s global auto industry. I’ve worked with Tony in the past and he has my trust and



Tony Cervone '81 (NDHS)

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in tow, drove straight through from Michigan back to Arkansas.

“We picked the dogs up from the shelter and immediately drove back home,” he said. “We drove about 1,900 miles in 31 hours.”

But now came an even harder task—finding one home for both dogs, which were pretty much inseparable and cried whenever apart.

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bank for a couple of NDP teachers: Gregory Simon and Tony Borton. “Back in those days, Mr. Simon was a just-out-of-college, enthusiastic world cultures teacher and basketball coach,” Jackson recalls. “And Mr. Borton had this amazing skill of keeping the classroom engaged and involved, while at the same time imparting an understanding of the underlying principles of mathematics. In retrospect, his classroom was very much like a close-knit college class.”

Jackson says he also fondly remembers the soccer practices before school started and being able to meet as an entire school in the triangle as Fr. Leon stood on a bench to address the students. “But the one thing I probably miss the most is the sort of camaraderie that existed everywhere at NDP,” he says. “It’s something really special.”

“Luckily, we were able to locate a guy willing to take both dogs and since then, according to the new owner, they are doing very well and adjusting to their cozy new life in Michigan,” Smith said. “I feel really good about that!”

Sounds about right, coming from a writing, fighting Irishman from Notre Dame, who, like Jim Tully, also, obviously, possesses a big heart. ■

Jackson also made it a point to say how important it is to keep in mind how much actually goes into a school like NDP.

“As a student, I hadn’t really appreciated it. But looking back, there were always people around, helping, volunteering and contributing money to the school. Now, as our alumni base continues to grow, I think many of us are in a place where we can do the same.” ■

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stories are so colorful.”

Coakley was a wide receiver for the Wolverines. He started on the team for two years and played in the 1972 Rose Bowl. “I never dropped a pass in a game, but never caught one, either. As a wide receiver that wasn’t easy to accomplish,” he says with laugh. “And Bo

Schembechler was one of the most dynamic personalities that I had ever met. He was like a Conrad Vachon times ten!”

Coakley says going to U-M, playing football and being coached by Schembechler has prepared him well for all the life experiences that he’s faced up to this point.

Coakley wants to talk about Notre Dame again, including playing football there. “It also was a memorable time for me. One of my favorite co-players at Notre Dame was Terry Bugarelli,” he says. “He made me a better player. He got hurt our senior year, and I didn’t play as well as I could have because he didn’t play. Also, running track



Gary Coakley graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1969.

Dam, Conrad Vachon, Coach Roy Johnson. . . I look back very fondly at the time I spent in high school. I am very proud to say that I graduated from Notre Dame.” ■

with Doug Brown and being coached by Vachon are very vivid memories for me.

Everyone had a real impact on me while at NDHS,” Coakley says. “The ones I remember most were Mr. Rice, Fr. Bryson, Coach Bazy, Coach Van

Alumni Notes & Info

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

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Larry Aubert '64 (NDHS) I have three married sons and seven grandchildren. Retired in 2002 after 33 years at Procter and Gamble. Have traveled to 95 countries since retiring. Will plan to go to 4-5 more this year. I post videos of each trip and provide slide shows in our community where I am on the board. I've volunteered for 15 years at Crayons to Computers which is a free store for teachers in Cincinnati.

Don Polsinelli '65 (NDHS) Forgot to mention in my last update that I am the proud grandfather of Alaina who attends Notre Dame Marist Academy's lower division.

James Fabian '66 (NDHS) I am a retired industrial engineer, having worked at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. I am happily married to my wife, Nancy, of 38 years and have one child (Patrick), who also was a graduate of Notre Dame High School in the year 2001.

Chet Szerlag '66 (NDHS) After 32 years in academic healthcare administration at the University of Chicago, in 2012, I accepted a new opportunity as a Vice Chair for the Department of Medicine at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. My wife, Judy, and I have lived in the Chicago area since 1980, and enjoy traveling, and watching the Chicago White Sox play the Detroit Tigers every year.

Jim Carnagie, '67 (NDHS) Jim merged his CPA practice into the office of INNES & LOTITO, CPA, at 22525 Hall Road, Macomb, 48042. Mike Lotito also is an alumnus of ND Harper Woods, although he isn't quite as old as Jim.

Gary Corte '68 (NDHS) Married and still working at Aero Box Co. Both for the last 42 years. Living eight months a year at Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Ga., and Michigan for the summers. Presently building an Assisted Living and Memory Care facility, The Harbor at Harmony Crossing, in Eatonton, Ga.; 60 beds opening the first of August 2014. Three daughters and seven grandchildren with the eighth due in August. And that is why I have to keep working!

Charley LaCombe '70 (NDHS) I have lived in Wisconsin for the last seven years and only get back to the Detroit area about once a year.

Greg Giannetti '75 (NDHS) writes: I am a commercial investment banker in corporate finance. I started a firm in 1995 with four partners and 150,000 dollars. I have recently relocated my firm to Lake Orion to concentrate on Oakland County. After many years, I have decided to marry a sweet Irish girl. The teachers that I admired most in my four years were Conrad Vachon, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Wagner and the art and hockey coach, Mr. Giordano.

Jim McNally '75 (NDHS) writes: I moved back to the Detroit area after three years in Lakeland, Florida. I continue to practice law,

specializing in appeals and research.

Christopher Holsbeke '82 (NDHS) owner of Holsbeke Construction of Mount Clemens will open its second location when it moves into the former New Haven Farmers Elevator building later this spring. Chris Holsbeke said work is currently being done on the 12,000-square-foot Farmers Elevator before the company officially moves in. The Farmers Elevator closed in December and was sold shortly after in an auction. Holsbeke plans to renovate the landmark silos that grace the 2 1/2-acre property and have been a part of New Haven's landscape for over five decades. Son Christopher Holsbeke '11 (NDP) is working with his father.

Stephen J. Dueueke '76 (NDHS) My installation sound and visual art work, playCAGE, will be competing in Art Prize 2014 this September-October, in Grand Rapids.

Gary Mattiacci '77 (NDHS) Retired as a Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force after 23 years. Has traveled extensively and is a certified commercial and instrument rated pilot.

Anthony Abbruzzese '79 (NDHS) Just living the dream. I am celebrating 30 years of marriage September 15 to my wonderful wife, Mary. I tell everyone who's willing to listen to me that I've known my wife since first grade. We both went to Guardian Angels grade school in Detroit, from 1st through 8th grade. We started dating shortly after high school. Mary is an early childhood teacher in the Troy School district and I have been working for General Motors for close to 33 years. I have been at the GM Tech Center in Warren since March 1991 working as a metal model maker. Mary and I have been raising our two beautiful daughters, Christina and Laura, in Macomb Township since 1988. Christina is an occupational therapist working for Beaumont. In 2013, she married Eric Yahrmatter, a mechanical and electrical engineer who graduated from NDP in 2006. Laura is an occupational therapist assistant, working at a skilled nursing facility in Hamtramck, Mich.

NOTRE DAME PREP ALUMNI

Laura Tisdell '00 (NDP) Laura is a senior editor at Little, Brown and Company in New York. From company website: Before joining Little, Brown and Company in 2011, she spent several years at Viking Penguin books, first as a publicist and then as an editor. She has published the bestselling authors Lev Grossman, Garrison Keillor, and Koren Zailckas; the award-winning Zimbabwean writer NoViolet Bulawayo; and the debut novelists Gabriel Roth, Johanna Lane, and Morgan Callan Rogers, among many other talented writers. She acquires narrative nonfiction and voice-driven fiction, and is especially drawn to novels with a strong sense of place and a sense of humor.

Julia Shenck '00 (NDP) Julia is the co-owner/trainer/manager of Shenck Equestrian Training Center in Dryden. This forty-acre facility is the place for people and horses of all ages, offering boarding, lessons and training. Whether you are a competitive "show-er" or an avid trail rider,

Shenck Training Center has what you need to be able to truly enjoy your horse and your time at the farm. <http://www.shencktrainingcenter.com>.

Francine (Orow) Ivey '03 (NDP) writes that she is the clinic director and physical therapist at Complete Rehab Services in Macomb, Mich. Her clinic provides a comfortable and fun environment to rehabilitate. Francine specializes in orthopedic injuries, but has also worked in pediatrics and neurological settings.

Eoghan McGreevy '06 (NDP) was elected to the student senate as president of his class at Wayne State Medical School. He will be entering his third year.

Emily Smith '06 (NDP) is an employee of USG Corporation. She was honored and received the diversity award at her work. She also got a promotion for Lean Six Sigma. Lean Six Sigma is a business and data-driven, disciplined approach to reducing waste and minimizing defects in any type of process, whether it is manufacturing or services.

Dennis Strach II, CSC '06 (NDP) has completed his second year in vows with the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers. After teaching theology classes at Marian High School (Mishawaka, Ind.) this past year, he spent the summer studying at the Tantar Ecumenical Institute (Israel) and at the University of Notre Dame, where he renewed his temporary vows. Strach graduates with a Master of Divinity from Notre Dame in May, and anticipates professing final vows and being ordained a transitional deacon in August 2015.

Sarah Burns '07 (NDP) I graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2011. I'm a Marine stationed at New River Air Station in Jacksonville, North Carolina. Running has always been a big part of my life. I've completed seven marathons. On November 2, I will be participating in the NYC marathon and this time I will be running for charity to benefit the United Service Organization. USO takes care of the marines at Camp Leatherneck and Camp Pendleton, Okinawa, and all over the world. My previous marathons have included the Marine Corps Marathon, which I run twice; the Boston Marathon, which I ran three times; a marathon in Harrisburg, Penn., and the Sun Trust Marathon in D.C.

Molly Batchik '10 (NDP) Grand Valley State University recognized Molly with 2014 Outstanding Student of the Year Award for the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies. She graduated 4/26 with a BA in Liberal Studies, with emphasis in Creativity and Culture and Minor in Writing and Minor in Women and Gender Studies. She will continue to live in Grand Rapids.

Charlie Kosuth '10 (NDP) is a senior at University of Michigan. He just got back from Guatemala, his third trip with Woven Wind, an engineering group working with a village on wind turbine. He co-led the group this year while working in a full-time co-op position at Toyota in Ann Arbor.

Christopher Holsbeke '11 (NDP) works with father, Christopher Holsbeke Sr. '82 (NDHS), in their family business Holsbeke Construction. Holsbeke Construction is located in Mount Clemens and will open its second location when it moves into the former New Haven Farmers Elevator building later this spring. Chris Holsbeke said work is currently being done on the 12,000-square-foot Farmers Elevator before the company officially moves in. The Farmers Elevator closed in December and was sold shortly after in an auction. Holsbeke plans to renovate the landmark silos that grace the 2 1/2-acre property and have been a part of New Haven's landscape for over five decades.

Alex Kopitz '11 (NDP) is a piano performance major at Oakland University and was a winner of O.U.'s concerto competition this winter for piano. In February, he performed as a soloist with the Oakland Symphony at the 17th Annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert. In April he will receive a MaTilDa Award (Oakland University's version of the Oscars) for outstanding student in piano performance. Alex was also selected as one of the winners of the 2014 Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's Young Artist Competition. He will perform a movement from Rachmaninoff's 2nd piano concerto with the symphony on May 3rd at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

Luke Moriguchi '12 (NDP) This summer, Luke worked an internship in a product-lifecycle management position with Gulfstream Aerospace in Georgia. In college, Luke is a section in the Purdue University band.

Al Smith '12 (NDP) Al is a junior majoring in English/Film/music at U-M. Also a two-time Hopwood winner. Al also is on the U-M boxing team. He was on spring break heading to the Grand Canyon, got in a car accident and never made it to his destination. On his way back he rescued two lost, frozen dogs, took them to his hotel room and then found them a shelter. You had to be a resident to put the dogs in a no-kill shelter, so he left the dogs and asked them to call if no one adopted them because he did not want them to be put down. Real long story short, Al was called and was given the bad news. So Al and his dad Tim drove to Arkansas and back (36 hours; 1900 miles) and returned with two dogs and found a great home so the two dogs could be together.

Eric Leen '13 (NDP) In the Royal Australian Air Force. He is attending college at the Australian Defence Force Academy. Studying electrical engineering and training to become an Aerospace Engineering Officer.

Diana (Giannetti) Cossaboom '08 (NDP) Graduate of Oakland University in 2012 with a BA in Political Science. She enlisted in the Air Force and went to basic training in April 2013. She is an Airman 1st Class. She is currently stationed at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., as a 20th Fighter Wing public affairs photojournalist. She was married in Maryland in December to Michael Cossaboom, who also is a public affairs photojournalist in the 20th Fighter Wing.

Stacy Szymczak '11 (NDP) had an article published in the Journal of Neonatal Nursing this past April, which was co-authored

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by Dr. Renee Shellhaas, a doctor in pediatric neurology at the U-M hospital. This was a culmination of a year-long research project during her sophomore year at the University of Michigan which she was awarded a blue ribbon for her presentation. She is currently going into her senior year.

Elizabeth Halabu '09 (NDP) I am about to start my third and final year of law school at Wayne State University. I will then be working with my father and brother, Peter, who is a fellow alum, at the family law firm as an attorney, specializing in business transactions and corporate law.

Matthew Dondanville '09 (NDP) Graduated early from Grand Valley State University to pursue two graduate degrees in geospatial programming and geospatial intelligence. I helped start a geomatic engineering firm in central Illinois and have been working there for over two years. We have

done research and development for Caterpillar mining, the agriculture industry, and drone/UAV development. I bought a house and renovate others on the side. Also volunteering as a lead mentor on a local FIRST robotics team.

OAKLAND CATHOLIC ALUMNI

Marilyn Drake '93 (OC) Marilyn Drake, class president of OC Class of 1993 and her brother, David Greenlees, student body president, PC Class of 1988, have returned from separate missionary trips, spreading the Gospel message. David in India and Marilyn in Africa.

PONTIAC CATHOLIC ALUMNI

Elizabeth (Beth) Brown '70 (PC) sends an email: I am on a teaching mission at a Catholic school in Letefoho, Timor Leste, near Australia. I will be home by Christmas this year and hope to attend NDAA events in 2015.

David Greenlees '88 (PC) David Greenlees, student body president, PC Class of 1988: just returned from a missionary trip in India spreading

the Gospel message.

Robert J Lenz II '70 (PC) I would like to give you and the staff and to all the students and graduates of NDPMA an update on what I have been up to: After I graduated from Pontiac Catholic in 1970, I worked at my aunt and uncle's restaurant, Trini & Carmen's. Then in 1985, mom, dad and I moved to Sacramento, California. I took classes at American River College for two years. Then I went to John Palmer Adult Vocational school. I took six weeks of clerical training there and then took two years of state training in different state agencies to do the actual work. Then I put my application at the personal board. I was hired at Employment Development Department. My duties were filing typing, duplicating and sorting the mail. I retired last May 1 after 23 years, with a good pension. With my retirement, I take walks around town, go shopping and I like to visit people. I attend the Newman Catholic College community of

Sacramento State. Father Ramirez is very friendly and the congregation is very welcoming. My hobbies are crocheting, plants and flowers and cooking and baking. I am doing very well, my health is good, and still able to keep going.

Mark English '70 (PC) Retired teacher with the Michigan Dept. of Corrections. Also taught in El Paso, Tex., North Branch, Mich., and Rogers City, Mich. Was part of the coaching staff at a high school in Rogers City that made it to the state semifinals in football, baseball and quarterfinals in wrestling. Before my teaching career, I worked more than 17 years with General Motors in Pontiac. I have been happily married to my wife, Karen, for 27 years. ■

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respect. I know he'll be another catalyst for change on our leadership team."

Major renovation of studio art room complete

The renovation of the A3 studio art room in the upper division of Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy has been completed, the school announced today. New tables, storage cabinetry and special lighting were among the upgrades to the room, which is home to classes ranging from art foundations and painting to design and digital photography.

Head of School Fr. Leon Olszowski, s.m., '65 (NDHS) and art faculty members Sandra LewAllen and Ned Devine said a big thank you is due to the major contributors to the project: the Schwabauer and Carballo families as well as the McManus Foundation, which helped to finance the \$130,000+ renovation.

Note: Helen (Cosgrove) Gagel '32 (SF) is celebrating her 99th birthday Nov. 6.

Weddings

Diana Giannetti '08 (NDP) married Michael Cossaboom in Dec. 2013

Christine Poulin '01 (NDP) married Michael Carter on Mar. 8, 2014

Stephen Biggs, '99 (NDHS) married Amy Grote in Dec. 2013 in Miami, Fla. Expecting their first child this October (2014). Recently relocated to Oahu, Hawaii.

Brian Biggs '02 (NDHS) married "Teela" Ann Tran in April 2014 and resides in Miami, Fla.

Christine Poulin '01 (NDP) married Michael Carter on Mar. 8, 2014

Patrick Kelly '00 (NDHS) married Adrian Babich on May 10, 2014, in Atlanta, Ga. Alumni present at the wedding were groomsmen Tom Kelly '03 (NDHS), Chad Spigner '00 (NDHS), Jon Robb '00 (NDHS) and Scott Jiles '00 (NDHS). Also attending were Patrick's father Mike Kelly '73 (NDHS) and uncles Brian Kelly '77 (NDHS) and Mike Perlin '69 (NDHS). Eric Stinebiser '00 (NDHS) also was in attendance.

Births

Mike Niemczycki '00 (NDP) and Jennifer (Wildey) Niemczycki welcome their first child, **Brielle Jewel Niemczycki**, born in April 2014.

Brad Mitchell '02 (NDP) and his wife, Katrina, welcomed their first child: **Samuel John Mitchell**, born March 29, 2014, 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

Kyle Jackson '99 (NDP) and his wife, Lisa, welcomed their first child **Lucas Matthew Jackson**, born on April 19, 2014.

Matt Harro '93 (NDHS) and his wife welcomed twins **Henry Matthew** and **Kaya Jean** on Nov. 16, 2013.

Brian Parthum '93 (NDHS) and Madeleine Parthum welcomed their daughter **Annika Jean Parthum**, born July 15, 2014. Proud grandfather is John Parthum '63 (NDHS). Proud uncle is Mark Parthum '96 (NDHS).

Laura Tisdell '00 (NDP) and Matthew Burton welcomed **Mark Andrew Burton** into the world at 12:45 a.m. on July 25 in New York, NY. He weighed 7 pounds, ten ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. All are happy and healthy!

Alumni/staff/faculty rest in peace

Christopher Scott Glass '87 (NDHS).

Mary Ellen Grubb (Zimmerman) '43 (SF). 7-1-14

Denise (Fleming) Sharum '73 (PC). 5-17-14

Russell "Russ" LeBlanc, former principal of Pontiac Catholic. 5-13-14

Gerard "Jerry" Holland '71 (OC). 5-6-14

Jason J. Stewart '97 (NDHS), brother of Ryan Stewart '04 (NDHS). 4-28-14

Michael Tasti '81 (NDHS), brother of Mark Tasti '84 (NDHS). 4-22-14

Aldo Colandrea '70 (NDHS). 4-17-14

Jacob Dib '96 (NDHS), brother of Michael Dib '88 (NDHS). 3-28-14

Paul Rybicki, former teacher at NDHS. 3-17-14

David Ayrault, former NDHS development director, husband of Merrie Gay Ayrault, retired NDHS English teacher. 3-13-14

Michael Foley '58 (NDHS). 2-24-14

Gerard Drouillard '67 (NDHS) 1-18-14

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. ■

**NOTRE DAME PREP
ANNOUNCES 23
VALEDICTORIANS,
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Notre Dame Preparatory School announced in June that 23 young men and women earned a place in its 2014 valedictorian class. There were a total of 166 students in the class.

At Notre Dame, traditional courses are weighted on a 4.000 basis, honors courses on a 4.500 basis, and Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses on a 5.0 basis. A student must have a cumulative GPA of at least 4.350 to be considered a valedictorian.

Congratulations to these truly outstanding “Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars.”



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Courtney Schwabauer



Elizabeth Cowdin



Kathleen Finn



Jacob L. Conroy



Hannah Strat



John Potwardowski

CLASS REUNIONS

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Class of 1999, 15-year, Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 2004, 10-year, Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 2009, 5-year, reunion will be planned for 2014. Will be held Thanksgiving weekend. For more information contact Class Captain contacts: Alayna Lekosiotis, lekosiot@gmail.com, Victoria Thompson, vthomp90@gmail.com and Sarah Yahrmatter, yahmatt@msu.edu.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1959, 55-year. Reunion Planning Committee in formation for a 2014 reunion event. Volunteers needed to join the committee. Please contact Ron Kolito at kolito@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1964, 50-year. October 24th at the Sterling Inn. Please contact Paul Perse at pperse@yahoo.com for more information.

Class of 1965, 50-year. Reunion being planned for 2015. Details TBA. The committee is looking to update e-mail addresses and contact information. Reunion Committee: Dennis Berger, dennisaberger@aol.com, (909) 223-4483; Fr. Leon Olszamowski, lolszamowski@ndpma.org.

Class of 1969, 45-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested

Class of 1974, 40-year. Reunion Planning Committee in formation for a 2014 reunion event. Volunteers needed to join the committee. Reunion to be held possibly at Notre Dame Prep. Please contact Carlo Vitale at carlo.vitale@comcast.net.

Class of 1979, 35-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested

Class of 1984, 30-year. Reunion to be held in 2014 is in the early planning stages. Reunion committee contacts: Todd Grzelewski, tsg663@aol.com; Paul Gaynor, prgaynor05@yahoo.com; and Andy Guest, aguest@ndpma.org.

Class of 1986, 30-year. Will be planning a 30-year reunion for 2016. Reunion Committee: John Kaminski jkaminski1700@yahoo.com, H: (612) 822-4759 C: (952) 261-5546; Dan O'Brien (248) 840-8391 dobrien734@comcast.net; Paul Arnone paul.c.arnone@gm.com; Stephen Schultz stephen2000_fl@yahoo.com; Jonathan Zaidan jkmzc@sbcglobal.net.

Class of 1989, 25-year. Reunion is in the early planning stages for a TBA date in 2014. Reunion committee in formation. If you would like to help, contact Gregory Simon at gsimon@ndpma.org.

Class of 1994, 20-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 1999, 15-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

Class of 2004, 10-year. Volunteers from your class are needed to help plan a 2014 reunion. Please contact the alumni office at alumni@ndpma.org if you are interested.

PONTIAC CATHOLIC

No reunions scheduled currently.

OAKLAND CATHOLIC

No reunions scheduled currently

ST. FREDERICK

St. Frederick All School Reunion - New Date!

Sunday, September 14, 2014. Memorial Mass will be on Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. Luncheon will be at 1:00 p.m. at the Santia Banquet Center, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, MI. More details will follow in the upcoming months.

ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael, 25th Annual All School Reunion

Sunday, September 21, 2014. Mass and luncheon will be held at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy. Details TBA.

NOTRE DAME UPCOMING EVENTS

HOMECOMING 2014

Friday, October 3

Alumni tent celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. BBQ buffet served at 7:00 p.m.

Varsity football game vs. Fr. Gabriel Richard – 7:30 p.m.

William Kozyra Alumni Field, Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL ALUMNI. All alumni and guests are invited to join in this momentous event, as we celebrate our rich history of Catholic education.

FIRST EVER NOTRE DAME FUN RUN

Brought to you by the Notre Dame Alumni Association. The Notre Dame Alumni Association (NDAA) is excited for homecoming weekend activities to continue on Saturday morning with the first ever Notre Dame Fun Run. This 5k run/walk will take place on the beautiful campus of NDPMA. Pre-registration is available at ndpma.org as well as walk up registration on Saturday morning. Cost is \$22 per person and kids under age 10 are free. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the event will begin at 8:30 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for ALL alumni to come back or if you have never been to campus to see this amazing campus first hand. Please join us for this wonderful event.

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 18, 2014
6:00 p.m. at NDPMA, Pontiac. \$50,000 Super Raffle drawing to be held at 9:00 p.m. Tickets \$30.00 per person. Includes barbeque dinner, beer, wine, live music, dancing and entry to door prizes. Adults 21+ only. RSVP by September 20. Call Joan Kopytek in the Advancement Office at (248) 373-2171 ext. 2.

TRAVELING IRISH - UPCOMING STOPS IN COLLEGE TOWNS NEAR YOU The tradition of Traveling Irish events in mid-west college towns continues, as the Notre Dame Alumni Association enjoys visiting its young alums for pizza parties, bar nights and the like! The alumni association board of directors is scheduling Traveling Irish stops in Ann Arbor, East Lansing, Mount Pleasant, South Bend and Detroit. Watch the Alumni E-Newsletter for more information and dates. If you would like to help the alumni association plan a Traveling Irish event in your town, contact alumni@ndpma.org.

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