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A WORD FROM YOUR ALUMNI DIRECTOR



On August 22, we welcomed over 1,100 students back to campus and kicked off a brand new school year. I look forward with so much anticipation to the year ahead. The alumni board has been hard at work planning the event calendar for the year. Please be sure we have a current email address so you are able to receive all of the latest news and events.

The fall is a very busy time here on campus and we invite you back to participate in one of the many upcoming events. Join us on October 1 for Oktoberfest in the main gym. Enjoy dinner, dancing and cocktails! I will be sponsoring two tables for alumni; if you are interested in attending, please email me at bcampbell@ndpma.org. I will be providing free tickets for the first 20 alums.

Homecoming Weekend is set for October 7-8 at 7 p.m. Festivities begin on Friday night as we invite alumni to the Fr. Colin House for a pre-game tailgate and premier parking at the lower division at 5 p.m. Stop by with your families and enjoy a beverage and some appetizers before heading to the alumni tent at 6:30. The game starts at 7 p.m. and the Fighting Irish will be taking on Bloomfield Hills High School. Early the next morning, the alumni association will again host the Notre Dame 5k Fun Run beginning at 9 a.m. in the lower division parking lot. Cost is \$20 per runner and new this

year, we will be having a costume contest! Come join the fun by registering at our website at www.ndpma.org/nd5k.

Finally, we are excited to offer an Alumni Theatre Night on opening night of the upper division's fall musical, Cole Porter's Anything Goes, on November 18 at Avondale High School. Again, we will provide free tickets for the first 20 alums interested in attending. Please email me at bcampbell@ndpma.org by November 1 to reserve your ticket. Additional discounted tickets will be available through my office as well. Following the show, the alumni office will be hosting a cast party backstage for all alumni.

We hope that at least one of these upcoming events piques your interest. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Beth Campbell

Beth Campbell
Director of Alumni Relations, Notre Dame

Thoughts



I am happy to report that your alma mater is in the best financial shape in its 23-year history. This does not mean that we have all the resources to accomplish everything we need, hope or desire to continue to grow the school, but it

does mean that we are a solid business entity.

A strong operation allows us to focus on our true mission of working with God to form Christian persons, upright citizens and academic scholars.

Last May, we graduated 180 seniors who were accepted into more than 140 different colleges and universities across the nation, earning more than \$16 million in scholarships and grants.

This month, we were recognized as the first school in the state (at either the secondary or collegiate level) to be named as a Certified Academic Learning Center utilizing the

CATIA V6 software for three-dimensional design and printing.

Athletically, we brought home two state championships last year in competitive cheer and soccer.

Our marching band theme this year is "superheroes" and our upcoming Fall musical is "Anything Goes."

This summer, we were saddened by the loss of Doreen Vermiglio, who worked in the Harper Woods Notre Dame office for more than 30 years and just recently, we also learned of the passing of beloved government, history and law teacher, William "Bill" Schram. Please keep Mrs. V. and Mr. Schram in your prayers.

We were deeply affected by the recent loss of Kristy Malter (NDP, Class of '13), who died suddenly at the young age of 21. We are thankful to Ed Belcrest (NDHS, Class of '81) who has stepped forward to help fund and create a scholarship in Kristy's memory. The Kristy Lynn Malter Memorial Scholarship will help ensure that other young people have an opportunity to experience a Notre Dame education.

We recently announced an expansion of our lower division to include additional classroom space for grades Jr.K – 5. Our hope is that alums will consider sending their children to Notre Dame.

Notre Dame is a family. We want to

invite all alumni and alumnae from Notre Dame Prep, Notre Dame High School, Oakland Catholic, Pontiac Catholic, St. Frederick and St. Michael to be a part of our family. We would not be the school we are today without your traditions, history and support.

Finally, after our all-school liturgy yesterday, we distributed Klondike ice cream bars to the students in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. Our newest addition to the Marist staff, Fr. Ron Nikodem, s.m., commented on how friendly and polite our students were and how many students said "thank you" as they received their treat.

There are great things happening at Notre Dame and we want you, as alums, to share in our success. We hope to see many of you at our homecoming festivities on October 7 and 8.

Thank you!

Andrew J. Guest

Andrew J. Guest '84 (NDHS)
Interim President, Notre Dame

IB success rate high

Notre Dame's IB Diploma success rate again well ahead of U.S. and world

Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy announced in early July that 97% of its students enrolled in the school's International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (DP) had successfully received an IB Diploma. This number is ahead of last year's IB-Diploma Program graduation result of 92% and well ahead of U.S. and worldwide average pass rates.

Kim Anderson, who is an IB Diploma program coordinator at NDPMA and Spanish teacher, said that the latest results were outstanding.

"Our kids did an amazing job and I could not be more proud of them," she said. Also, a big thanks to all of our NDP teachers who taught them over the past four years. We are so blessed to have such a fantastic teaching staff."

Anderson also noted that in the past six years, Notre Dame has not had any student in its IB Diploma program fail the Theory of Knowledge course or the extended essay, two very critical components of the program.

According to the International Baccalaureate, in 2016, the worldwide average IB Diploma pass rate was 79.2% and the U.S. average was 67.7%. ■



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Homecoming 2016

Friday, October 7

Pre-game tailgate at the Fr. Colin House: 5 p.m.

Tent opens: 6:30 p.m.

Varsity football vs. Bloomfield Hills High School: 7 p.m.

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Saturday, October 8

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Registration 8 a.m. • Run begins at 9 a.m.

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Assistant AD gets 'elite' administrator certification



In a press release issued September 1 by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA), Maureen Radulski, assistant athletic director at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy, was honored and recognized by the association as a Certified Master Athletic Administrator.

“Maureen Radulski is one of a very elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism,” said the statement by NIAAA.

In earning this distinction, according to the association, Radulski has demonstrated exemplary knowledge, contributions and on-going professional development in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of Radulski’s educational background, experience, NIAAA leadership courses and professional contributions and culminates with a practical written project.

“Maureen’s recent designation by the NIAAA reflects her passion, hard work and dedication to educational athletics and life-long learning,” said Betty Wroubel, Notre Dame’s athletic director and assistant principal. “Her commitment to the students and coaches has had a great impact on the success of our programs at NDPMA. Plus, her work in expanding the intramural program in our lower division has extended the benefits of athletics to a whole new group of students on campus. We are proud of Maureen’s accomplishment and what it means to our Notre Dame community.”

Beatification process of Marist founder moves forward

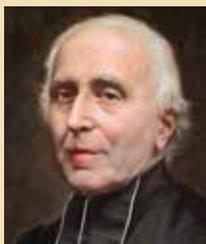
Last month saw a significant step forward in the formal process of the Venerable Jean-Claude Colin, s.m.’s beatification, according to a recent update by the Society of Mary (Marists).

Almost two years ago, in October of 2014, a petition from Cardinal Barbarin, Archbishop of Lyons, to reopen the “cause” at the diocesan level was submitted to the Congregation of the Cause of Saints. This and three other Roman dicasteries were required to give their approval.

NOTE: The Marists currently sponsor Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy.

“The postulator in Fr. Colin’s cause for sainthood, Fr. Carlo Maria Schianchi, monitored the matter at regular intervals with the Vatican,” said the Society. “Finally, in a document dated July 8, 2016, Cardinal Amato, the prefect of the Congregation of Saints, has sent the nihil obstat to Cardinal Barbarin, permitting the cause to move forward at the diocesan level.”

The Marists also said that an accompanying letter to the cause also mentioned that the writings of Fr. Colin would be studied by two



theological censors, and that a historical commission should study well the difficulties that Fr. Colin had with the Vicars Apostolic and Propaganda Fide, along with a number of questions concerning the writing of the constitutions, and any other difficulties that may arise.

“This is an opportunity for us to renew our efforts to spread devotion to Fr. Colin and to pray for a miracle,” said the Society in a note to Marists around the world.

Notre Dame girls soccer claims first state title



The Notre Dame girls varsity soccer team claimed its first MHSAA state title in program history, scoring a goal in the final minute of regulation to force overtime before prevailing after eight rounds of a penalty kick shootout over Grand Rapids

Forest Hills Northern.

Notre Dame (21-1-3) finished the season on an 18-game winning streak. En route to the title game, Notre Dame defeated #1-ranked DeWitt, #4-ranked Marian #8-ranked Warren Regina and #14-ranked Fenton in postseason play. The Irish lose seniors Rosella LoChirco, Erika Wiest, Hannah Zapczynski, Grace Cummings, Maya Jacobs, and Morgan O’Neill to graduation.

Notre Dame alum one of four finalists in 2016 Hatch Detroit contest

Voting came down to the wire recently in the 2016 edition of Hatch Detroit’s “Hatch Contest” when the semifinal round ended and the top four vote-getters were announced. One of the four finalists named was Taylor Bolleber, a 2010 graduate of Notre Dame, who runs BIRD BEE, a lifestyle clothing boutique offering a mix of modern bohemian, vintage inspired and contemporary clothing, shoes, jewelry and accessories in and around Detroit.

Bolleber, who also graduated from Grand Valley State University, has been hard at work making her clothing boutique a success. Unfortunately, Bolleber came up just short of winning the entire Hatch Contest.

“I started BIRD BEE in November of 2015 while working full time at an advertising agency,” she told Notre Dame. “But then I left that job in May of this year to focus full time on my business.”

The Hatch Contest is an opportunity for one savvy entrepreneur each year to win a \$50,000 grant to open their brick and mortar retail business in Detroit, Highland Park or Hamtramck. Hatch says they believe that independent retail helps define the character and personality of city neighborhoods and they came up with this contest on the idea of crowd entrepreneurship — giving community members a role in the city’s redevelopment.



It seems that Notre Dame also must have figured in such an early success for entrepreneur Bolleber.

“My favorite part about NDP is that even with it being relatively small compared to some public high schools, it still offered so many leadership opportunities,” she said. “I know that if I attended any other school, I would have never been part of so many clubs and organizations or take on the roles that I was able to take at ND Prep.”

Bolleber also takes extra pride in something else from her years at Notre Dame Prep. “I still feel pretty proud that in those four years, I never received a single detention for not tucking my shirt in!”

Notre Dame alum Elias Khalil ('88), who operates the successful La Feria restaurant in midtown Detroit, was the overall winner of the Hatch contest in 2012.

Portraits by Notre Dame IB-Art students reach destinations in Peru

Seven former IB-Art students who graduated from Notre Dame in May found out this week that their special hand-drawn portraits created as part of the worldwide program known as the Memory Project were finally delivered to a number of disadvantaged children in the South American country of Peru.



“My students kept contacting me over the summer anxiously awaiting word that their portraits arrived in Peru,” said Sandy LewAllen, Notre Dame’s art chair and IB Art instructor. “It really was sweet of them to keep checking to make sure the art got to the kids okay.”

The Memory Project is a unique initiative in which art students create portraits for children and teens around the world who have been neglected, orphaned, or disadvantaged. Given that kids in such situations tend to have few personal keepsakes, project organizers aim to provide them with special memories that capture a piece of their childhood – portable pieces of their personal history. As much as possible, the Memory Project also wants to help the kids see themselves as “works of art.”

“I want to make sure these Christian people and upright citizens who live the mission by using their talents to make the world a better place are called out for their good work,” LewAllen said. “They are Ella Holbert, Sabrina Kloss, Sydney Pauls, Michael Ignagni, Vikram Surendran, Paul Romzek and Luke Mullis. I am very proud of them!”

These now-alums from Notre Dame received photos during this past school year of a number of young children in Peru from which the portraits were made. The artwork was then shipped to Peru and delivered to the children in various locations in that country.

Alum finishes near top in world race in Switzerland

Luke Mullis '16 (NDP), who last year represented the United States at the 2015 Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) Junior Track Cycling World Championships in Kazakhstan, this year represented the country at the same event in Aigle, Switzerland, on July 20-24 at the

headquarters of the UCI - the world governing body of cycling.

This year in Aigle, Luke raced the omnium (cycling equivalent of the decathlon), where the national champions of 28 countries and the best all-around track cyclists competed in six different disciplines to determine the best all-around junior track cyclist in the world for 2016.

Participation in the UCI Junior Track Cycling World Championships reached record levels this year, with more than 300 athletes from 43 countries – including an athlete from Brazil for the first time - registered to compete.



First on the race schedule for Mullis in the “worlds” was a 14 km (nine-mile elimination event) to reduce the number of competitors from 28 to 18. Mullis qualified by one point, after which he went on to set new personal records in the 1 km time trial (1 min, 7 seconds) and achieved a 10.9 flying lap, powering well over 40 mph for one lap of the velodrome. He eventually battled himself to a very credible 13th place finish, according to sources.

Notre Dame signs agreement with new dining service provider



Notre Dame announced in July that it had signed an agreement with Flik Independent School Dining, a division of Flik Hospitality Group based in Rye Brook, New York, to be the school’s dining and food service provider beginning with the upcoming school year.

According to school officials, the change in foodservice providers was made to provide a more nutritious menu of breakfast and lunch options in a program specifically customized for all Notre Dame students’ needs.

“We looked at a number of different options and companies when we decided to change providers,” said Anthony Block ’80 (NDHS), Notre Dame’s chief financial officer. “Flik came in with what we thought was the best plan to provide wholesome, nutritious meals, prepared fresh from fresh ingredients while supporting local and sustainable agricultural practices.”

Ray Mulligan, who is president of Flik Independent School Dining, said he is proud that Flik will be the new dining service provider at Notre Dame.

“We are the market leader in independent school dining, currently

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Values, faith and lacrosse

Alum and lacrosse national champion says Notre Dame was unique in combining faith and real values with hard work



Notre Dame alum Brekan Kohlitz ('04) won a lacrosse national championship with the University of Michigan.

Winning face-offs in lacrosse is a big deal. So big, in fact, there are special training centers and camps across the country dedicated to creating experts in lacrosse face-offs. One such expert is 2004 Notre Dame alum Brekan Kohlitz, who after graduating from Notre Dame, went on to play and help win a national championship for the University of Michigan.

At face-offs, there were few better than Kohlitz, high school or college. At Notre Dame he won 90 percent of his face-offs and as a senior at U-M, won more than 70 percent, which later helped land him spots on a number of professional teams in the U.S.

“Playing lacrosse at U-M was one of the best times of my life,” Kohlitz said. “During my time there, Michigan only had a varsity club lacrosse program, meaning we were recognized by the university, but not fully sanctioned. But we played in the very competitive MCLA league.”

Michigan made the MCLA tournament and competed for a national title in each of Kohlitz’s four years there and the team got better

and better over time, according to Kohlitz.

“We were blessed with an amazing and fully-dedicated staff and the coaches — head coach John Paul and assistant coach Kenny Broschart, in particular — were so world class that they’re still there coaching today. My U-M class of 2008 was particularly special though, too — we had an amazing group of guys both in terms of talent and probably even more so, in terms of heart and drive — and we were all best of friends, even still to this day.”

In Kohlitz’s final year in 2008, Michigan ended up going a perfect 20-0 and winning the MCLA national title, which marked the first time in MCLA history that a team ended up with a perfect record and the first time the University of Michigan won the championship. After graduating from U-M, Kohlitz stayed on to help coach the team to another perfect 20-0 record and MCLA title the following year.

NOW FOCUSED ON BRANDING, NOT FACE-OFFS

Kohlitz now has his lacrosse playing days in his rearview mirror as he



Kohlitz and his wife, Ashleigh, were married in 2014 and live in Richmond, Va.

pursues a successful career in marketing and brand management. Armed with a B.S. degree in communications studies from U-M and an MBA from Virginia Commonwealth University, Kohlitz works for Capital One's brand marketing department in Virginia.

"When I left Michigan to attend VCU, I always thought I'd return back to the midwest, but then life happened," he said. "While at Virginia Commonwealth, I ended up meeting the love of my life, who is now my wife, Ashleigh. We graduated together in 2011, bought a house in Richmond in 2013 and got married in 2014. I've been with Capital One for nearly five years now and I'm currently working in the company's digital design department where I partner with various parts of the business and help them rethink their strategies to be more human-centered and customer-friendly."

Kohlitz appears to be in a pretty good place now both professionally and personally. Although it wasn't always smooth sailing. "Our marriage hasn't been the easiest thus far, as a month before our wedding day, Ashleigh was diagnosed with brain cancer that turned out to be stage 3 and much more aggressive than they had originally thought," he said. "She's the toughest person I know and has been fighting hard and kicking butt over the course of the last couple years and is currently in stable condition."

He brings this up for two big reasons.

"Number one, I want all of my Notre Dame brethren to know about how amazing my wife is, and two, I want to enlist the help of everyone to keep praying for us – we can never get enough. We've been using the hashtag #KickAsh and encourage everyone to use it when posting notes or pictures of support!"

NOTRE DAME RECOLLECTIONS

Kohlitz has high praise for the time he spent at Notre Dame, both on the lacrosse field and in the classroom.

"More than anything I think that Notre Dame helped make me a well-rounded man," he said. "Obviously, going to a Catholic school paid a ton of dividends toward my faith and the power of God, but there were other aspects that made an impact as well. We had a terrific faculty and staff that made the school feel more like a community than a school, which inherently taught us values that can't be learned through a textbook."

He said he personally would like to thank (the legendary and late)

Fr. (John) Bryson, Mr. (Ken) Parent, Fr. Juan Gonzalez (Padre Juan), Mr. (Duane) Holmes and Mr. (Richard) Kuhn.

"We had awesome teachers who pushed us to do better, challenged us with harder work, and invested in our future educational and career growth — teachers like Mr. (Frank) Swaney and Mr. (Vincent) Tocco, and I'm sure I'm forgetting some faculty and staff here too – if I've missed you, you know who you are, and I thank you!"

"Then, there was also the fact that Notre Dame High School was a little rough around the edges," he added. "While many people today may hear that and scoff, I honestly think it made me into a better person. I mean, many of my classmates came from rougher neighborhoods and the majority of us were raised in blue-collar households, which gave us a little chip on our shoulder and made us want to work that much harder and prove ourselves that much more."

Working harder at lacrosse was also among many vivid memories Kohlitz keeps from his time playing for the Irish.

"Boy, I could go on and on about coaches Coyro and Holifield butchering my name at the top of their lungs," he said. "I still don't think they know how to say it to this day. Some of my best memories though are around Coyro making us practice in the snow when you could barely run or feel your limbs and then making us have no-stick practices where all we'd do is bear-crawl and crab-walk the field followed by some very intense jogs. And then there were also some times when teammate Mike De-Craene and I would be in the gym for so long after practice, we'd get lightheaded and could barely feel our arms as we drove home."

Kohlitz, whose father, Don ('70), and uncles Tim ('73) and Jeff ('76) also were Notre Dame grads, wanted to give a big shout out to one of his best friends at NDHS, Chris Hentrich, who actually was the one who convinced him to play lacrosse following a hockey season.

"Not only did he introduce me to the sport, but he was a huge influence on helping me develop my game," he said. "I remember us shooting around in our backyards from sun up to sun down on the weekends and nearly every night after practice. I also have to give a shoutout to DeCraene, another one of my best friends, who would never let me skip a day in the gym – I would have been a weakling without him. The other guys I have to give credit to were some of the awesome upperclassmen LAX players who pushed us underclassmen to be better and supported us all the time. Guys like Jonathan Bartoy, Jeff Bruss, Eric Pascany and Tim Henshaw."

Kohlitz gives his last and biggest shoutout to his mom.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't mention how grateful I am of my mom," he said. "She set me up for success in all that she has done throughout my life and for that I'm forever thankful." ■



Kohlitz, left, is with fellow Notre Dame alum and lacrosse teammate Chris Hentrich ('04).



2015 graduate says his Notre Dame experience already paying dividends

Alum picked for notable research program

Logan Verheyen, a 2015 graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory School, was selected as a Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) research scholar for 2016. The program is for Saint Louis University (St. Louis, Mo.) students enrolled in the university's Parks College and includes summer undergraduate research positions in both engineering and aviation research.

"This was a highly competitive process, with about eighty applications received for the fifteen available slots," said SLU's SURE coordinator Raymond P. Lebeau, Jr., Ph.D. He said the SURE program is 10 weeks long, beginning on May 16 and ending July 22, 2016, and each student is required to spend 40 hours per week during those 10 weeks to complete their project.

Already well into the program, Verheyen said among a number of other things he studied are the effects of macromolecular crowding on collagen deposition for in-vitro tissue engineering.

"The use of macromolecules resembles the natural environment in which collagen-producing cells live," Verheyen added. "This stimulates faster growth than would be attained through simple in-lab growth."

Currently at SLU studying biomedical engineering, Verheyen said he found out about the SURE program during a search for summer programs at the university. "I applied to the program to explore my interests in research and to get some hands-on lab experience," he said.

During his summer program, Verheyen was under the tutelage of Dr. Natasha Case, an assistant professor in the biomedical engineering department at SLU's Parks College. She said the students working with her were, among other things, evaluating collagen failure in soft orthopaedic tissues.

"Collagens are a critical component in the extracellular matrix of orthopaedic tissues," she said. "Acute soft tissue damage from trauma or sports injuries can result in disruption of the collagen fibers, yet little is known about the process of collagen failure. As a first step in studying collagen failure this summer, soft tissue explants will be subjected to various modes of controlled damage and then effects on collagen structure will be evaluated using a combination of histological and biochemical methods, along with microscopy techniques."

Meanwhile, now more than a full year removed from his high school experience at Notre Dame, Verheyen said it's more than enough time to realize how valuable that experience was to him.

"One of the biggest things I learned from NDP was to pursue many and various interests," he said. "Though med school is currently my goal, I also have explored research and device development through my major. Doing so has helped me to define specific passions that I intend to pursue during my career. This is a skill I picked up after experiencing all the diverse classes, clubs, and sports offered at Notre Dame Prep." ■

Notre Dame Prep grad Logan Verheyen ('15), left, during a recent visit to Chicago. Verheyen was selected to participate in a special summer research project at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo.

Results exceed expectations on #BevsDay

On June 1, the entire Notre Dame community honored former teacher Beverly Williams through its first-ever #BevsDay fundraising challenge. The goal was to raise \$10,000 in honor of Williams. The Notre Dame Alumni Association announced at the end of the day that it raised \$25,205 as a result of #BevsDay.

"What can I say? Our grads and school community never cease to amaze me," said Greg Simon ('89), director of The Notre Dame Fund. "With Bev's fun-loving and generous spirit, we hoped for good participation, but none of us could have expected this level of success. Even better, the generosity of our donors gives us a chance to open even more doors for young people. I have to believe Bev is smiling and laughing at all of the hula-hoo!"

Simon, in partnership with Bev's daughter, Carley Williams, brought this entire day from conception to completion.

"I received a phone call from Greg Simon in April asking if I would make a small donation to NDP," said Carley Williams. "That quick phone call turned into a half-hour conversation about doing something bigger in memory of my mom to honor her legacy. About a week later Greg called me back and suggested we do a day of giving and we mutually came up with the idea of #BevsDay, a 24-hour fundraiser for scholarships and financial aid on the last day of regular classes, which was one of my mom's favorite days when she was a teacher at NDP. We also thought it would be a great idea to give the current students, who probably never met my mom, a special treat on the last day of classes."

Beverly Williams taught at Notre Dame Prep from 1999 until her untimely passing in 2009. She was loved by faculty and staff, parents, and students for her energy, compassion, generosity and infectious sense of humor. Bev taught sociology, psychology and AP psychology.

Bev's teaching, however, extended far beyond the content of her subjects. She was dedicated to helping those in need in the school community and surrounding area. In fact, each Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, Bev's classes would sponsor families in need and provide much-needed support during the holidays. She also made sure every student in her care was well fed!

Bev's generosity also included a strong commitment to scholarships and financial aid for Notre Dame families. She made annual donations and dedicated part of every check to helping families afford our school. Almost immediately after her passing in 2009, friends, family and former students raised more than \$10,000 in her name to support families as they pursue a Notre Dame education.

Everyone who knew Bev recognized her passion for our school and the doors it can open for students. #BevsDay honors Bev and hopes to open doors for students by helping their families with tuition assistance.

Bev's daughter Carley was deeply moved by the generosity of the Notre Dame community.



"Thank you from the bottom of my heart," she said. "My dad and I are overwhelmed by the generosity and love#BevsDay was an incredible success! Not only did we raise a ridiculous amount of money, but the stories/memories/pictures that were shared meant the world to both my dad and me. My mom not only loved teaching at NDP, but she loved all of her students, colleagues, and families that were a part of the NDP community."

The Notre Dame Alumni Association also thanks all who not only participated by giving, but shared so many memories. Here are just a few that were sent in:

"Always smiling and I looked forward to going to her class. She knew how to make everyone feel important and special. She also taught me how to eat a cupcake the right way!"
Devin Gonyer '05 (NDP)

"One of my favorite and most influential teachers in my life. She was always so passionate about teaching and always made coming into class a pleasure to learn."
Georgi Fram '07 (NDP)

"She was always laughing. There wasn't a moment I ever felt anything but welcomed and cared for in Bev's presence. Every single person who ever knew Bev loved and admired her, and there isn't a rainbow I see that doesn't make me think of her."
Shelly Youngs '03 (NDP)

"Junior year psychology class, Bev selected me to head up an "adopt a family" program at Christmas time. We packed her SUV and visited the family with the three young kids in Pontiac. It was the most rewarding feeling giving back to a family in need. Truly something I will never forget"
Danielle (Ferrara) Labarge '04 (NDP)

"Her hilariously inappropriate side comments to me under her breath when no one was listening. And her laugh, her laugh!"
Jenny Coor '02 (NDP)

"For as much as I am gifting to the school, I'm truly gifting in honor of Bev's legacy. At a time of pro-bono basement gigs, Bev actually paid to have our high school garage bands perform at her daughter's sweet 16 party. It's through these encouragements and Bev's generosity of spirit that I've been inspired. With Bev's introduction, I chose to pursue psychology as a first degree, while with safe performances under the belt, I eventually found gainful employment through music. It's amazing the influence Bev's had on the course of my life and career, and I hope other's find the same fortune through Bev's way. With sincere appreciation!
Nick Giacona '03 (NDP)

George Lucas, Ron How

Notre Dame and famed film school part of alum's creative training ground

When Danny Santos graduated from Notre Dame Prep, he pretty much knew which direction he wanted to take his college education and ultimately his career.

After graduating from NDP in 2011, he enrolled in cinema studies at Oakland University, and then, in January 2015, transferred to the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts, the most competitive film school in the United States, where the likes of George Lucas, Ron Howard, John Carpenter and Judd Apatow among many other movie royalty also have studied.

He said NDP prepared him well for the rigor of such a prestigious film school by providing its own eclectic mix of arts, academics and leadership opportunities.

"At Notre Dame, I could do the arts and participate in activities such as Kairos, which I led on my senior year," said Santos, "and sports such as wrestling. I think because of my drive, I was able to become captain of the wrestling team my senior year. I truly believe without the resources that NDP offered me, the variety, the amazing and encouraging staff and faculty, and the warm support and friendship of my peers, I would not be where I am today, and I'm so thankful to NDP for those experiences."

Where Santos is today, geographically, is in southern California. Where he is creatively is a bit more complicated. That's because he's managed to combine an inherent talent in music with his love of film — which incidentally was manifested at Notre Dame — into a budding career as a recording musician and producer of videos. In fact, this summer, he will be doing an internship at a music and film production company called GreenLight Media and Marketing, where he will assist on film shoots and other creative projects. Greenlight's clients include the Dave Matthews Band, Alabama Shakes and Lady Antebellum as well as corporate clients like Under Armour and Hyundai along with complete music festivals like Bonaroo.

"I definitely believe that from NDP, I found my identity as a leader and a creative, as I was heavily involved with the NDP Irish Film Festival, where I began my filmmaking ventures," Santos said. "I also believe that because of that experience, I have the capacity to connect with others and help build myself up while also bringing the community around me up."

He said what he loves about film and music is that the work is collaborative and that it takes teamwork to make the best projects come together. "And thanks to NDP, I have truly found my passions and strengths as someone who can work creatively and as a team leader," he said.



ard and Danny Santos



Santos plays club dates in and around Los Angeles, where he now lives and attends school at USC.

'SPIRITED' STUDENT

During his senior year at NDP band camp, Santos was given the "Most Spirited" award and at graduation he was awarded the "Spirit of the Fighting Irish" for exemplifying the standards expected from NDP students. He also received a plaque for his leadership on the NDP wrestling team.

"Aside from my Notre Dame experience," Santos said, "I also think that my personal need to express myself and create something to share with the world is a direct result of the infinite unconditional love and support of my parents, who have truly helped me make all my dreams come true so far. My father worked very hard to be able to send me to schools such as Notre Dame Prep and USC and I would not be where I am today without both my parents."

Now looking forward to graduation from USC soon with his degree in cinema and media studies, Santos is wasting no time in getting into a career in producing and directing films, film scores, and creating original singer/songwriter material. Early this year, Santos began an IndieGoGo campaign to help fund an album of original songs and compositions.

"The IndieGoGo campaign goal was to raise \$10,000 in an attempt to fund the recording and producing of an album of my original singer/songwriter and film-scoring material," he said. "My goal is to release this album by December 2016, fully recorded, produced and packaged. As a singer/songwriter in Los Angeles, I've performed at locations on Hollywood Boulevard, Sunset Boulevard, and downtown LA, and as a film scorer I'm writing music for my own film works as well as for fellow USC cinematic arts students."

Santos' campaign went from February 1 to March 31, and while he fell short of his \$10,000 goal, he was able to raise \$7,300 from family, friends, and others. With the money raised, he said he will be going forward with recording his album, which will be titled "The Prophet," and consist of 12 original songs within a concept following the journey of a young prophet as he meets many different characters and scenarios along his journey to following a call to spirituality, according to Santos.

MUSICAL HELP FROM ANOTHER ALUM

"I will be recording from July 11-17 at Bedrock LA, a recording studio that has featured clients such as Beck, Cat Power, Edward Sharp, Fitz

and the Tantrums, Group Love, MGMT, Reggie Watts, The Shins, Skrillex, and Thom Yorke of Radiohead, among many other great musicians," he said. "The studio has had a wide range of clientele and I'm really looking forward to recording there."

Santos said the album will feature many different styles and instrumentations, ranging from simple folk with acoustic guitar and percussion to lush arrangements with vocal soprano, cello, french horn, oboe, harp, violin, and flute to rock arrangements with electric guitar and drum kits.

"Jessica Thomas, also an NDP alum who studied flute at Michigan State, will be providing the flute for the album," Santos said. "Also, I'll be doing arrangements in collaboration with Liza Wallace, a harp player in California who studied with the same harp teacher as singer-songwriter and actress Joanna Newsom."

If all goes as planned, Santos said the record will be released on January 7, 2016, in Michigan. He said they are planning a record-release party in the Metro Detroit area on January 7.

"The ultimate goal of the project is to create 12 original music videos in collaboration with other filmmakers, either at USC's Cinematic Arts School or friends of mine in Los Angeles and Detroit," Santos said. "After the videos are made, I hope to submit them to film festivals as a way of promoting the record."

Promoting his former high school and inspiring future "dreamers" at his alma mater also are never far from Santos' thinking either.

"I hope one day I can be an example for future NDPMA students



Santos stopped by the Notre Dame Alumni Association office in August and performed four songs for a small group gathered in the main room of the Fr. Colin House. A video recording of the set is available at ndpma.org.

the same way that other people inspired me," Santos said. "I would love to come back to the school and give a speech to students about following their dreams. I'd love to share my music with the students, and one day I'd love to be able to give back to the school through donations when I make my own dreams of becoming a famous director, film scorer, and singer/songwriter come true!" ■

...serving over 190 prestigious private and independent schools," he said. "Our successful partnership with independent school communities is based on our philosophy of 'nourishing a brighter future.'"

Notre Dame's Block added that because of the cultural diversity and varied dietary preferences of Notre Dame's students and staff, Flik's on-site management team will create menus exclusively for the school. He also said that balances, account numbers, procedures, etc., from last year will all carryover with the new provider.

Notre Dame announces new addition to coaching staff

Notre Dame Preparatory School announced today that the athletic department has hired Shawn A. Kornoele as its new head girls swimming and diving coach, effective immediately. Kornoele replaces Mike Venos, who has taken a position with Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.



"We are very pleased that Shawn has agreed to come aboard at Notre Dame," said Betty Wroubel, athletic director and assistant principal at Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy. "It's not often that a high school can hire a coach with such an impressive background, especially one with Shawn's experience in Division-1 college athletics and international competitions."

Kornoele, who holds a master's degree from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, comes to Notre Dame after 27 years of coaching, 11 as associate head men's and women's swimming coach at Oakland University where he assisted with all aspects of running the university's Division-1 swimming program. Prior to Oakland University, Kornoele was a physical education instructor with the East Detroit Public Schools and head swimming coach for the Ann Arbor Swim Club.

Notre Dame loses devoted staff member



Doreen Vermiglio, a very familiar face to NDHS alumni, passed away July 4, 2016, at the age of 84. A 31-year veteran of Harper Woods Notre Dame, Vermiglio worked for the Marists at the school as an assistant to the athletic director, bookstore manager and secretary in the main office, where she assisted with the school's administration.

Gini Kelly, who worked with Vermiglio in the main office and remained one of Vermiglio's good friends, said she always had the students' best interest at heart and was a joy to work with. "Doreen was the most fun coworker I've ever been around," Kelly said. "We had the greatest time together. We really did. I think about her often and really miss her."

Many alums also remember Vermiglio working the admissions at the football field and gymnasium. She and her husband, Jim, almost without fail were the smiling faces at the ticket booth at football games and the admission table for basketball games. Jim Vermiglio passed away on June 27, 2016, at the age of 89.

Doreen and Jim are survived by Ken (Gretchen) '71 (NDHS), Louise (Joe '71 NDHS) Connolly, Lori (Frank) Waksmundzki, Lynn (Rick) Martin, John (Carla) '87 (NDHS), 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Notre Dame salutes Armed Forces

More than 70 members of Pontiac Notre Dame Prep's band and choir

programs were in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for about a week this summer where they participated in a special music festival celebrating the bravery of America's men and women in the United States Armed Forces.



The group was part of the "Salute to Valor Music Festival," held July 4 on the Battleship Missouri Memorial on Ford Island in Pearl Harbor. The event helped commemorate the 75th anniversary of the World War II attack on Pearl Harbor.

The contingent from Notre Dame joined performers from ensembles around the country to form the Festival Chorus and Band and honor Independence Day with America's favorite patriotic music. After the music festival, concertgoers and participants toured the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

In April, the band's spring concert included "December 7, 1941, A Day Which Will Live In Infamy," a musical portrayal of the events surrounding the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The dramatic portrayal, written by James Ployhar, includes President Franklin D. Roosevelt's announcement to the country of the fateful bombing.

The choir's May concert featured a special medley called "Salute to the Armed Forces and the Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Notre Dame alum named National Man of the Year



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) announced in June that Joe Vicari, a Notre Dame alum from the Class of 1975 and owner of Andiamo Restaurant Group, has been named its 2016 National Man of the Year.

Vicari participated as a national nominee for the organization's largest annual fundraiser, the Man & Woman of the Year competition. Organizers at LLS

said that Vicari's participation encouraged more than \$177,000 in donations. The money raised supports efforts - locally and nationally - to fund blood-cancer therapies.

"I want to thank all who generously donated to support this effort," said Vicari. "While it is an honor to earn this title, it means even more to know that all donations to this effort will help us toward a world free of blood cancers."

Vicari participated in the Man & Woman of the Year program in honor of his close friend, James Giftos, who passed away in 2011 after a long battle with multiple myeloma, a blood cancer related to leukemia. Giftos founded National Coney Island and was an esteemed figure in Detroit business.

Andiamo locations and its visitors across metro Detroit helped to support this effort. On June 11, the Andiamo Celebrity Showroom in Warren served as the setting for the 2016 Man & Woman of the Year gala.

Recent grad earns scholarship from Paint Creek

Recent Notre Dame graduate Ella Holbert ('16) won a special scholarship this summer as part of the Paint Creek Center for the Arts program for graduating seniors in the Detroit area.

Holbert picked up the \$2,000 scholarship award June 25 at the organization's annual Scholarship Exhibition, which featured work from Holbert and twenty-three other high school seniors from across

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Advocate for Detroit's neighborhoods

Notre Dame alum who has led an award-winning neighborhood advocacy group in Detroit for more than 25 years says his high school education was instrumental in college and professional success. Also says he hopes all alumni will continue to support NDPMA



Notre Dame alum Tom Goddeeris ('78) is executive director of the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation.

One of the city of Detroit's strongest and most vibrant communities is the Grandmont Rosedale area, which is bordered roughly by McNichols, Southfield, Schoolcraft and Evergreen on the city's northwest side. One of the reasons the area remains a bright spot in Detroit is that its neighborhood "association" takes a very active role in its advocacy.

In fact, the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation has garnered a more than its fair share of awards recognizing such advocacy and success. In the last three years, GRDC has won the following awards from the Detroit Community Development Awards association: the 2015 Extraordinary Economic Development Award; the 2014 Community Developer of the Year award; and the 2013 Outstanding Community Safety Program award. GRDC also was recently named a finalist for the Best Managed Non-profit Award given annually by Crain's Detroit Business magazine.

According to 1978 Notre Dame alum Tom Goddeeris, who is the executive director of GRDC and has lived in the area since 1990, the awards and the continued success of the neighborhood has not come about without a lot of hard work.

"Although I had initially intended to work with GRDC only temporarily in the beginning, I have been there ever since in the role of executive director," he said. "In my 25+ years with GRDC, the organization has grown to tackle problems ranging from vacant housing to commercial revitalization, economic development and public safety."

SERVING THE COMMUNITY IS GOAL

According to Goddeeris, GRDC is known today as one of the most effective community development corporations in Detroit and the state of Michigan.

"Also, it has been a great opportunity for me to go to work each day with the goal of serving my community," he added.

Growing up on the opposite corner of Detroit from the Grandmont Rosedale area,

Goddeeris and his two brothers, John and Jim, lived only a block from the Notre Dame High School campus, which was in Harper Woods. He said there really was no doubt as to where he would go to high school.

"My two older brothers both attended ND, so when it came to choosing a high school there was never really any question where I would go," Goddeeris said.

He said he was glad he did because his Notre Dame education prepared him very well for the rigors of college, especially in the areas of writing and critical thinking. After graduating from Notre Dame in 1978, he went on to the University of Michigan where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture, a field he said

he's been interested in since he was very young.

He later earned a master's degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University and became a licensed architect.

"After college, I worked for a number of small architectural firms in Detroit, Goddeeris said. "Then, in 1990, my wife, Mary, and I bought our first house in the Grandmont Rosedale area of northwest Detroit. About a year later, I was asked to help out with a neighborhood-based non-profit organization just beginning called the Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation, or GRDC for short."

Goddeeris said the GRDC had formed with a mission to preserve and revitalize the Grandmont Rosedale area neighborhoods.

"At the time, the organization was pursuing a strategy of acquiring and renovating vacant and dilapidated houses," he said. "My architectural education and experience made me particularly well-suited to help with these renovation projects."

He said that although his career path has

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Pushed beyond

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fter finishing her second year at the University of Michigan in 2007, Notre Dame alum Kaitlin (Dye) Dickinson figured she was heading for a long and satisfying career as a medical doctor. In fact, she always referred to her academic track back then as “pre-med.”

However, after two extremely rewarding undergraduate research experiences, she started to think more seriously about going to graduate school rather than med school.

“Instead of applying to medical school as planned, I decided to pursue a Master of Science degree at Texas Tech University’s Health Sciences Center,” said Dickinson, a 2005 graduate of Notre Dame Prep. “This particular program’s curriculum consisted of classes that were similar to those offered in medical school, but they also had a major research component, which required me to join a lab full time during the second year of the program.”

She realized after landing a couple of research positions as a biology major at Michigan, that while she was still very passionate about medicine, the thing that really excited her was trying to find answers to “questions without any answers.” And research seemed the perfect fit for such an interest.

“My first research position in college was at the Kellogg Eye Center in Ann Arbor during my freshman year at U-M, where I researched mechanisms regulating cataract formation due to diabetes,” Dickinson said. “The second position was at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit from my sophomore year until the summer after my senior year. At Henry Ford, I participated in pre-clinical trial testing of novel drugs and devices aimed at treating chronic and acute heart failure.”

So after graduating from Texas Tech in 2011 with her MS in biomedical sciences that also came with a focus on biotechnology, she joined the University of Wisconsin’s Ph.D. program in genetics. She’s currently working her way through a fifth year in the program with plans to graduate in a year.

While certainly a lot of work, Dickinson’s college career thus far, she acknowledges, has been a bit easier for her due to the four years she spent at Notre Dame, which ended with her earning a four-year, full scholarship to U-M.

“I think one of the biggest advantages I had entering college after attending NDP was that I had taken a wide array of AP classes, which introduced me to and prepared me for the very challenging curriculum at U-M,” she said. “Many of my peers did not attend high schools that offered AP-level courses.”

She said the curriculum was not the only thing at Notre Dame from which she benefited.

“I had some really amazing teachers and mentors at NDP as well,” she said. “People who not only taught the material, but who mentored us on how to think critically and to push ourselves to surpass what we thought our potential was. Many of my teachers at NDP took creative approaches to teaching, encouraging me to do much more than just memorize the material that was being taught. I also feel that my peers at NDP fostered an environment of healthy competition. I went to school with so many bright individuals, many who are now achieving amazing things as adults. Being surrounded by such people no doubt helped me push myself even harder to reach my highest potential.”

TEACHERS, MENTORS AND MOM

When asked about specific teachers at Notre Dame who may have had an especially

important influence on her, Dickinson does not hesitate.

“I have so many great memories of teachers at NDP; so many that it’s hard to pick just one or two because many of them shaped who I am in different ways,” she said. “However, Mrs. Yaroch, for example, was an incredible AP biology teacher. She always pushed me to my intellectual limits and in doing so instilled me with a great deal of confidence in my own abilities as a budding scientist and helped me to realize my passion for science very early on. That confidence has been critical to my success so far in graduate school.”

Dickinson said she has fond memories of Russ Cannon and Betty Wroubel as well. “Although history was admittedly not my favorite subject, Mr. Cannon always found ways to make the class engaging and interesting. He always took time during and outside



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potential

2005 alum in doctoral program says Notre Dame helped critical-thinking skills and pushed students to go beyond potential

of class to talk to me about anything I was interested in, and encouraged me to think deeply about my views and opinions on many aspects of life. And, although Betty Wroubel technically was my coach (volleyball and softball), I have to say she was one of the most influential teachers I have ever had.

“I specifically remember feeling down after a particularly intense practice,” Dickinson recalled. “I will never forget that Coach Wroubel told me that the day she stops yelling and pushing me is the day she has given up on me, and ‘that’ is when I should feel down. That concept has never left me. In graduate school, you face more criticism and failure than you do praise and success, and this can become very discouraging. But what Ms. Wroubel said to me is always in the back of my mind. When people say I can do

better, challenge me or criticize me, I know they are doing it because ultimately they believe in me. The point of graduate school is to be pushed to your limits, and the day my mentors stop pushing me is the day I have to worry.”

“Even though I kind of always knew I would go to college, my mom was always there in the background encouraging me to pursue my education to even greater levels,” she said. “Being at NDP also really planted the idea that college was a given: going to college was what we had spent those four years preparing to do. So I am very lucky that I have an incredibly supportive mother and that from my time at NDP until today, I have been honored that many of my superiors have mentored me and encouraged me to pursue my passions, even when things get really tough.”

MULTITUDE OF EXCELLENT TEACHERS

Dickinson said the hardest thing about graduate school so far has been the failures. “Graduate school is not for everyone,” she said, “as failure is about 98 percent of our career. We actually live and yearn for that 2-percent success rate to keep us going. I think that my personal confidence in my abilities — and the wherewithal to not take those failures personally — has made me successful in my college career thus far. And a lot of this started at NDP and was fostered by a multitude of excellent teachers and mentors along the way. I am also truly passionate about science — you have to be to wait for that 2-percent chance of success!”

Even though there are days when she feels like nothing is working, or her data doesn't make sense, she “could not imagine a career without science!” ■



Notre Dame alum Kaitlin (Dye) Dickinson and husband, Jim, are photographed in front of Baltimore artist Michael Owen's "LOVE" mural, which is located in Madison, Wisconsin. Kaitlin is pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin.



Academics and service are hallmarks of Notre Dame's latest class of graduates.

Newest alums leave behind impressive record of achievement

One hundred eighty seniors walked across the stage on May 22 and received their diplomas after four years at Notre Dame's upper division. Not only did the Class of 2016 leave behind a beautiful campus and a very proud faculty and staff, they left behind a number of impressive statistics as a group.

According to figures released by Notre Dame Prep's counseling department, this year's class of graduating seniors earned an amazing total of \$16,099,162 to date in academic scholarships from colleges and universities. That total amount of dollars works out to nearly a \$90,000 average for each member of the class, which surpasses the average of two of the last three Notre Dame graduating classes.

In addition, the Class of 2016 averaged 27.2 on the ACT, matching the record set last year by the Class of 2015. Also, the counseling department said this year's graduates include 56 who scored a 30 or above on the ACT, which was a bigger number than last year's class, and averaged a 1674 on the SAT. The 2016 grads also finished the year with an overall grade-point-average (GPA) of 3.76.

Sixteen graduates filled out this year's valedictory court for the class, which also features 31 candidates for the prestigious International Baccalaureate diploma. In addition, many colleges and universities across the country will welcome these graduates in the fall, including the University of Michigan, Stanford University, the University of Notre Dame and the United States Naval Academy.

And finally, perhaps most importantly, this year's graduating class again logged more than 15,000 hours in community service—once again proving that besides turning out "academic scholars," Notre Dame continues to graduate "Christian people and upright citizens." ■

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Career

Notre Dame alumnus is teaching

When Ron Prowse stepped up to the podium at Detroit's Gaelic League in Corktown last month to do a reading from James Joyce's book, *Ulysses*, this 1969 Notre Dame alum delivered big time and with an Irish accent as authentic as Leopold Bloom himself. It was the League's 29th annual Bloomsday celebration, where local Joyce devotees joined millions worldwide on June 16 to recall Joyce's *Ulysses*, the story of Leopold Bloom's 1904 day (and night) long journey through Dublin, Ireland.

Prowse, who is associate professor and music director at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, is a regular at the League's annual Joyce-fest and his participation is a result of a long love affair with books, especially Irish literature. He said it was while a student at the University of Michigan when a professor first made a great connection for him between music and literature.

"My professor showed how early 20th-century music, literature and art was inter-



Ron Prowse '69 (NDHS), at podium, reads from the James Joyce classic, "Ulysses," at the Gaelic League Detroit's annual Bloomsday celebration on June 16.

twined," Prowse said. "And I just became enamored with early twentieth-century music, literature, and art. I wanted to know everything I could about the interaction of the arts, especially among the expatriates in Paris after WWI, the so-called lost generation. I literally couldn't get enough of Paris in the twenties: Hemingway, Fitzgerald,

in the arts ‘blooms’

and making music in Detroit; also connects with local Irish community

Gertrude Stein, Samuel Beckett and Joyce, of course.”

He said it was such a passion for him that he thinks it bordered on fanaticism. “I couldn’t get satiated with that era,” he said. “It was such a creative period for the arts. And with *Ulysses*, when it first came out, it was generally panned by the literati of the day, who said it was nearly impossible to read or understand.”

But that’s all Prowse needed.

“I was going to read it — AND understand it,” he said. “It was kind of like telling a mountain climber that Mount Everest was not climbable.”

It appears that Prowse has climbed his *Ulysses* “mountain,” and then some. “I have probably near a thousand books that are either about Joyce or were written because of Joyce,” he said. “Plus, I enjoy reading aloud, and the annual Bloomsday event is tailor-made for a Joyce fanatic who likes to read aloud.”

Aloud is also a good word to describe Prowse’s professional career. As a member of the full-time faculty at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, he teaches classes in sacred music and holds private piano lessons and organ lessons. As director of liturgical music, he plans and performs the music for the seminary liturgies. Prowse also teaches organ as a member of the adjunct faculty at Wayne State University and serves as an adjudicator for organ competitions in the United States and Canada. Prowse currently serves as dean of the executive board of the Detroit Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

He has studied under the direction of Pierre Toucheque, Gale Kramer, Ray Ferguson and Marilyn Mason, and after graduating with his doctorate from the University of Michigan, he continued the study of organ improvisation and composition with Naji Hakim at La Trinité in Paris, France.

As a concert organist, Prowse has performed in both the United States and Europe, and in 1987, the Archdiocese of Detroit selected him to be the organist for the Papal Mass in the Pontiac Silverdome, which concluded the historic second visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States. He regularly lectures and has been published in national journals, and in 2000, Albany Records released

Prowse’s world premiere recording, “Organ Music of Ned Rorem.”

In addition to his doctor of musical arts degree in organ performance from U-M, Prowse holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Wayne State University.

Prior to his position at the seminary, Prowse served 21 years as music director at St. Joan of Arc parish in Saint Clair Shores, which is where he also grew up and attended grade school.

After finishing grade school at SJA, Prowse, like many of his classmates along with other boys on the east side, attended Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods. He has many memories of Notre Dame, including some of a particular English teacher.

“Conrad Vachon,” he said. “What can I say! He was such a big influence on me. I remember that he told us never to start a sentence with ‘this,’ or ‘there’ or ‘it.’ And if we did, our papers would automatically get an ‘F.’”

To this day, Prowse said, he never begins a sentence that way.

“Conrad was bigger than life,” he added. “Yes, he was cranky, bald, and occasionally menacing, but you really learned in his class.”

Prowse said he also was influenced by Notre Dame’s music director at the time, Larry Egan. “I studied under Mr. Egan and played both piano in the jazz band and clarinet for the marching and concert bands at Notre Dame,” he said.

His other memories of high school at Notre Dame include the fact that his class, the Class of 1969, was not particularly known for its good behavior.

“I was pretty much a nerd as a high



schooler, but our class in general was kind of caught up in the hippie culture that was going on in this country back then,” Prowse recalled. “We didn’t have a very good reputation, but looking back now, I suppose we were not that different from most other young people during the late sixties.”

Meanwhile, back to the year 2016, Prowse said he is thoroughly enjoying his career in music and spending more time with his wife, Cathy, and their children and grandchildren. Before this interview, Prowse and his wife were outside working hard in his yard.

“We’re doing some gardening,” he said. “We have a big, beautiful garden that needs a lot of work.”

It also appears that with much work Prowse has created a big, beautiful career that continues to serve both his faith and his devotion to the arts. It’s a devotion that still allows plenty of room for a particularly favored Irish author and book. ■

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Thomas Edelmayer '65 (NDHS) Living and working in Brescia, Italy, as Director - Product Innovation for Gnutti Carlo SpA, the leading manufacturer of HD Diesel engine valvetrain components. We plan to move back to U.S. in late 2017. We will be full-time in an RV, wintering where it's warm and summering where it's not hot, and of course, visiting family, Vietnam era Air Force buddies, and touring the USA. Dianna and I are enjoying Italy. Our new friends and colleagues are wonderful as is the food and the sightseeing. The work is challenging, engaging and rewarding. Of course, we miss our family in the U.S., and we treasure our visits back to the U.S.

David Rice '81 (NDHS) Still adjusting to the demands of a new role with Horizon after taking the company public in a spin-out in July

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

Alumni Notes & Info

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of 2015. Peg and I are having a lot of fun with five grandkids from 1 year to 12 years old, two of whom play sports year round. Very thankful to be a member of the Irish community - I think of you often!

Garrison (Gary) Klueck '68 (NDHS) San Diego, CA, July 2016: Gary was recently elected National Ombudsman for American Mensa. The national election was held during the entire month of June. Klueck prevailed over two other candidates in the election and the voters were the Local Ombudsman from American Mensa chapters throughout the United States. Klueck assumes office on August 1. Klueck is a long-time attorney and dispute resolution professional residing and practicing in the San Diego, Calif., area. He is a veteran family law attorney, and a Board Certified Family Law Specialist with over 25 years of experience in the field. Klueck is also a credentialed mediator, credentialed by the National Conflict Resolution Center. He serves as an Adjunct Professor on the faculty of three San Diego-area law schools. He is a frequent commentator about the law on radio and television, and has been published numerous times. Klueck is married and has three grown children and five grandchildren.

NOTRE DAME PREP ALUMNI

Phyllis Schacht '96 (NDP) I recently had a liver transplant Sept 21, 2015. It went very well. I'm healthy and happy! I'm about to celebrate my recovery in Italy next month. My celebrity pet business is doing very well. I couldn't be happier. I feel so blessed!

Brendan Fortinberry '06 (NDP) I oversee nationwide sales, operations and business development for AutoAbility, Inc. We manufacture wheelchair accessible vehicles to make mobility affordable and attainable for those with physical challenges. I also am a Lieutenant and Paramedic for Groveland Township Fire Department where I have worked and been involved in the community for 10 years.

Sarah Yahrmatter '09 (NDP) I recently moved to Las Vegas, Nev., to finish my last year of graduate school. In May 2017, I will receive my doctorate degree in audiology.

Tia Jurkiw '12 (NDP) Tia, a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a B.S. in Business Administration, was named the Events Coordinator for the Trump-Pence campaign in Michigan. She is in charge of coordinating parties and events for the Republican presidential

nominee in Michigan as the Trump-Pence campaign expands its reach around the state. **Kianna Eurick '13 (NDP)** was named to the dean's list in the University of Notre Dame's College of Science for outstanding scholarship during the Spring 2016 semester. Students who achieve dean's honor at Notre Dame represent the top 30 percent of students in their college.

Alejandra Gomez Limon '13 (NDP) The Hope College women's track & field team won seven events enroute to a first-place score of 291 points at the Alma College Jim Cole Scottie Open on April 16. Sophomore Alejandra Gomez Limon of Rochester, Mich., (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep HS) won the hammer throw with a heave of 42.96 meters (140-11).

Dennis Strach II, C.S.C. '06 (NDP) was ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross on April 2, 2016, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame, and presided at a Mass of Thanksgiving the following day. Pictures and video footage can be found online at vocation.nd.edu/who-we-are/ordinations-and-final-vows. Fr. Strach is currently working as the associate pastor at St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church and School in Austin, Texas. He returned to Michigan to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph Catholic Church (Lake Orion) on June 11. ■

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Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Only six of all who applied earned the \$2,000 scholarship, which is intended to be applied toward tuition and expenses in the fall of 2016 for college. Award winners were selected after a competitive review of digital images and support materials by a panel that included professional artists and designers.

"Super proud of her!" said Sandra LewAllen, Notre Dame's visual and performing arts

chair, on Saturday evening after the awards ceremony at Paint Creek's Rochester, Mich., facility. "Ella will do very well at the next levels of her academic, arts and professional career."

Holbert is attending the renowned Penny W. Stamps School of Art & Design at the University of Michigan this fall. Included in a host of awards and accolades earned during her high school career,

Freshman raises \$17K for Forgotten Harvest project

Notre Dame's Kevin Cragg, a sophomore at Notre Dame's upper division, was featured in the Spring 2016 issue of Harvest News, the main newsletter of Forgotten Harvest, the Oak Park-based nonprofit dedicated to relieving hunger in metro Detroit and preventing nutritious food waste.

Cragg was highlighted for his work on raising critical funds (\$17,000) for the construction of a badly needed greenhouse at Forgotten Harvest's farm, located in Fenton, Mich. It's still another example of a Notre Dame student living the mission of the school,



which states that "With God we form Christian people, upright citizens and academic scholars."

Alum receives prestigious honor from medical school

Eoghan McGreevy graduated from Wayne State University's School of Medicine on May 16 in a ceremony held at Detroit's Fox Theatre. Around that same time, he had just returned from a honeymoon that had been delayed since a fall wedding so he can finish up a very hectic last few months of a medical degree. It's a medical degree that also brought him the "Robert J. Sokol, MD/Medical Alumni Association Endowed Prize," a prestigious honor given annually to a fourth-year, medical student or students whose professional activities and/or research accomplishments "have brought distinction to themselves and the WSU School of Medicine."

This 2006 Notre Dame Prep graduate also served as president of his class at medical school and now is preparing for a residency in emergency medicine/trauma at Henry Ford Health Systems Detroit beginning in June.

In addition to his just-finished medical degree from WSU, McGreevy has a BS in microbiology and a master's in public health (MPH) from the University of Michigan. He said after his residency is complete, he plans to explore a number of options, including a fellowship in a fairly new field.

"While this may change, I am currently planning on pursuing a fellowship in ultrasound after my residency and potentially working with a hospital system that is looking to expand their use of



Notre Dame 2006 graduate Eoghan McGreevy is with his wife, Caitlyn. He is finishing up medical school at Wayne State University.

ultrasound in the emergency department,” McGreevy said. “It is a relatively new field, but one that has incredible promise as a form of imaging that offers real-time pictures inside of the body without any radiation exposure.”

Weddings/Engagements

Kevin Lao '03 (NDHS) was married to Maegan Stephens on September 10, 2016, in Detroit.

Megan Mulrenin '09 (NDP) was married on May 14, 2016, in Charlevoix.

Births

Mark Parthum '96 (NDHS) and his wife Sasha welcomed their daughter Nissa Mae Parthum, born June 4, 2016. Proud grandfather is John Parthum '63 (NDHS). Proud uncle is Brian Parthum '93 (NDHS).

Alumni/staff/faculty rest in peace

Bill Schram, retired NDHS faculty member 9-11-16

Robert Urban '84 (NDHS), father of Spencer '16 (NDP), Olivia '20 (NDP) and Lilly. Brother of Jacob '77 (NDHS) and Richard '79 (NDHS) 9-10-16

Dr. William Thompson III '59 (NDHS) 8-28-16

Jim Nieman '59 (NDHS) 8-18-16

Charles "Jaws" Jaworski '64 (NDHS) 8-15-16

Thomas Nesbitt '59 (SF) 8-2-16

Michael Karle '71 (NDHS) 7-16-16

Kristy Malter '13 (NDP) sister of Tim '10 (NDP) 7-14-16

Rosemary Magerman '42 (SM) mother of Roger '67 (SM) 7-12-16

Charles Verslype '60 (NDHS) 7-10-16

Paul Chmielewski '70 (NDHS) 7-8-16

Doreen Vermiglio retired NDHS staff, mother of Kenneth '71 (NDHS), John '87 (NDHS), mother in law of Joseph Connolly '71 (NDHS) 7-4-16

Mildred "Helen" Bullock '54 (SF) 6-25-16

Richard Humphreys '50 (SF) 6-24-16

Mary Larson '37 (SF) mother of Jane '64 (SF), Marilyn '65 (SF), Karen '66 (SF), John Herbert '70 (PC), Don '72 (PC), Mary Jo '73 (PC), Marcia '73 (PC), Jean '75 (PC), Bob '78 (PC) 6-18-16

Ronald Priebe '49 (SF) 6-9-16

Ronald Titus '75 (NDHS) brother of Tim '77 (ND) Ken '78 (ND) and Dan '80 (ND) 6-7-16

Ruth Butler '54 (SM) 5-30-16

John Hackett Sr. '53 (SM) 5-13-16

Marietta Fons '44 (SF) 5-9-16

Grace Frances Larrison '53 (SM) 5-8-16

Rose Marie Ranzilla '47 (SM) 5-5-16

Paul Lunarde '60 (NDHS) 4-26-16

Patrice Manion '46 (SF) 4-16-16

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

John Yardley '65 (NDHS) 2-27-16

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

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

Kevin Sudy '81 (NDHS) brother of Brian '79 (NDHS) 2-15-16

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

John Kerringan '43 (SM) 5-25-15

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

NOTRE DAME BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF SIX-CLASSROOM SCHOOL ADDITION



The expansion in the lower division will provide space for three additional classes in the Jr.K through 2nd grade levels and three classrooms that can be used for special subjects such as language, arts and music.

Construction began this month on a 7,200 square-foot expansion of Pontiac Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy's lower division, which has experienced a recent uptick in enrollment.

According to Andy Guest, interim president of NDPMA, initial site preparation for the addition will include sod removal, fencing relocation and some parking readjustment.

"We are very pleased to be able to start this project well ahead of winter, which will give us a real opportunity to meet our goal of completing the addition by the school's second semester," said Guest.

Notre Dame's lower division, which moved from Waterford in 2013 to a new facility on the school's main campus in Pontiac, has experienced substantial growth in enrollment since then and its 12 classrooms will grow to 18 when construction is completed in late 2016 or early 2017. The division educates students in junior-kindergarten through grade 5.

"When we built the lower division, we did so in a way that it could be easily expanded if the demand was there," Guest said. "Since we announced the move of the lower division, we have seen a 45% increase in enrollment, so expansion became necessary to meet the demand. We are delighted that more families want such a Catholic educational experience and we are pleased to provide it."

Each of the new classrooms will be the same size as the current classrooms and an additional restroom and entrance/exit also are planned as part of the \$1.1 million expansion.

The project team for the new construction includes Anderson Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., and Frank Rewold and Son Inc. ■

Where academics

When 2010 Notre Dame graduate Simone Amalio finishes grad school, she wants to work as a college professor, a job that no doubt will educate many young people in the coming years. But in Amalio's case, now in her second year in the Master of Divinity program at Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C., she's hoping to not only prepare students academically, she is looking to provide the spiritual leadership necessary in the development of future ministers of the church.

"I graduated from Spring Arbor University with a BA in biblical studies and a minor in speech," she said, "and then moved into my graduate career at Duke in their Master of Divinity program where I am working toward becoming a college professor. In this way, I plan to stand in that space between scholarship and the church, preparing future church leaders academically and spiritually."

After finishing up at NDP in 2010, Amalio knew her future would include some form of ministerial work, but it was not until she graduated from Spring Arbor in 2014 that she realized there was a calling to a career in academia as well as to the church.

"At Spring Arbor, just like at NDP, I was heavily involved in the arts, and eventually I became co-president of our drama department," she said. "Being involved in theater, both off and on the stage, allowed me to continue to fall in love with the power of story and what it was like to take on someone else's story and tell it faithfully. It was this ability, which I first saw in my time in NDP's theater program, that helped me become a more faithful historian, theologian and biblical scholar."

She said that with the insight she gained from the arts, she is better able to analyze what makes the people behind the scholarship she studies, the people in the pews at her church, and even herself who she and they are and why people believe what they believe.

"It has helped me to figure out why I have the hopes, fears, dreams and convictions that I have, and consequently, how to live those out in my life and faith."

Also, Amalio said, the many opportuni-

ties she had as part of NDP's visual and performing arts programs not only helped her learn how to express herself creatively, they allowed her to become a better scholar academically.

"They gave me an edge when it came to the more competitive aspects of academia by allowing me to stand out among my peers," she said. "I could say, 'Look, I don't think the way everyone else thinks. In fact, I have these skills that give me my own voice in the field and help me make insights more easily than my peers might.'"

In this way, she said, she is very grateful for not only the excellent education she received at Notre Dame, but also to her teachers and fellow students who challenged her as an artist and a storyteller.

REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Besides her college prep experience at Notre Dame, Amalio credits many other things in her young life so far for leading her into her chosen field.

"During both my undergraduate and now my graduate experience, I've had many wonderful opportunities that helped shape my career path," she said. "I was able to participate in a semester-abroad program at Spring Arbor in 2012, where I studied the apostle Paul in relation to the New Testament and Hellenistic culture while living in Greece. This experiential way of learning deeply informed the way I read and work with Scripture today. I also was able to work under the university chaplain, which provided insights into the logistics of ministry as well as into college-campus life."

At Spring Arbor, Amalio also worked with the university president's office as an ambassador for the university, which led to being invited to events around the country speaking on behalf of the school. She said those public-speaking engagements were huge in refining her networking and presentation skills, which have continued to pay dividends for her in her continuing academic pursuits.

At Duke, Amalio also has spent the past year as an associate student pastor in a rural United Methodist congregation in North Carolina. She said that experience combined with her rigorous academic formation has been eye-opening to say the least.

"Getting to make real connections between what I'm learning in the classroom and helping to lead a congregation requires a whole different level of knowledge that has required me to use all the tools in my tool belt," she said. "In this setting, theology meets praxis, which means living the word and acting on what we know and understand about God. Although pastoral work is not something I feel called to, it has been a wonderful and formational experience that has allowed me to understand people in a much different light. I feel that these experiences — these insights into peoples' humanity — will make me a better scholar and a better asset to future generations of scholars/ministers."

NOTRE DAME PREPARES

Amalio said that it's obvious that her academic training has been essential to her journey thus far. And it will continue to be in the future since she won't be done with school for quite some time.

"But starting with my time at Notre Dame Prep, I was not only prepared with a wonderful education, but more importantly, I was trained in how to think and how to analyze material critically with academic integrity," she said. "The wonderful education I received at NDP made it possible for me to be a part of a top-tier program like Duke."

Amalio said, however, that it was not only her academics that made such things possible.

"Such a journey has required and will continue to require me to be tenacious in my learning and faithful to the calling I feel I have received," she said. "My creativity really continues to be an asset that I think allows me to stand out from my peers."

While acknowledging that college has certainly been a big part of her life thus far, Amalio nonetheless wanted her fellow alums and other members of the Notre Dame community know that among all the chaos of her post-high school years, she's also managed to get engaged.

"My fiancé, Tyler Klebba, and I have been dating for six years now and are set to get married the summer after I complete my master's at Duke, which will be in June of 2017!" ■

Simone Amalio '10 (NDP), right, is in the Master of Divinity program at Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C.



meet faith

Notre Dame academic and arts programs help grad student in divinity school find voice, career path

From Prep to Hope to

Notre Dame alum takes love of math and science to a Ph.D. program in California

The definition many dictionaries give for "an art" is "skill in performance acquired by experience, study, or observation," and another is "a system of rules or methods of performing particular actions." The aesthetic aspect of "art" is only one component of many definitions. In fact, science and math are sometimes called the true "beautiful arts" by those who know them well.

And one such person who knows them well is Notre Dame alum Andreeana Rosnik ('09), who currently is making great "art" out of a burgeoning future in theoretical chemistry at the University of California-Berkeley. Rosnik just finished the second year of a Ph.D. program in physical chemistry at Cal-Berkeley, and she says that her interests in the "arts" of math and science began in high school.

"At Notre Dame, my love for science was rekindled in Mrs. Mulrenin's chemistry class, which truly was the catalyst for me to consider a career in chemistry," Rosnik said. "My classes in chemistry, biology and mathematics only kept me yearning for more quantitative approaches to understanding the world around us, and my teachers pushed me to work hard and really dig into the material."

She said she found herself very well-prepared to begin college in those subjects and the AP curriculum was instrumental in her post-secondary academic success, first at Hope College and now at Cal-Berkeley. Rosnik checked in recently with the Notre Dame Alumni Association to provide an update on what she's been up to since graduating from NDP. . .

On her college experience so far and how Notre Dame prepared her for university studies:

I attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where I majored in chemistry and mathematics and minored in Spanish. I would say my college experience was — in a word — busy! I studied a lot and I was involved in several clubs, including the Union of Catholic Students. I conducted scientific research for three years, and to that I devoted much of my time and talent.

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college in these subjects, as I had a strong foundation thanks to Notre Dame's AP curriculum.

Besides my principal disciplines of study, ND also prepared me in Spanish. Mrs. Anderson and Tessada taught Spanish classes quite rigorously and also injected many social and cultural lessons that further intrigued me to practice the language and learn about the people who speak its many forms. I ended up studying a lot of these aspects on my own, and I took Spanish literature courses in college. I even lived in Barcelona for a year on a Fulbright research grant before I began graduate school. That experience was the perfect marriage of my scientific and cultural interests. Needless to say, the effort and interest paid off!

What I keep seeing more and more as I continue my education is that at NDP, we were trained to be writers and readers — and many other people are not. Mrs. Derico and Mrs. Bembas put on quite the program to develop analytical thinking and writing across a

broad spectrum of the written word, and I can't tell you enough how poorly many scientists — and people in general — communicate themselves.

On where she hopes her university experience will take her:

Today I find myself in my second year of a Ph.D. program in physical chemistry at the University of California Berkeley. Upon going to college, I was quite sure I wanted to go to graduate school, with the vague idea of being a professor or a research scientist in the back of my mind. The more mathematical, model-making-oriented research fields interested me, and I wanted to answer deep questions. All of these things meant that I would need a good deal of schooling in order to even begin to delve deeper.

When I left NDP, I wanted to study more biological aspects of chemistry, somehow mixing more mathematics into that path. I quickly lost interest in biochemistry in college due to all of the wet lab work (which was not my forte) and the emphasis on memorization-based studying (which was tiresome). I quickly fell in love with my math classes, though, be it calculus or abstract algebra (yes, algebra gets way more abstract and weird than just having letters instead of numbers). I wanted to look at chemical problems with a keen mathematical lens. This led me into physical chemistry, which, basically, involves applying an array of physics techniques and detail-oriented analysis to the study

a Ph.D. in California

of chemical systems. I ended up doing theoretical physical chemistry because, well, I liked math, and Dr. Will Polik at Hope College offered a theory project to me, which no one else had decided to work on. So that was how my undergraduate research experience happened. And I loved all of that work, which only confirmed my interest in continuing my studies in graduate school.

I have stayed in theoretical chemistry ever since. I like the idea of developing mathematical models to describe aspects of the natural world, and I wasn't too great at experimental work in college. It was in Barcelona where I switched fields; I had a year to try something new, so why not, I thought. In college I worked on very detailed quantum mechanical descriptions of small molecules, but in Barcelona in Dr. Carles Curutchet's (University of Barcelona) group, I used a mixture of quantum mechanics and classical dynamics to study how different aspects of proteins – their vibrational movement and the electronic structure of pigment molecules inside them – are connected. This was applied to proteins related to photosynthetic ones, and I had read a bunch about photosynthesis and wanted to enter such a vast field that is filled with complicated problems.

I decided to attend UC-Berkeley in short because it was a change of pace and because I found the students there to be people I wanted to be like. I wanted to live outside of the Midwest; I wanted to live in a different kind of city; I wanted to work in yet a different branch of theory. I remembered the graduate students being very articulate in topics more than just on their immediate projects, and I've always respected people who are well-versed in more than one thing – so I wanted to be that.

Currently, I work at UC-Berkeley in a group with Dr. Phill Geissler on statistical mechanics, a branch of chemistry and physics devoted to understanding how a small-scale phenomenon can lead to much larger scale phenomena, to the point where statistics need to be invoked. Also, I'm still enamored with photosynthesis, as it truly is a puzzling phenomenon. Plants are way "smarter" than you'd think! Though now I want to see how molecular interactions can impact an even larger spatial scale, on the order of nanometers or micrometers instead of picometers. And with that I find myself trying to understand how large molecules like proteins order themselves on moving surfaces, and how stacks of these moving surfaces end up having similar patterns when they are in close proximity to each other.

I have three more years left, and I don't yet have a good idea of what I'd like to do once I have my Ph.D. Hopefully, if you ask for another update in three to five years, I'll have an answer – and a job!

On major influences and strengths that have been instrumental in getting Rosnik to where she is today:

The drive to discover the mechanics governing natural processes – or processes in general – has driven me to where I am today. I like learning new things, especially when they involve understanding how things work and how to interpret the many stimuli surrounding us at any given moment. I think that by using a combination of many mathematical and physical techniques, we can map out how much of the natural world works.

I'd say my strengths are that I naturally think analytically and act pragmatically, and I have great attention to detail. I also have sometimes too much curiosity for my own good. In terms of skills, I've

taken a breadth of math and chemistry classes, picking up the extra physics, biology and statistics on the job; I've learned a bit of programming here and there; I've dabbled in several branches of theory, so I can see problems from a few different perspectives. I very much feel like a Jill of all trades, mistress of none, but somehow I can piece things together.

On favorite memories or teachers from Notre Dame:

My favorite memories would probably include a smattering of quips from Mr. Osiecki and Mr. McCaskey's classes, especially when the two would talk across the hallways. But I'm not going to pick favorites with teachers.



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I'm not really a nostalgic person, so I generally don't miss much about any one place. You could say that that translates to me living in the present, which is partially true. But perhaps the one thing I terribly miss about Notre Dame is uniforms, because some days it's easier to write code than to pick out an outfit.

On the importance of supporting her high school alma mater:

I think it's important to contribute in some way or another to one's high school because that's where many of us develop interests that will carry us through the rest of our lives. If we can support student education and activities at the high school stage, students can more fully explore their options while they are only just starting to think about having options for the future. If we set good examples for them, mentor them, and form a community around them, we can help direct them to more positive, fulfilling directions. ■

Enthusiasm for learning



Lisa Savagian '12 (NDP) is shown working on the MIT Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research program, which was through the 2015 MIT Center for Materials Science and Engineering Summer Scholars program.

Confidence in front of crowds and a refined cognitive thought process were just a couple of the skills that 2012 Notre Dame alum Lisa Savagian gained from her high school experience. In fact, Savagian says, the things she learned at Notre Dame Prep have helped lead her toward a Ph.D. track in materials science and engineering, which she began this fall at Georgia Institute of Technology.

"When I started college, I realized just how well my high school education equipped me with the critical-thinking skills, writing abilities, and technical acumen necessary for success in higher education," said Savagian. "But perhaps more importantly, I had developed a lasting enthusiasm for learning that will be instrumental in any discipline."

Those same skills also were likely instrumental in helping to get Savagian selected for the prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship program, which is awarded to students pursuing a research-based master's or doctoral degree

in science or engineering. Savagian said the fellowship is for three years, and pays a \$34,000 annual stipend and a \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance each year, which will come in handy, she said, after four years as a college student.

Now armed with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and a minor in mathematics from Hope College (May 2016), Savagian said her coursework at Georgia Tech will specialize in polymers, and her research will likely focus on developing thin film materials for optoelectronic applications.

"Ultimately, after I finish up my Ph.D, I hope to obtain a position in R&D and pursue a life-long career working at critical scientific interfaces," she said.

Savagian noted that her post-high school success would not have been possible had it not been for Notre Dame and a number of its teachers.

"At NDP, I thrived on the complexity and energy of my courses," she said. "Chemistry with Mrs. Mulrenin, calculus with Mr. McCaskey, history with Mrs. Newby, Spanish with Sra. Tessada and literature with Mrs. Bembas were just some of

Notre Dame alum begins doctoral program after earning prestigious fellowship

my favorites. These teachers knew how to get a class excited to learn, even when covering the most difficult material."

Outside of the classroom at Notre Dame, Savagian competed on the varsity tennis team and in legislative debate tournaments.

"I remember being mortified of public speaking when I first joined the debate team at NDP," she said. "After a couple of years debating at local and national tournaments, I gained a lot of confidence and presence in front of the crowd. This skill has really come in handy now when I give scientific presentations."

And scientific presentations have been aplenty for Savagian as her busy university career thus far has been marked by numerous and extraordinary activities in research.

At Hope, she worked as a freshman in the nuclear chemistry lab with Dr. Graham Peaslee, who is a renowned professor of chemistry at the Holland, Mich., university. She also participated in the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship program, which took place in 2014 in the United

Kingdom, where she worked with Dr. Peter Skabara, a professor of pure and applied chemistry at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 2015, Savagian was named a Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Materials Science Engineering summer scholar, and worked with Professor Paula Hammond at the MIT Koch Center for Integrative Cancer Research. And most recently, she spent the fall 2015 semester conducting full-time research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a multiprogram science and technology national laboratory affiliated with the United States Department of Energy. ■



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‘Hard work pays off’

Notre Dame graduate and township supervisor says he learned some important lessons in high school.

Notre Dame alum Patrick Kittle ('73) took an early retirement from Chrysler in 2008. While he likes to play golf, it's not the only thing he's been doing since leaving the automaker. In fact, he's probably busier than he's ever been since he was elected to "supervise" Independence Township in north Oakland County. He's also very passionate about a nonprofit he helps run that looks after troubled military veterans.

Kittle was gracious enough to spend some of a busy day in August answering a few questions on what he's been up to since high school and how Notre Dame has been an important influence in his life.

IRISH: How long have you been supervisor of Independence Twp, i.e., was the 2012 election your first for the position?

PATRICK KITTLE: I retired from Chrysler in 2008 after 32 years. Soon thereafter, I volunteered to be president of my homeowners association. We live in a private golf subdivision of 350 new homes with another 150 on the way. Just like Chrysler, there was lots to do and not enough money to do it. Then, in November of 2011, one of my fellow board members suggested I should run for Independence Township supervisor. 2012 was my first election. I really never thought I would win since I was the new guy with zero municipal experience. But I was wrong. I guess folks wanted a change and a common-sense approach to management.

IRISH: Where did you attend college after NDHS?

KITTLE: Undergraduate from MSU – School of Sociology (criminal justice), then graduate school at Wayne State University where I received an MBA with a concentration in marketing. But you never really stop learning. If you do, you go nowhere.

IRISH: What about after college?

KITTLE: Started at Chrysler in 1977 in security. I actually worked for the Iacocca family for close to seven years as a guard. I married my Dominican High School sweetheart, Kim, and had four kids. I went to night school to get my MBA and got into the sales department at Chrysler as a field rep after I earned my MBA. Moved up the ranks in sales and marketing organization and my last areas of responsibility included national dealer relations director, director of dealer development and manager of dealer recognition. I retired (actually took a great package that allowed me to retire) in November of 2008.

IRISH: Why did you decide to run for supervisor of Independence and what do you think is the number-one priority in that position?

KITTLE: My neighbor, who is very active in local politics, asked me to get involved. She liked my management style and said the township needed a leader. I'm not very good with a lot of BS and I have this bad habit of telling folks what is going on, both good and bad — seems like that is what the folks in this community were looking for. Also seems people can handle bad news — it's no news and/or blatant BS that drives them nuts.

A couple of my key priorities for Independence are open communication, don't spend more than you bring in, and under-promise and over-deliver.

IRISH: Any memories or reminiscences about high school? Teachers or coaches, etc.?



In a Kittle family photo taken in 2007, left to right, Pat Jr., David, Kim, Pat Sr., Mike and Paul.

KITTLE: Father Bryson's famous line: "Two for a dime, three for a quarter." Genius! I was on the swim team in freshman and sophomore years, but I'm really not sure how an overweight Polish kid from Detroit ever made the swim team — but I did. God, I looked awful in that green and white Speedo. Will never forget training with Father Philippon. He ran our butts off. Great guy, though.

A big memory or lesson for me from Notre Dame: That disrespectful behavior toward teachers or those in authority will never be tolerated. I can still see the dazed look on a couple of classmates that found that lesson out the hard way. Not surprising that the disrespectful behavior never happened again. Maybe we need more of that today.

IRISH: What have your experiences at Notre Dame given to you throughout your life so far?

KITTLE: Nothing comes easy and hard work pays off in the long run, but sometimes you have to make your own breaks to move ahead. Plus, a little discipline goes a long way in establishing acceptable vs. unacceptable behavior. Also, if you ever at one time planned on passing Mr. Vachon's "Great Books" class, you better actually read 'em. I got my first "F" in that class.

IRISH: Can you provide any personal info such as family, hobbies, etc.? Assume you live in Clarkston?

KITTLE: I am 61 years old now and grew up in Detroit without a pot to pee in. There were seven of us in a little 900 sq.-ft. house. My brothers Bill ('70) and Robert ('77) also went to Notre Dame. I've been married for 39 years now to my best friend, Kim, and we raised four sons. Before we moved to Clarkston, boating was our passion since we lived in Grosse Pointe near Lake St. Clair. In Clarkston, I took up golf, so now I have 18 holes to pour money into instead of just one that floats on the lake.

My real passion, however, is being the president of the Friends of the North Oakland County Veterans Treatment Court. My son was an Army veteran who was struggling after having served in Afghanistan and Iraq for five years. He was honorably discharged in 2008, but David fought his demons for five years. We found his body in 2013, one year before the Veterans Court was founded. In the two and a half years I've been on the board, I'm proud to say we've raised over \$350,000 to help struggling veterans in Macomb and Oakland counties. ■

Potatoes are the

Potatoes arrived in the pre-U.S. colonies in 1621 when the governor of Bermuda, Nathaniel Butler, sent two large cedar chests full of potatoes and other vegetables to governor Francis Wyatt of Virginia at Jamestown. The first permanent potato patches in North America were established in 1719, most likely near Londonderry, New Hampshire, by Scots-Irish immigrants. From there, the crop spread across the country, including due north to what is now the state of Maine, which has been growing potatoes for more than 200 years.

In recent years, Maine potato growers have produced between 1.5 to 2 billion pounds of potatoes annually. Included in that total are the 17 million pounds of potatoes grown by the family of longtime Notre Dame faculty member (now retired) Ken Parent, who said that there have been eight generations of Parents involved in the potato business.

“My father was the sixth generation,” he said. “My three brothers were the seventh, and now, my nephew, who currently is managing the farm, is the eighth.”

MARIST-EDUCATED

Parent said the farm today, which is located near the town of Hamlin, Maine, on the U.S./Canadian border, has nearly 2,000 total acres of which about 1,200 are tillable for growing potatoes.

“Six hundred acres are potatoes and 600 are grains, such as oats, barley, and rye grass



The Parent family farm in Hamlin, Maine, produces 17 million pounds of potatoes annually. (Photo copyright: Paul A. Cyr)

with clover,” he said, “which are plowed under every year to enrich the soil for the following planting season.”

Parent, who grew up in Hamlin and attended a Marist Fathers-run high school nearby, had nearly 40 years experience teaching and coaching at both Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods and Notre Dame Prep in Pontiac before he retired in 2008.

His trips back to Maine to see his family have become a bit more frequent since then.

“Now that I’m retired, I usually get back to the potato farm three times per year,” he said. “From Thanksgiving through the holidays, then Easter and again for about a month during the summer, usually July.”

POTATOES ARE ‘US’

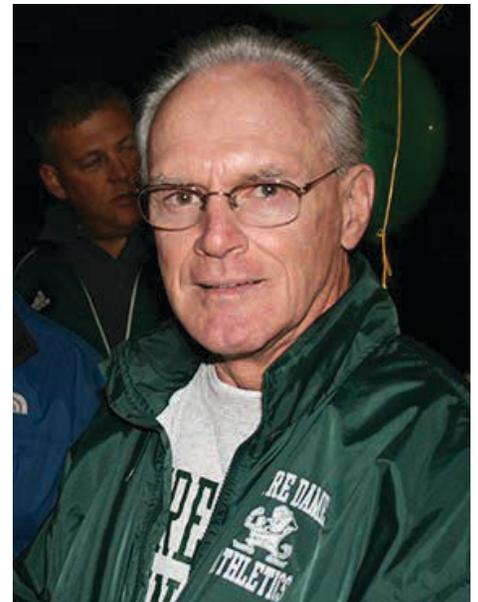
The Parent family, which was selected recently as a “McCain Top Ten Grower,” also was named “Farm Family of the Year” in 2012 by the Maine Potato Board. It has been supplying potatoes for nearly 30 years to McCain Foods USA, which processes them for use in restaurants around the U.S., mostly in the fast-food market.

“Beside McDonald’s, our potatoes end up at Wendy’s, Burger King and Friendly’s, among others,” Parent said.

He noted that the potato is northern Maine’s primary agricultural product and at one time the state’s potato production was tops in the nation.

The Maine Potato Board says that potatoes play a vital role in the economic prosperity of the region because of its large farms and fertile land. The total number of acres of farm land devoted to potatoes, however, has decreased in recent years because of rotational crops, conservation and fewer farmers. Fortunately for the Parent family, nearly 90 percent of Maine’s current potato crop comes from Aroostook County, which is where the family farm is located.

Ken Parent said



When he’s not in Maine, Parent lives in St. Clair Shores and visits Notre Dame regularly. Here he is at the school’s homecoming football game in 2015.

the growing season in Maine typically lasts about 120 days.

“Depending on the severity of winter, they are usually able to plant in early May and then harvest sometime in mid to late October. Different varieties of spuds require varying growing seasons, but the average is usually around 120 days.”

WORKING THE FARM

The oldest of eight children — five boys and three girls — Parent said three of his brothers were initially involved in farming. “But today, the torch has been passed on to one of my nephews whose brother also works for him.”

But what about “Uncle Ken?” Does he still do any farm work when he’s back in Maine?

“It’s always great getting back to my roots on the farm, but it’s been years since I attempted to operate any of the big machinery,” he said. “It’s so computerized today, with GPS, etc. I wouldn’t trust myself — and neither would my nephews likely trust me anymore, I’m sure! The extent of my involvement now is landscaping — on a John Deere mower, of course — and painting around the farm, which I’m very happy to do.” ■

‘Maine’ thing

Former Notre Dame
teacher and coach
helps out on the family
farm in New England.



Parent poses in front of a tractor equipped with special sprayer booms that can spray forty rows of potato plants at one time.

been somewhat non-traditional, he believes that his current position is very much aligned with his life-long interests in architecture, urban planning and social justice.

"Plus, the analytical and problem-solving skills I learned at Notre Dame and later in college are put into action every day as I work side by side with residents and business owners to address problems and devise strategies for improving the quality of life for our residents."

GLAD THAT OTHERS CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM NOTRE DAME

Reflecting back on his Notre Dame years, Goddeeris said it's hard to believe that it has been nearly 40 years since he graduated from the

school.

"I still have fond memories of high school and the many great friends and teachers I knew then," he said. "I was involved with both the school newspaper and yearbook and enjoyed both activities. I also took many art classes, but my favorite teacher was Tom Schusterbauer, who taught English and definitely helped me perfect my writing skills."

Goddeeris also said he loves the fact that others continue to benefit from a Notre Dame education albeit in a different location.

"I am very happy to see that the tradition of high-quality education lives on at my alma mater, although obviously the school has changed and adapted since way back then," he said. "I also hope all alumni will continue to support this great institution." ■

ALUMNI UPDATES?

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New discovery of archived Notre Dame photos from WSU collection

Three photos from Notre Dame's earliest years have been discovered in Wayne State University Library System's digital collections of photographs and archives that have been gleaned over the years from early Detroit and its surrounding area.

The photos, taken in February 1955 by The Detroit News and part of the "Michigan Cities" collection, clearly show Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods as a newly constructed institution of learning, serving "at least 750 boys and to expand these facilities as their finances permit," as the original memorandum of agreement signed by six pastors on the east side stated prior to the school being built.

Notre Dame High School opened its doors to a freshman class for the first time on September 7, 1954. The following year, Regina High School, a new establishment for girls, was built adjacent to Notre Dame High School to complement the educational center at Harper Woods.

Some of the Marists who were on staff during the early years at Notre Dame included Fr. Vincent Robichaud, s.m., Fr. Robert Graham, s.m., Fr. Robert Champagne, s.m., Fr. Raymond Ouellette, s.m., Fr. Austin E. Verow, s.m., and Fr. James Kiley, s.m. ■



(Above) One of Notre Dame's first principals, Fr. Austin E. Verow, s.m., speaks with two students on Feb. 8, 1955, in the main hallway of the newly built school in Harper Woods. (Below left) The front entrance of Notre Dame as photographed on Feb. 8, 1955. (Below right) Verow walks through what eventually became the school library. (Feb. 8, 1955) Photos from the Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University.



CLASS REUNIONS

INTERESTED IN PLANNING A CLASS REUNION?

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

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

NOTRE DAME PREP

Class of 2001 If you are interested in joining the planning committee or looking for information please contact: Kellie Gehringer, (248) 496-0327, skalnekk@gmail.com; Lauren Shell Fowler, (312) 505-2700, lshellfowler@gmail.com.

Class of 2006 10-year reunion will be held on the third floor of the Detroit Beer Co. 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., on Friday, Nov. 25. Tickets will include dinner and a drink ticket as well as various games and bar activities. Tickets are \$45 or \$80 per couple. RSVP by November 1 and buy your tickets via PayPal to skfoxfamily@gmail.com. Please make sure to note in the purchase your maiden name if it's changed over the years.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1958 Planning is underway for the 60th class reunion. If you are interested in joining the planning committee or attending the reunion, please contact Bill Vallee at 586-649-7501.

Class of 1971 Planning for the 45-year reunion in Fall 2016 has begun.

Please contact Mike Scharl at Notredame71@att.net for more information.

Class of 1972 Planning for the 45-year reunion in 2017 has begun. Please contact John Berra at jmberra2003@yahoo.com for more information.

Class of 1976 40-year reunion: 7 p.m. Sat., Oct. 1, 2016 – The Village Grill, 16930 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, Phone 313-882-4555. Cost is \$20 per person. Appetizers provided, cash bar. Contact Jeff Kohlitz @ 313-320-2503 if you have any questions.

PONTIAC CATHOLIC

Class of 1976 40-year reunion: 6 p.m., Sat., Nov. 5, 2016 – O'Malley's Restaurant, 1500 N. Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills, Mich. 48326. No RSVP required. \$15.00 at the door per person for appetizers and arrangements. Casual attire. Cash bar. Spouses/significant others welcome.

OAKLAND CATHOLIC

None scheduled at this time.

ST. FREDERICK

None scheduled at this time.

ST. MICHAEL

All school reunion Sunday, Sept. 18, in the Notre Dame Prep cafeteria. Contact John Martin at martinjd1@comcast.net for more details.

NOTRE DAME UPCOMING EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 1: Please join us for a fun evening of dinner, dancing, cocktails and many door prizes! Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the drawing for the annual school raffle will be at 9 p.m. For more information, click on upcoming events on our website: www.ndpma.org.

HOMECOMING 2016

Friday, Oct. 7: Alumni pregame **tailgate** at the Fr. Colin House starting at 5 p.m. Cocktails and appetizers for alumni and their families. Alumni tent celebration begins at 6:30 p.m. BBQ buffet served at 7 p.m.

Varsity football game vs. Bloomfield Hills High School: 7 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.

Sat., Oct. 8, 9 a.m. 3rd Annual 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 Notre Dame Fun Run. This 5k run/walk will take place on the beautiful campus of NDPMA. Pre-registration is available at ndpma.org/nd5k as well as walk up registration on Saturday morning. Cost is \$20 per person and kids under age 10 are free. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the event will begin at 9 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for ALL alumni to come back or if you have never been to campus, to see it firsthand. Please join us for this wonderful event.

ALUMNI THEATRE NIGHT

Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.: The Notre Dame Alumni Association (NDAA) is excited to host alumni night at this year's high school musical, Cole Porter's Anything Goes. We are offering complimentary tickets to the first 20 alumni interested in attending. Additional tickets for alumni will be offered at a discounted rate. Refreshments will be served after the show as we invite alumni to attend the opening night cast party backstage. If you are interested in reserving your seats, please email bcampbell@ndpma.org

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